

HINDU CHARGED WITH BLACKMAILING

Deported East Indians Tell Commissioner King They Gave Money to Pan Singh for Protection.

Testifying before Commissioner Mackenzie King, en route to Victoria on the Princess Victoria yesterday, five Hindus who are being deported, said Pan Singh, who instituted habeas corpus proceedings here on behalf of Hindus, had compelled 100 of them to pay \$5 each, and others one rupee additional. Singh told them the money was to be given the immigration officers to allow them to land. It was to be refunded if they were deported.

Singh had previously told Mr. King and Dr. Monro that the story was unfounded. A search showed he had £5 in his possession.

After yesterdays evidence, Mr. King wired Chief of Police Chamberlin to place Singh under arrest. He added that the testimony showed the company's officers were not responsible for the Hindu influx; that they had come over after reading glowing reports about the country. Many of them mortgaged their farms to raise the passage money, and are now penniless.

To-day Mr. King will examine Japanese witnesses at Victoria.

The session yesterday was attended by Mr. Charles Wilson. K. C., on behalf of the provincial Government.

Pan Singh had not been apprehended at a late hour this afternoon.