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Memorandum Pad

Are you keeping Saturday, July 18,
a vacant date for the Liberal picnic
at Hastings Park?

The

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HINDUS DEMAND FOOD TO ALLAY THE PANGS OF THREE DAYS' FAST

Send Pathetic Letter to Mr. Bird Saying They Have Nothing
to Eat or Drink—Who Is Responsible for Supplying Ship?
—Riot Takes Place on Komagata and Dr. Rugunath
Says Life Has Been Threatened.

"Sir,—We the undersigned members of the committee of ss. Komagata Maru beg to draw your attention that we have nothing to eat from three days, as you know already about us when you were informed on 7th instant.

"We informed Mr. Reid about this on the 6, 7, '14 and again we reminded him twice yesterday but we were given no answer.

"We are suffering much from hunger and thirst.

"We beg that you may please take the trouble to arrange, if you can, taking pity on our such miserable condition, for water and provisions.
Yours truly,

Sd. VIR SINGH. Sd. SUNDER SINGH.
Sd. AMAR SINGH. Sd. HARMAN SINGH.

"Mr. J. E. Bird, Barrister-at-law, Vancouver, 7. 9. '14."

The 352 Hindus on the Komagata Maru are famishing with hunger and thirst, and yesterday morning they sent the above letter to their counsel, Mr. J. Edward Bird.

Yesterday afternoon Chief Inspector of Immigration Malcolm R. J. Reid went on board the ship with several immigration and other officers to hold a board of enquiry, when the Hindus became uncontrollable, and riot broke out on the ship. In desperation the turbulent Hindus surrounded Mr. Reid and told him they intended to keep him on board as a pledge that they would be supplied with provisions and water. Mr. Reid objected to being held as a hostage, and Inspector Hopkinson, the interpreter, attempted to pour oil on the troubled waters in fluent Hindustani.

This did not allay the violence of the hungry mob. Howls from the shipdeckers fanned the flame and some of the Hindus drew revolvers and many bludgeoned sticks and rusty swords. For several minutes there appeared to be abundant chance of serious trouble on the steamer, but

the coolness of the white men assuaged the turmoil, but did not restore tranquillity.

Threatened to Kill.

Mr. Reid and those with him were shouldering a path through the mob

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WOODSIDE GETS ANGRY AND INFORMS LOUTET DOES NOT TELL TRUTH

Consideration of Tenders for
Second Narrows Bridge Al-
most Leads to Pitched
Battle.

IS STRONG ON DUTY OVER VEXED QUESTION

Some Standard Must Be Se-
lected and Matter Will Prob-
ably Be Decided Today.

That there are strained relations between various members of the Burrard Inlet Tunnel & Bridge Company over the awarding of the contract for the Second Narrows bridge which is going to cost close on two million dollars, and the manner in which the negotiations are being carried on, was indicated yesterday at a meeting when Ald. Woodside, of Vancouver, and Councillor Jack Loutet, of North Vancouver, engaged in a wordy passage in which the former called the latter a liar. The alderman followed this up by exclaiming: "I shall not stand for any lying creature to say what he (Loutet) did in North Vancouver last night. I believe every member of this board is trying to do his duty except Loutet."

President F. Carter-Cotton, Mayor Baxter and the other members who were present arose in their chairs, apparently expecting the two heated members to come to blows. President Carter-Cotton cautioned the excited members and things subsided somewhat, and immediately afterward Mayor Irwin, of North Vancouver, having to meet Superintendent Scott, of the Indian department, the meeting was adjourned to 11 o'clock this morning, when it is intended to try to select the company's consulting engineer from a list of eighteen names of eminent engineers sent to the board by the Dominion Bridge Co., the Canadian Bridge Co. and C. A. P.



Showing the inevitable consequence of the most natural port on the coast.

NO AMENDMENT TO SAFEGUARD MINOR IN SOUTH OF IRE

Lord Lansdowne Ann
that Unionists Will Co-
operate Efforts on Try
to Avert Civil War

WILL HOLD ULSTER TRUST FOR THE KINGDOM

ENGINEER SAYS GAS CAUSED DISASTER IN HILLCREST MINE

w of their responsibility
their fellow-creatures in
an Mayor Baxter does;
all be sorely disappointed
not find that a public
is quickly raised to re-
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m with food sufficient
to think that un-
that they are ingrat-
selves with a voting pub-
our civic representatives
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ne as to proclaim their
oppose giving food to
are sickening of hunger
eyes. And yet we have
t, too, for that attitude
of our aldermen. It will
forgotten with what in-
these East Indians were
en they first came here,
ration of those in author-
to be hoped, however,
mens will, by their action,
currence of those painful
will insist that those who
in our midst shall be
very properly resolved
if not allow the Hindus
our country; but we do
y of them to die on our
ack of food. To permit
be a crime of which
would not acquit us, and
we should find it diffi-
give ourselves.

