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HINDU WINS AGAINST KOMAGATA COMMITTEE

Court Orders Judgment to Sundar Singh for Return of \$500 Loan.

An important judgment to the Hindu fraternity, arising out of the Komagata Maru Incident, has been handed down by Judge Schultz, in which his honor has awarded judgment to Sundar Singh against the Komagata Maru Committee for the return of \$500 he had loaned to the committee.

The money was a part of large fund raised by the Vancouver Hindus at the time The Komagata Maru was here, with the object of renewing the ship's character, take over her a cargo of coal and sell it in the city and to secure her a cargo for the orient. The merchanting of the cargo proved impossible and the vessel sailed away causing a total lose to the organizers of the expedition and the Komagata Maru committee in Vancouver, who however allege that they were given a promise of indemnity by the federal government.

The dispute in the lawsuit was as to whether the sum of money handed over by Sundar Singh to the committee was a loan or a contribution. The defense, led by Mr. J Edward Bird, argued that the money was a contribution but the plaintiff, who was represented by Mr. C.M Woolworth, contended that it was a loan. There are a hundred or more Hindus with claims aggregating about \$40,000 in the same class as Sunder Singh, who have been watching the progress of Sunder Singh's case with keen interest. It is regarded as certain that the decision will be appealed.