

HINDUS APPEAL FOR THEIR WIVES

**Would Prevent Deportation of Two Women on
Wednesday.**

**Application for Writ of Habeas Corpus Made to Mr.
Justice Morrison.**

That the Hindus of Vancouver are determined to exhaust the possibilities of the law to prevent the deportation of Hindu women and their children now in the city was made apparent this morning when an application was made before Mr. Justice Morrison for a writ of habeas corpus to be served on Superintendent J. H. MacGill of the department of immigration in connection with the detention of two Hindu women.

The women in question are Kartar Kor and Harnan Kor. Kartar Kor, who is accompanied by her two children, Udom and Narazau, is the wife of Balnant Singh, priest of the Sikh temple. In his affidavit Balnant Singh describes himself as a missionary, an owner of real estate in the city, and a shareholder in the Guru Nanak Mining & Trust Company. Harnan Kor, who has with her one child in arms, is the wife of Bhag Singh, treasurer of the Guru Nanak Mining & Trust Company, and former secretary of the Kahalsa Dinan Benevolent Society. Both of the men have been residents of the city since early in 1906.

The men some time ago went home to bring out their wives. They arrived on the steamer Monteagle from Hong-kong(Sic), on January 21, and were detained by the immigration authorities under the regulation denying admission to Canada to those who do not come direct from the land of their birth or adoption.

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In their affidavits both men state that they tried at Calcutta and at Rangoon, the two principal seaports of India, to secure tickets for a direct passage from India to Canada, offering to prepay a full passage, but that it was impossible to purchase tickets as there is no direct line of steamers from India to Canada. They claim that it was physically impossible to comply with the conditions laid down by the immigration authorities so they complied with its spirit as best they could by coming by the shortest and most direct route.

Following their arrival, both women were released on bail bonds to appear in time for the return of the steamer Monteagle. The Monteagle is to leave on Wednesday on her return voyage. Mr. G. E. McCrossan has been retained by the Hindus to appear and argue their case.