RTIES ARE OF SUCCESS IN ANITOBA CONTEST

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Assiniboia (A. Bernard,
) loses a section to be-
w seat of Iberville; while
L. Taylor, Conservative)
en into Gimli and St.
the northwestern part of
all constituencies are re-
l two new divisions, Rob-
one, appear on the map.
w exceptions all the old
running for re-election.
T. W. Taylor, Conserva-
H. Green, Liberal, have

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toward the side-ladder grating when
the ship's physician, Dr. Ragunath
Singh, who is the regimental surgeon
of the native battalion quartered in
Hongkong, shouted through an open
port in the house to Mr. Reid that
the Hindus had threatened to kill
him, and entreated the immigration
officers to give him some protection.
He told the white men that the Hin-
dus were keeping him a prisoner in
his cabin and that they had taken
away his sword. It appears that for
some reason the Hindus are infuriated
against him.

Mr. Reid ordered the Japanese of-
ficers of the ship to release him and
to protect him. The Japanese of-
ficers are courageous and are armed,
but in the past they have followed
a pacific course because they thought
it was wisdom to do so. But they
agreed to defend the life of the doctor.

Another Uproar.

Mr. Reid and those with him then
left the ship, keeping unruffled faces,
and when the government boat left
the side of the steamer, uproar arose
again from her decks. Gurdit Singh,
the head of the party; Dr. Ragunath
Singh and their friends aboard have
won the disfavor of the others, who
blame Gurdit Singh for the disaster
that has overtaken them, and the
mob, exasperated by hunger and
thirst, may make an attack on the
leaders at any time with serious con-
sequences.

Mr. Reid and his party went ashore
and sent a message to Mr. Bird, in-
viting him to a conference to discuss
methods of dealing with the situation.
To this message Mr. Bird sent the
following reply:

At Officials' Peril.

"July 9, 1914. M. R. J. Reid, Esq.,
Immigration Inspector, city:

"Dear Sir—Mr. Pratt, of my office,
has called me up asking me to see
you and Mr. Ladner, one of your coun-
sel, in connection with the serious con-
dition on board ship, owing to the
starvation of passengers on board the
Komagata Maru. There are numbers

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ply was received, then I certainly
think that the government ought to
pay.

