

VANCOUVER, B.C., 1st December, 1908.

Bulwant Singh,
Sikh Temple, Fairview,
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Sir,—In reference to the agreement of October 14th. in which Nagar Singh and Sham Singh were named to represent the Sikh and Hindu communities of British Columbia to visit British Honduras and to report to the communities here with respect to conditions in that country, and the question of unemployed and indigent Hindus removing there, I beg to ask you to be good enough to call a general meeting of the East Indian community for the purpose of hearing the reports of the delegates and of myself and Mr. Hopkinson.

I would be glad if you had the meeting as soon as possible. Next Sunday has been suggested as a suitable date, and the Sikh Temple building as a suitable place. I would also ask you to take steps to get word to the East Indians residing at out-of-town points, with regard to the proposition and the meeting.

Awaiting your reply,

Yours faithfully,

(Sgd.) J. B. HARKIN,

Private Secretary to the Minister of the Interior.

On Friday I received the following reply:

1866 2nd, Avenue,

VANCOUVER, B.C., 4th December, 1908.

Dear Sir,—A meeting of Sikhs and Hindus has been called to meet on Sunday the 6th instant. The notice was rather short, but we hope to have a fair gathering by 1 p.m., when the regular proceedings will begin.

Yours faithfully,

(Sgd.) BALWANT SINGH.

J. B. Harkin, Esq.,

Private Secretary to the Minister of the Interior.

On Saturday I told Mr. Hopkinson, the interpreter, to tell the Hindu leaders that 2 o'clock would be a more suitable hour. This information he conveyed to Teja Singh on Sunday morning.

About 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon, Rev. J. Knox Wright, Capt. C. J. Brooke, Dr. A. S. Munro, J. A. McGill, Wm. Snee, W. C.