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TO KEEP HINDUS FROM COMING TO CANADA

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LONDON, NOV. 6.—It is understood that Mr. Lewis Vernon Harcourt, the colonial secretary and the Marquis of Crewe(?), the secretary of state for India, are now considering the Canadian proposals for a revision of the regulations affecting the Canadian immigration of Hindus with a view to effecting a stoppage, by friendly arrangement with the Indian Government, on the ground that the Hindus are non-assimilable with the Canadian population.

The embarrassing position of the British Indians in South Africa is regarded as a potent object lesson on the folly of repeating the blunder in Canada. The Hindus now in London met yesterday and organized a powerful agitation to assist their fellow countrymen's resistance to the law in South Africa. The leader of the movement, Gokhale, has now returned from Bombay and predicts that the fiercest struggle is impending to prevent the dominant Dutch party in South Africa from crushing out the Indian community. A move will be made at the next session of the Vice-Regal Council at Delhi, demanding that the Indian Government send a mission to South Africa to warn the government that serious consequences to the Empire threaten unless justice is done.

Secretary Harcourt is especially attacked for shirking the marriage difficulty. The Indians demand the amendment of the South Africa law to recognize the legality of monogamous Indian marriages celebrated according to Hindu and Mohammedan rites. Mr. Harcourt suggests that this may mean the legal recognition of polygamy. The Indians replying that although both religious sanction polygamy, only 1 per cent of Indian marriages are polygamous.

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