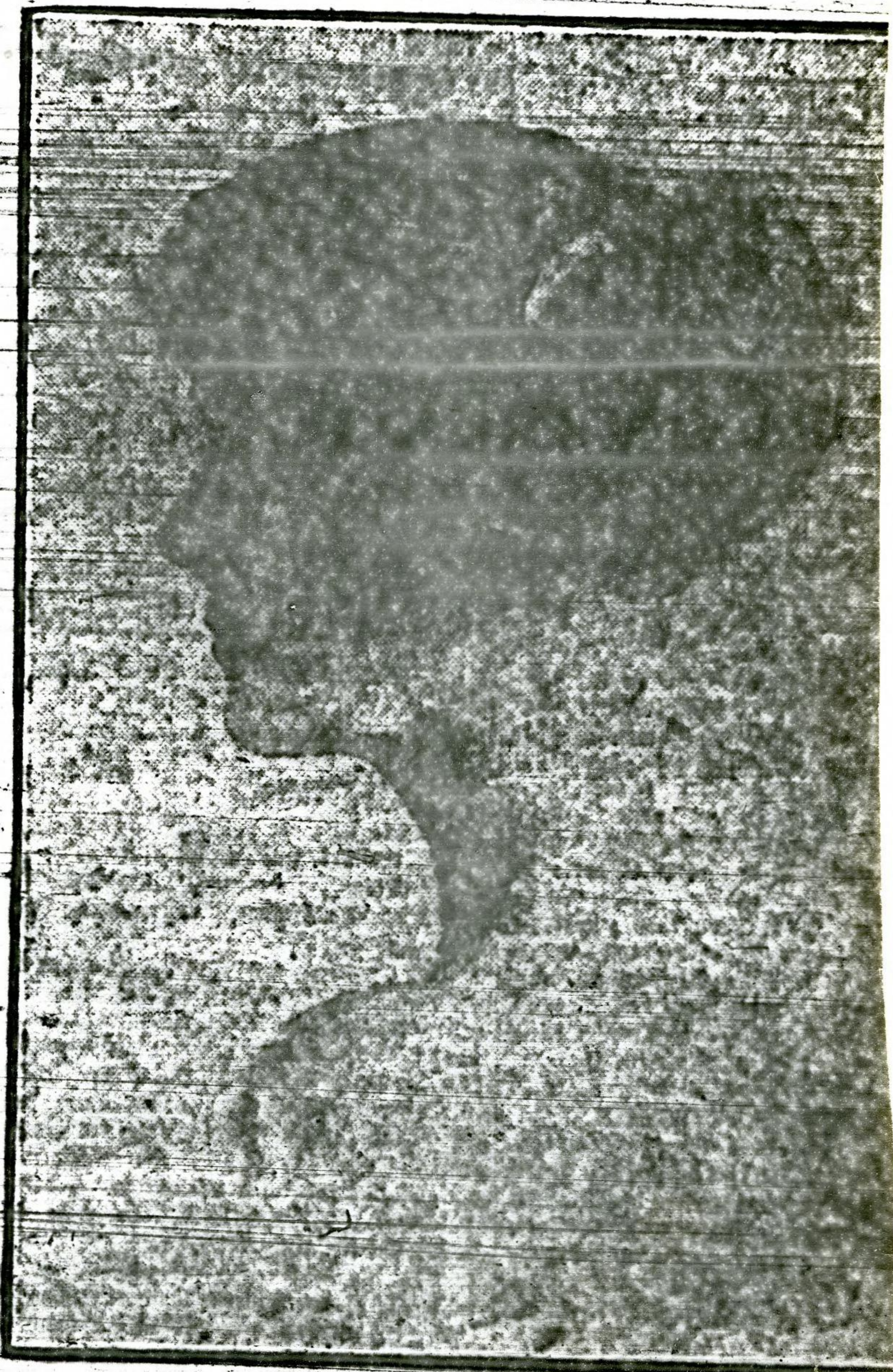
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against the city providing food for
the Hindus. We have enough to do
to look after our own people."

struction to navigation.

SOUTHAMPTON BY.

(Sun's Leased W. A. P.
FREDERICTON, N.B.
The sensation in the
railway enquiry was spr-
fore noon adjournment

The Viscountess Curzon: A Lovely T English Womanhood



Wife of Viscount Curzon, eldest son of Earl Howe. Lady Curzon
considered to be the most beautiful blonde in London society
year she was the queen of beauty at the Earl's Court tour-
nament which she played to perfection. Lady Curzon generally
the winter on the Riviera, golf being one of her favorite
amusements.

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Bird's letter
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us from deriding their failures or from mocking their distress. They are wanderers, and now hopeless wanderers from a distant land and when all is said and done they are our fellow-subjects. Their fortunes and their misfortune entitle them to sympathy while their courage must compel the respect of every man of spirit.

To those of us, then, possessing any magnanimity of mind the spectacle, presented, of our authorities, quarrelling over who shall give them the food required to keep them from starving is a very sordid and unpleasant one. Indeed, they have been imprisoned on shipboard in our harbor for many days now and during most of those days they have gone hungry. At no time have they had an ample supply of food. In the face of suffering they have persisted in the endeavor, for which they could not very well be blamed, to be allowed to settle in our country where opportunity appeared to await them. When forced to relinquish the struggle they are found to be starving. For three days now they have had nothing to eat, since there is no food aboard the vessel, and women and children are sharing the distress which it is painful to think of even men enduring. And while three hundred and seventy-five human beings, cooped up on a ship moored some yards from our docks, are making acquaintance with famine our public men are passing from one to another the responsibility of permitting them to suffer the pains of starvation. With what is intended to denote righteous indignation our mayor announces publicly that he will not sanction food being provided for them by the city; and the Dominion government indicates its willingness to send them back to India if the expenses of their transportation are refunded. In the meantime, until these bickerings cease, the craving of the Hindus for food remains unsatisfied and if the dispute continues much longer, without intervention from some more humane source, some of these people are likely to die. The children at least can scarcely be expected to last more than a week, and half of that period has already been spent without food.

The Komagata Maru is easily seen these nights from the hill overlooking the inlet and Mayor Baxter and others of our well-fed officials who are so eager to let them starve might find material for comfortable reflection by passing an hour or two watching the outlines of the vessel and speculating on the feelings of the three hundred and seventy-five beings aboard her who are undergoing the sensations which complete abstinence from food for days is likely to produce. We cannot help thinking that the people of Vancouver as a whole take a different view of their responsibility towards their fellow-creatures in distress than Mayor Baxter does, and we must be sorely disappointed to find that a public meeting recently raised to relieve the wants of the Hindus and to provide them with food sufficient to last them to Asia. It is under the

The elections in the three northern constituencies are deferred, the date of only one, Lepas, July 30, having been announced.

