

an average family, and this is small, it would mean that there would be an immediate increase of the Hindu colony of about 12,000 to 15,000 souls. Or, in other words, we would have a colony of about 20,000 Hindus, which would rapidly grow by natural increase.

They claim that Canada requires settlers and that the Hindus are farmers. It is true, we do want settlers, but these men **will not** pioneer; they congregate around great cities and are employed at jobs for which there is a very ample supply of labor, such work as piling lumber at the saw mills, tending machines of various sorts, working as section men on the railways, clearing city lots, excavation work, stable and garden men, etc., etc. They work much cheaper than a white man could afford to. They herd together in small houses in the poorer districts of the cities and thus live very cheaply. They do, to a very small extent, work in the country contiguous to the cities, but **they do not, nor will they** go into undeveloped districts to settle new country. So from a settler's standpoint they have **no claims**.

Another ground upon which they demand right of entry is, that they are British subjects. This claim seems to captivate the mind of many who are supporting their requests. They **are** British subjects; so is the North American Indian, the Bushman of Australia, the Hotentot and Kaffir of South Africa, the Natives of New Guinea, the Aborigines of New Zealand, and we might add, the native tribes of Egypt. Would anyone suggest that we should open Canada or any other part of the Empire to an unrestricted migration of any of these people who should take a notion to travel? Because a man is a British subject, is that a reason why he should have freedom to impose his presence in any place which may strike his fancy? Have we the right to compel South Africa, or India, or New Zealand to accept immigrants from Canada, irrespective of their qualifications? Do we not refuse large numbers of British born immigrants, because in **our opinion** they are not desirable? And who dares to interfere in our inalienable right to state the qualification of our immigrants? Therefore, on the ground that we in Canada, in common with all other self-governing Dominions, have the right to say who shall and who shall not settle here, we contend that if we choose to say "No" to the Hindu, we are free to do so, and are not compelled to answer to any higher authority for our position than that of our own Parliament. But, further, our position, or