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VANCOUVER HINDUS AID PLOTTERS IN INDIA

Thousands of Dollars Sent from British Columbia to
Headquarters.

MONEY TO BUY RIFLES

Evidence Gathered by Secret Service Men
Demonstrates Extent of Seditious Movement in This
Province.

That the Hindu population of Vancouver and vicinity is being systematically milked for funds to assist in the most militant manner the anti-British plots woven in India by seditious agitators has lately been developed by secret service agents of the federal government employed at the instance of the India office in London. The most remarkable ramifications of the anarchistic schemes of these turbaned plotters in India have been discovered in Vancouver where the agents of the seditious movement have for the past few years been conducting their campaign with an openness which indicates little fear of defection or retribution.

As much as \$2000 has been raised in Vancouver on a single Sunday afternoon on a direct appeal to the Hindus employed in and about this city for funds with which to buy rifles to aid the plots to overthrow British rule in India. Those appealed to in this fashion readily respond and it is declared the most of the Hindu population of the province have been whipped into line as subscribers by the leaders of the movement, men whose education al

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attainments are largely the result of training in the native schools of India, which are fed by the hand of the government which they now seek to bite.

Funds Sent to London.

The funds obtained in Vancouver and at other centers in British Columbia where Hindus are to be found in any number are forwarded to agents of the plotters in London, England. 'The destination of the funds was developed by the work of the drafts dispatched from Vancouver. The London end of the string is in the hands of the India office. From Vancouver to this London agent sums as high as \$20,000 have been sent in one draft.

That all the money collected from the ignorant coolies in British Columbia by these unscrupulous agitators does not find its way into the coffers of the plotters at headquarters has also been established. Portions of the funds are skilfully deflected for the individual enrichment of the leaders whose "nationalist" spirit is not developed to that fanatical point where the good of the "cause" is subordinated to their personal greed.

While the majority of the Hindus in British Columbia are contributing to the support of the seditious movement in India, not all are willingly bled; the fanatical hatred of the British makes many easy victims of the plotters, but in others cases the fears of the individual have to be played upon to bring forth "subscriptions."

Leaders Are Spotted.

For some time the secret service agents operating in Vancouver have been in possession of information which would enable them to lay their hands on the leaders of the local plotters at a moment's notice, but as yet no action has been taken. Sufficient evidence to enable the securing of convictions has been carefully gathered, but the signal for action has so far been withheld. So far the authorities have been content with feeling the pulse throb of sedition and taking the measure of the agents of the chief plotters. It is intimated that in all probability the authorities are biding the arrival of the psychological moment when the casting of a dragnet stretching practically all around the

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world will be rewarded with a squirming mess of traitors which will include every leader in the movement, be he large or small in the game.

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