

In October, 1908, a Mr. Harkin went to Vancouver on behalf of the Canadian Government and represented that British Honduras was a most desirable colony for the Hindus, both in climate and in economic conditions, two things which he knew nothing of at first hand. If they consented to go, the terms were to be indentured coolies, remuneration eight dollars per month. "Indentured coolies," freely translated, means semi-slavery. At last the Hindus decided to send two of their number to investigate conditions. They went to Belize in British Honduras. They found the conditions of some of their countrymen so horrible that they decided to return, and strongly advised their countrymen not to go there. Professor Teja Singh, M.A., L.L.B., by his tact and intelligent handling of the situation, closed this proposition of wholesale deportation forever. Having found that this scheme failed, the policy was changed to deportation of Hindus piecemeal and individually, of which a full account has been given in the above paragraphs.

Now, to come back to the British Lion, of whose heart pulse the Canadian and the Hindu are a part. Canada is so near the heart she never sees the claws nor the teeth. She sees the mind and the mother heart throbbing in love always, if not always in sympathy, so the Canadian man, boy and woman know the Lion and there are no fear areas between them. Has not the time come now, that this attitude should be true for India? The great heart of the Empire runs along lines of love for its own; now there can be no love where there is misunderstanding. The claws and teeth of the Lion are much in evidence in India of the past and the present. The Hindu has hardly ever got an insight into the great heart. He is constantly coming in touch with its intelligence and its exterior, so he but half understands, and the outcome is mostly fear and respect; there is little or no love in the large sense. Though many a Hindoo has paid the homage of his blood to hold the Empire, of which he is the principal part.

The appeal we make to all Christians is that as British subjects, and as Christians, we have a paramount duty to perform towards the Hindu in our midst, which is first to understand him and make ourselves understood by him. There is no law of the understanding,