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**Ottawa, Nov, 29.**—It is understood that as a result of a conference between the Hindu delegation now in Ottawa and the British Columbia members, held in the office of Hon. Robert Rogers, minister of the interior, this morning, it is possible that an arrangement may be arrived at under which Hindus now in British Columbia will be allowed, under strict regulations, to bring their wives and families to Canada. While the British members, agree with much that has been said in favor of Hindus and acknowledge their claims as citizens of the Empire, they point out that they might soon over-run the coast if the existing regulations were relaxed. They recognized that it is a question of great importance, which must be taken up with imperial authorities before a solution can be arrived at.

The delegation, in addition to asking for permission to bring their wives to Canada, practically asked for the abolition of all the regulations adopted by the immigration department some time ago, to restrict Asiatic immigration, including the provision that Hindus who come to Canada must come direct from India. This they said was impossible because there is no direct steamship service. They asked that the amount required from Hindus entering the country shall be made uniform with other nationalities and that the present \$200 requirement be abolished. They undertook to give a bond that no Hindu shall become a public charge in Canada.

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The matter was thoroughly discussed in the presence of Mr. W. D. Scott, commissioner of immigration, and Mr. W. W. Cory, deputy minister of the interior, and the minister promised careful consideration. The concession mentioned above, however, is likely to be the only one granted until the matter has been taken up with the Imperial authorities.