

TO INVESTIGATE HINDU INVASION

OTTAWA MAKES A MOVE

Inspector of Immigration Will Arrive in Vancouver in
Two Weeks to Look Into Problem--Labor Interests
Look upon the Race as Undesirable.

Because of complaints from British Columbia against the invasion of the hordes of Hindus who have made this province their Mecca within the last few months, Mr. W. D. Scott of Ottawa, inspector of immigration for the Department of the Interior, is coming to Vancouver to investigate the situation.

Mr. Scott will arrive in the city in about two weeks' time, according to information received from Ottawa to-day. What he will do when he gets here is a question of interest to a great many people. Certainly he will have no difficulty in ascertaining that these dark-skinned natives of India threaten to turn the labor market upside down, at least such is the opinion of labor men, and in all probability the Trades and Labor Council will be able to supply Mr. Scott with ample information on that point.

Thousands are Coming.

Hundreds of Hindus have already landed in British Columbia, and thousands more are preparing to come. More than the Japanese or Chinese they enter into competition with whites in the labor market, and they are equally[Sic] nonassimilative[Sic]. Since the Hindus have arrived in British Columbia in fairly large numbers they have, according to police records, caused proportionately more trouble for the police than any other race represented here. Judging by the number of them who have appeared before

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the local police magistrate, the stipendiary magistrate and other courts, they are by nature quarrelsome and litigious(?).

Puzzle to Lawyers.

At the present time the parliamentary committee of the Trades and Labor Council is engaged in investigating the Hindu question, which is fast becoming of grave import[Sic]. Despite the fact that members of this race are debarred from New Zealand, Australia and Natal, local politicians and lawyers are at a loss to know just how they could be kept out of Canada, because they are all British subjects. The enactment of provincial legislation to shut them out might be disallowed by the Dominion Government as was the case with the Natal Act directed against the Japanese.