

ing some hundreds of unemployed Hindoos now in British Columbia to West Indies as indentured immigrants, in order to avoid distress. Question of indenture would involve considerable correspondence and delay (such)? labour is much wanted in British Honduras, and ample land is, I understand, available for settlement. I would therefore suggest (t)here may be a good opening for Indian settlers and labourers without the necessity of formal indenture. Legislature of British Honduras must be consulted before any expenditure from funds of that colony could be incurred.

As a preliminary step, would Dominion Government be willing to defray expenses of sending three or four leading Hindoos to British Honduras as delegates to report on local conditions; such a mission would be advisable in order to obviate possibility of misunderstanding, rate of wages for agricultural labour being much lower than in Canada.

It would be a great additional advantage if Canadian officer of standing could visit British Honduras at the same time as delegate. Governor of British Honduras is now in England, and on hearing from you, he will be further consulted. I shall be very glad if in this, or in any other ways, I can help the Dominion Government with regard to this difficult problem of coloured immigration.

(Sgd.) CREWE.

It will be observed that the Honduras proposal emanated from London. The Dominion proposal concerned the West Indian Islands where there is said to be an East Indian population of considerably over 100,000, and where these people are said to be well satisfied with their situation.

#### STEPS TAKEN.

Upon receipt of the London proposal the Dominion forwarded a reply that it would arrange for a delegation to British Honduras, and would pay the expenses thereof. I was then directed by the Deputy Minister of the Interior to at once proceed to Vancouver and carry out all arrangements in connection with the proposal. I arrived in Vancouver on Sunday, October 11th. On Monday, I personally discussed the proposal with people that I knew were familiar with East Indian conditions, and on Tuesday I had a general meeting in my room for the purpose of having these people discuss with me the best way to proceed. Those in attendance were the Rev. John Knox Wright, who lived among the East Indians in the West Indies for a number of years, Capt. C. J. Brook, retired officer of the Indian Army, J. H. McGill, (Immigration Agent), W. C. Hopkinson, (Inspector Indian Police, Calcutta.)

During the discussion I pointed out that there did not appear to be nearly as many Hindus wandering about the streets as there were