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March 20th, 1944.

The Honourable Geo. S. Pearson,
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Victoria, B. C.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 16th instant, with newspaper clipping from the "Victoria Daily Times" of March 9th, 1944, enclosed, reporting your remarks in the House in reference to the East Indian and Chinese people.

While I wish to thank you for your letter and the clipping, may I add that when both were submitted to the members of the Khalsa Diwan Society, neither were accepted as an explanation or mitigation of your remarks in the House, which cast an aspersion upon the integrity, character and loyalty of the East Indian people.

If the attitude of many employers of labor in relation to their employees, or to existing labor legislation were held to be a criterion of their rights of citizenship, then I am sure that the right of franchise would be limited to other groups as well as the East Indians.

I cannot accept the clipping forwarded as being less derogatory in its implications than the reports from other papers, and which your letter would seem to imply is different in this respect. Moreover I am concerned mainly with the East Indian people inside this Province, while your letter places your concern that you intended no reflection "upon East Indians outside of this Province."

I have been instructed by my people to bring this matter again to your attention, with the request that you make clear in a public statement just what you desired to impress upon the House, and also to forward a fuller explanation and apology to the East Indian people of the Khalsa Diwan Society, than is contained in your letter of March 16th.

I am, Sir,

Yours very truly,

Haginder Singh Gill,
Secretary,
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Mr. Aubrey Roberts,
Editor, News-Herald Ltd.,
426 Homer St.,
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Mr. Roberts:

I have to convey to you the deep appreciation of our people for the splendid manner in which your editorials brought the problem of Mr. Pearson and the enfranchisement of East Indians to the attention of your readers.

It is encouraging to know that there are men in our community life who can see issues in their true perspective, and have the courage to act so as to give voice to enlightened public opinion.

May we look forward to your continued cooperation.

Yours very truly,

Nagindar Singh Gill,
Secretary.

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Mr. Harold Winch,
Leader of the Opposition,
712 Holden Building,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Mr. Winch:

We wish to convey to you our deepest appreciation of the manner in which your party brought the matter of the East Indian franchise before the House during the session just concluded.

It did bring the matter to the attention of the general public. We are firmly convinced that this injustice exists merely because the great majority of the people do not know of its existence.

It is encouraging to realize that there are still people in our public life today who can see these issues in their true perspective, and have the courage to act on their convictions. Our community is appreciative of the fact that you lead a party of men and women who have a realistic concept of what we are fighting for, and who can see the realization of these larger principles to the problems close at hand.

Please convey appreciation to the other members of your party in the House.

Sincerely yours,

Nagindar Singh Gill,
Secretary.

March 24th, 1944.

Sir Robert Holland,
Victoria, B. C.

Dear Sir Robert:

I wish to thank you on behalf of our people for your keen interest in the welfare of our people here in British Columbia.

My people appreciate the sincerity of your effort and the consistency with which you have continued to pursue this matter of the enfranchisement of the East Indians.

By our combined efforts I am sure we will come through in a short time.

Thank you again.

Sincerely yours,

Nagindar Singh Gill,
Secretary.

March 24th, 1944.

Mr. Barry Mather,
Columnist,
News-Herald Ltd.,
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Mr. Mather:

The recent controversy with Mr. Pearson,
Minister of Labor, brought your column very much
to the attention of the East Indian peoples of
British Columbia.

I have been asked to convey to you the
thanks of our Society for the manner in which you
analyzed the issue and brought it to the attention
of your reading public.

May we look forward to your continued
cooperation.

Yours very truly,

Nagindar Singh Gill,
Secretary.

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Mr. E. Philpott,
The Vancouver Daily Sun,
500 Beatty St.,
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Mr. Philpott:

It can truly be said of you that you are a
valiant fighter for democracy and the rights of
common people.

I think you know already the high regard
which our people have for you. However, I have
been instructed to thank you again on behalf of
the Khalsa Diwan Society for the very keen interest
you have taken in our people both here in the land
of our adoption and in India.

Your help and encouragement has indeed been
invaluable.

Sincerely yours,

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The Editor,
Vancouver Daily Province,
Victory Square,
Vancouver, B. C.

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The Editor,
The B. C. Lumber Worker,
Room 504 Holden Building,
Vancouver, B. C.

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The Editor,
"The People",
119 W. Pender Street,
Vancouver, B. C.

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C. C. F. News,
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500 Beatty St.,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir:

I have been instructed to convey to you the thanks of our Society for the splendid cooperation which we received from you in giving publicity to our side of the issue in our controversy with Mr. Pearson.

This issue has brought vividly to the attention of our people the fact that the Press can indeed be the voice of the people, for if it were not for the Press we certainly would not have had a chance to express our reaction in this particular issue.

May we look forward to your continued cooperation.

Yours very truly,

Nagindar Singh Gill,
Secretary.

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VANCOUVER, B. C.

March 21, 1944.

Hon. John Hart,

Premier of British Columbia,

VICTORIA, B. C.

Dear Sir:

From your reply to our telegram of March 15, we note that the Legislature has decided to take no action regarding the enfranchisement of East Indians at this time.

Naturally we are rather curious as to the reason for lack of any action on this matter but no explanation seems to be forthcoming. This rather leaves us in the dark as to what we may be able to do to prove or improve our case.

However, we thank you for your reply and hope that before the next sitting of the House we may have the opportunity of again placing our case before your Government.

Sincerely yours,

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"DAYS IN OTHER MEN'S SHOES"
"RAIN", ETC., ETC.

Mr. Nagindar Singh Gill,
Secretary Khalsa Diwan Society,
1866 West 2nd. Avenue,
VANCOUVER, B.C.

Dear Sir:

In talking over the effort of the local Sikhs to gain citizenship for themselves and to work towards the political independence of India, I have been talking to several men of understanding. Mr. Stan Beck, magazine editor of the SUN newspaper, and Mr. Elmer Philpott, former editor of the NEWS-HERALD, are two of these. They believe that the best method of awakening people to the need of reform is through the medium of a book of fiction.

Such work is our business. If you will write or call at this office we shall be glad to discuss the matter of what can be done for the liberation of India.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely,

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Allan Roy Evans
President, CANADIAN WRITERS' SERVICE