Following is a complete list of the candidates in all the constituencies:

ARTHUR—John Williams (L.), A. M. Lyle (C).
BEAUFUL PLAINS—W. R. Wood (L), Hon. J. A. Howden (C).
BIRTLIE—G. J. H. Malcolm (L), Wm. Taylor (C).
BRANDON CITY—S. E. Clement (L), Hon. G. R. Coldwell (C).
CARILLON—F. B. Malloy (L), A. Prefontaine (C).
CYPRUS—James Christie (L), Geo. Steele (C).
DALPHIN—John Seale (L), Wm. Buchanan (C).

DELOIRINE—Dr. R. S. Thornton (L), J. C. W. Reid (C).
EMERSON—George Walton (L), Dr. D. H. McFadden (C).
GILBERT PLAINS—Dr. D. G. Shortreed (L), Samuel Hughes (C).
GIMLI—E. S. Jonasson (L), S. Thorvalson (C).
GLADSTONE—Dr. J. W. Armstrong (L), A. Singleton (C).
GLENDON—J. W. Breakey (L), Col. L. Young (C).

HAMILTON—W. McConnell (L), W. Ferguson (C).
KILDONAN AND ST. ANDREWS—George W. Prout (L), Hon. Dr. Montague (C).
KILLARNEY—S. M. Hayden (L), Hon. George Lawrence (C).

LAKESIDE—C. D. McPherson (L), J. J. Garland (C).
LANDSOWNE—T. C. Norris (L), W. J. Cundy (C).
MANITOU—Dr. I. H. Davidson (L), James Morrow (C).

MINNEDOSA—G. A. Grierson (L), W. B. Waddell (C).
MORDEN AND RHINELAND—Valentine Winkler (L), W. J. Tupper (C).
MORRIS—Wm. Malloy (L), Jacques Parent (C).

MOUNTAIN—J. B. Baird (L), A. C. Craig (Ind.), J. F. Dale (C).
PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE—E. A. McPherson (L), Hon. Hugh Armstrong (C).

ROCKWOOD—Arthur Lobb (L), Isaac Riley (C).
ROBLIN—Thomas McLennan (L), F. Y. Newton (C).
RUSSELL—D. C. McDonald (L), Ed. Graham (C).

ST. GEORGE—S. Sigfusson (L), E. L. Taylor (C).
STE. ROSE—John A. Campbell (L), Joseph Hamelin (C).
SWAN RIVER—W. H. Sims (L), J. W. Stewart (C).

TURTLE MOUNTAIN—Geo. McDonald (L), Hon. Jas. Johnson (C).
VIRIDEN—Dr. Geo. Chingan (L), H. C. Simpson (C).

ASSINIBOIA—J. W. Wilton (L), W. J. Bartlett (Lab.), J. T. Haig (C).
ELMWOOD—Dr. T. G. Hamilton (L), R. S. Ward (Lab.), H. D. McWhirter (C).

ST. BONIFACE—La. Delorma (L), Hon. Joseph Bernier (C).
IBERVILLE—Aime Benard (Acct.).
NORTH WINNIPEG "A"—James Willoughby (L), A. Beech (Soc. Dem.), J. P. Foley (C).

NORTH WINNIPEG "B"—Newton Lowrey (L), H. Saltzman (Soc. Dem.), D. McLean (C).
SOUTH WINNIPEG "A"—A. B. Hudson (L), L. McLeans (C).
SOUTH WINNIPEG "B"—W. L. Parrish (L), H. W. Whittia (C).

CENTRE WINNIPEG "A"—T. H. Johnson (L), W. H. Hoop (Soc.), A. J. Andrews (C).
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In answer to a communication, asking for instructions, Chief Inspector of Immigration Reid received a telegraphic message from the department of immigration at Ottawa yesterday, which ran as follows:

"Complete boards of enquiry as rapidly as possible, carefully complying with the provisions of the law. In view of difficulties surrounding deportation via Komagata Maru you may suggest to the master of the ship that the department is willing to arrange to deport the passengers by other vessels, provided the owners of the Komagata Maru give security for payment of expenses so incurred. The department understand that the Japanese consul will urge this course upon the captain. Facilitate lightening ship's cargo."

