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C.P.R. HAS STOPPED CARRYING HINDUS

Trouble in Landing Coolies in British Columbia Too Great to Make Traffic Profitable – Seeking Transportation

Montreal, April 13 – (Special) – While Mr. W. L. Mackenzie King, Deputy Minister of Labor, is agitating in London for a restriction of the emigration of coolies from India to Canada, the Canadian Pacific Railway has put a stop to the exodus, for the time being at least, by refusing to accept them as passengers for British Columbia ports.

It is reported here that this step on the part of the railway company followed recent lights in the British Columbia courts in which both the province of British Columbia and the federal authorities sought unsuccessfully to prevent the landing of large numbers of Hindus. Following the judgement of the courts that the old federal order in Council aimed to shut out the Hindus was not legal another was passed in which the defect was remedied.

It was about this time that the Canadian Pacific issued instructions that no more Hindus were to be accepted as passengers because of the difficulty experienced in landing them. Since that time no Hindus have been brought from the Orient. Several hundred who were at Hongkong ready to embark for Vancouver are presumably seeking to arrange transportation by some other line of steamships.