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IMMIGRATION BRANCH,

Vancouver, B.C.,

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Dear Sir:

Last night I telegraphed you as follows:-

"Rahim arrested for deportation. When searched at Police Station amongst effects were note books containing receipt manufacture high explosives, also numerous addresses prominent Indian Agitators France, Natal and Egypt. Advise whether return book."

In explanation would say that a Hindoo RAHIM came to Canada from Honolulu as a first class passenger on SS. "Moana" on the 14th January last and was admitted as a tourist. After a few days here he is supposed to have proceeded to Montreal en route for New York and England, but returning in the Spring bought shares and assumed the management of the Canada India Supply & Trust Company Limited, an incorporated Company trading in real estate in this city.

On learning of his presence I wrote him pointing out the fact that he was not legally landed in Canada and on his coming in showed him section 33 s.s. 10 affecting such cases. Of this law he professed total ignorance, but after, as I understand it, taking advice of his solicitor he returned and sought permission to remain in Canada. Accordingly on the 15th of June application to the Superintendent of Immigration was made through myself for a permit for him to remain in Canada. This application was refused, and upon RAHIM being notified of the refusal, his fellow countrymen held public meetings and telegraphed the Honourable the Premier protesting against any action which our Department might take. To this I replied as appears in my letter of the 30th June last. RAHIM and the others members of the community here have apparently realized that his deportation might be taken up at any time with the result that the matter has been one of discussion at public meetings, and has led to their attempting, sometimes successfully, to publish numerous newspaper articles protesting against their deportation upon
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the grounds of British citizenship. The fact of British citizenship seems to be the sole objection in their popular arguments, although in the Habeas Corpus proceedings to which they have resorted, I understand from RAHIM's solicitors they will attempt to establish the claim that he is still a tourist.

Instructions dated the 19th October were received for his apprehension and deportation. On the 24th I wrote him to this effect asking whether it would be necessary to apprehend him or if an arrangement could not be made through his solicitors, for his delivery up to our service the day before the sailing of the Steamer for Honolulu namely the third proximo. As they would not give this undertaking, he was arrested yesterday at noon, and taken to the police station and searched, when letters from Tarak Nath Dass and others were found together with a note book referred to in my telegram. In the notebook amongst a very miscellaneous collection of memoranda were found the addresses of a number of Hindoo agitators in different parts of the United States, South Africa, Switzerland, Egypt, France, etc., together with directions for the manufacture of nitroglycerine (copy of which is enclosed herewith) Later in the day I released the man on a ^{bond} of himself for \$1000.00 and two sureties for \$500. each and as all three were Asiatics \$1000. in cash collateral to the bond. On his release I kept possession of the note book referred to about which I am still awaiting your instructions. The bond is for his due appearance at our office on the third proximo in order to be put upon S.S. "Makura" for Honolulu which sails on the 4th instant. I am today served by his solicitors (Messrs. MacCrossan and Harper) with Habeas Corpus proceedings.

In RAHIM's affidavit in these proceedings he states that he does not come to Canada with the intention of remaining or settling in this country, but merely for the purpose of touring and looking into trade conditions and

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into the conditions of his fellow countrymen here, and that as soon as these purposes are completed he desires to return to India. He had however as before stated gone in business here for sometime and taken the management of a real estate firm with considerable capital known as The Canada India Supply and Trust Company Limited.

RAHIM was most indignant at the time of his arrest attempting to stand off our Inspector Hopkinson, amongst other things making remarks to the effect - "You drive us Hindoos out of Canada and we will drive every white man out of India" - He was also very vehement in his demand for the return of the note book which with some hesitancy however I determined to retain and still have.

Yours truly,

Sd. J.H. MacGill,
Immigration Agent.

W.W. Cory, Esq.,

Deputy Minister of Interior.

Ottawa.