

## **ADVERTISING CAMPAIGN FOR IMMIGRATION OF HINDUS**

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Native Evangelist Says Steamship Company of  
Calcutta Is Concerned.

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JOURNALIST GIVES VIEWS.

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Will Advise Calcutta Publication to Keep People at  
Home.

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Among the callers on Mayor Bethune this morning were Mr. Dumar, a Hindu evangelist, and Mr. Bose, a representative of a Calcutta daily paper, who has been sent to Canada by his publication for the purpose of writing up the Hindu question as it is now existent here.

Mr. Dumar stated in answer to inquiries that he understood that a campaign had been carried on in India with the idea of inducing the natives to come to Canada. Behind the scheme was a steamship company running boats from Calcutta which was advertising special rates and announcing the bright opportunities of the Dominion.

These advertisements were skillfully scattered throughout the small villages where there was a congestion of population and a condition of extreme poverty. The result was that the natives, attracted by the announcements, had sold all they had to get over here. "I learn this from my countrymen in Tokyo and Hongkong," said Mr. Dumar. "It was not so when I was in India. Something, though, must be behind the great movement to this country."

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Mr. Bose said that before he left India he had not heard a word pointing out the inadvisability of his countrymen coming to Canada, while, on the other hand, the glowing letters from the men who had first come here and secured positions wre[Sic] alluring bait to those remaining in India.

Both men said they had tried to grasp the local conditions in the two days since their arrival in the city, and they realized much needed to be done. They saw that their countrymen were living in such a condition as to invite criticism from the public through, their uncleanliness and unsanitary methods of life. They had advertised them along these lines, "I find them in places where only thirty or forty men can live under sanitary conditions: yet they tell me two, three hundred men crowded there. Such things only make trouble my people with white men, and we want to stop t and get people live better."

Both men said since they had come to the city they had found there was trouble in the local Hindu camp because of the interference of white men who had formerly been in India. Certain intelligent members of the race had tried to initiate efforts of the betterment of their fellows; but these white men, because they could not get control of the running of affairs, were now persecuting the leaders who were working for the Hindus' best interests.

"I am going to write my paper and tell them to advise my countrymen to stop coming here. There are so many here now that no need more." Said Mr. Bose. "I think fully five thousand men come to Canada and the States lately. Each man spends nearly 500 rupees traveling, and that is more than he can save in many years. They are not fitted to your climate and can't do house-work but only work in sawmills."