To Avoid Suffering.

Mr. J. Edward Bird forwarded the letter, a copy of which appears at the head of this story, to Mr. Reid yesterday and asked him to take the matter up with the department at Ottawa at once, in order that further suffering be avoided. It is understood that the immigration office, through its counsel, has asserted to Mr. Bird that the matter of furnishing provisions is a matter for Mr. Bird, as he is acting for the charterers, whose duty it is to feed the Hindus on the ship.

The charterers, who are shore Hindus, absolutely decline to provide their fellow-countrymen with any more food or water. They claim that as they have not been allowed to go on board the ship, that the terms of the charter party have not been fulfilled, and they are really not under a legal obligation to supply food and water. The real reason they have stopped the supply of food is that they have spent a good deal of money on Gurdit Singh's party and do not wish to spend any more. They do not wish to encourage them to stay in port any longer. Also it is their opinion that it is the turn of the government to feed the Komagata's passengers. The local Hindus will listen to no more appeals, however pathetic, from the ship for food and water. They said yesterday that they were deaf to all messages from the steamer.

Supplies Refused.

The owners of the ship have cabled their agents here that they will not furnish supplies. The government has not replied to any requests for aid, if any have been sent.

The absolute truth is that there is nothing aboard the ship for the Hindus to eat. Common humanity suggests that it is a case for immediate relief. There are women and children among the Hindus on the ship. If supplies are not sent on board today, it is very probable that the starving Hindus will seize the ship's stores and satisfy their hunger from the supplies of the Japanese crew.

If the Hindus do not get aid from any other source money will have to be raised in the interests of humanity by public subscription.

Mayor Baxter expressed the opinion yesterday that the city should not undertake to feed the Hindus or to provision the ship for the return passage to the Asiatic coast. "As far as I am concerned," he said, "they will not get the city to put up any money for provisioning the ship. If any one should do so, it is the Dominion government. If the Hindus wired the government, as they say they did, asking if they would be allowed to land and no reply was received, then I certainly think that the government ought to pay."

"I will always vote, however, against the city providing food for the Hindus. We have enough to do to look after our own people."

Item was then resumed. In connection with the remarks made by the Ald. Woodside expressed opinion that somebody was trying "put something" over, using words.

On motion of Councillor Bird it was decided that the consulting engineer selected be given full powers as to the plans and also a correspondence and data in connection with the bridge company.

Will Advise Government.

The board agreed to heed Richard's request that, before the tract was finally let, the project be approved by the government. Interested to a large extent, in that it has made an appropriation towards construction of the bridge.

Considerable argument arose on a motion by Ald. Woodside to putting the matter up to their consulting engineer the board selected standard for the engineers to and he named the standard of the Canadian Bridge Company, recommended by the board's engineers, Cleveland and Cameron. In this connection the alderman remarked the companies have reduced the rates from their original ones.

company has reduced about 15%. They either were robbing the or are stealing from the bridge.

It was decided that the engineer be given over night to consider and report as to its advisability this morning's session.

The Resolution.

The following is the full text resolution adopted:

"That the engineers to be retained shall report upon the plans, specifications and proposals of:

"(1) The Dominion Bridge Company and Armstrong, Morris Company, as per plan W, features included in price of \$7,000.

"(2) The Canadian Bridge Company and Missouri Valley Company, as per plan A, showing features included in price of \$1.8.

"(3) C. A. P. Turner and the Eastern Foundation Company, as per showing features included in price of \$1,744,000.

"That the report of such engineers shall be based upon the following:

(1) As to whether each proposition together with the specification tenders of bidders, bind them to play with the Dominion government specifications, department of railways and canals, 1908 edition, as at all points covered by such specifications and on points not covered specifications, as to whether conform to established practice which is acceptable.

"(2) That reports on all plans be based on Dominion government standard specifications, of railways and canals, following live loading: R heavy; electric railway, two feet cars per track; highway, class.

"(3) Where any plan in conjunction with bidder's specifications and proposals does not, with such requirements the deficiencies, if any, shall be reported in full, together with a statement the effect of such deficiencies, what corrections would be needed and the nature and approximate of same in order that the design comply with such requirements make a substantial and suitable for the purpose and location construction.

"(4) That the reports also which of the designs offers the best construction to navigation."

SOUTHAMPTON RY. ENQUIRY

(See's Letter W. A. F. W. FREDERICTON, N.B., July 10. The sensation in the South railway enquiry was sprung before noon adjournment today.

The Viscountess Curzon: A Lovely Type

F. L. L. W. L. L.