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APPEAL IN HINDU DECISION NOT LIKELY

Government at Ottawa May Pass Another Order-in-Council.

Is Gravely Concerned Over Chief Justice Hunter's Ruling.

U. S. Commissioner of Immigration here to Look into the Situation.

Trades and Labor Council at Toronto Interested in the Matter.

Although he ostensibly is only here on a general investigation trip Commissioner-General A. Caminnetti, head of the United States immigration service, who was in the city for several hours this morning is, according to advices received from Victoria, making arrangements for a conference with Sir Richard McBride on the Hindu problem, which in the light of the recent ruling of Chief Justice Hunter, has now assumed a most serious and menacing aspect.

Mr. Caminnetti arrived from the south last night and is understood to have immediately set the wires in motion with a view to consultation with the provincial and federal authorities on the immigration question as affected by the recent judgment. He has also been making an investigation of other local conditions on behalf of his government.

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Local immigration affairs have been given a lot of attention during the past few months by United States authorities, the close proximity of Vancouver to the international border creating a number of problems of vital interest to both countries. A special commissioner of the United States immigration service visited the city a few months ago and Hon. W. B. Wilson, secretary of labor for the U. S. A. also made a special trip up here three weeks ago for the purpose of investigating conditions.

Giving Government Concern.

Ottawa, Dec. 1.—The question of Hindu immigration, the seriousness of which is emphasized by the judgment of Chief Justice Hunter of the Supreme Court of British Columbia, is giving the government grave concern. Hon. C. J. Doherty, minister of justice, was not in the capital today and Premier Borden had not yet given the new aspect of the situation created by the British Columbia judgement sufficient consideration to warrant his making a statement for publication.

Hon. C. J. Doherty, however, has placed the matter in the hands of the deputy minister of justice, Mr. E. L. Newcombe, K. C., and he will prepare a report for the cabinet within a few days. The question is fraught with considerable delicacy as the Hindus, by virtue of being British subjects can not(Sic) be dealt with as can other Orientals.

Appeal Not Likely.

It is possible, but not probable, that the judgment of Mr. Justice Hunter will be appealed. Hon. C. J. Doherty will be in Ottawa, tomorrow, and the whole question will be taken up then by the cabinet. It is pointed out, however, that the trouble might possibly be got at in another way. If the order-in-council passed is not in conformity with the Dominion law, it does not necessarily follow that one could not be framed which would be. This course may be adopted.

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Labor Will Take a Hand.

Toronto, Dec. 1.—That British Columbia is entitled to protection from the whole Dominion of Canada, in the matter of Hindu immigration, is the opinion of prominent man here.

"If Chief Justice Hunter's decision means that, under present laws of Canada, shiploads of Hindus can be dumped into Canada on the same terms as British immigrants," said a labor leader here, "then the laws must be changed immediately. Such things could not happen in the United States and we must afford like protection to English speaking British subjects on the Pacific Coast. When we hear full terms of the judgement, the matter will be brought up in the Trades and Labor Council and an appeal made to Ottawa to revise the laws to this end."