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Vancouver, B. C. Oct. 27th, 1913.

Sir,

In view of the Hindu situation that has arisen since the arrival of the Japanese steamship "Panama Maru" at Victoria on the 17th inst., in which out of 56 arrivals, 39 attempted to enter Canada by misrepresentation, and the early departure for the South of Inspector Hopkinson on special work, coupled with the registration system introduced for Hindus leaving Canada on a visit to India with intention to return, I beg to request that the Department consider the appointment of an Assistant Hindu Interpreter to look after the work during Mr. Hopkinson's absence.

I am afraid we cannot secure the temporary services of a reliable man and it will therefore be necessary to have one appointed permanently. The temporary help that I engaged during Inspector Hopkinson's absence from January to April this year was not very satisfactory, and as there is no official interpreter for these people at Victoria I consider that the appointment of an assistant to Mr. Hopkinson is necessary.

Besides the ordinary Hindu work at this Port Mr. Hopkinson has quite a lot of special Hindu work entailing a deal of correspondence. In addition to this his services have been frequently demanded recently by Victoria. In case of Mr. Hop-

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kinson's absence from the city , or illness, we have no one to do his work.

Your obedient servant,

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Dominion Immigration Agent.

P.S.

There are two men, Messrs. Gwyther and Munnings, both competent interpreters and anxious for this position. I understand Mr. H. H. Stevens, MP. has a knowledge of at least one of these men and that he will probably be consulted before such appointment is made. They are apparently both good men.

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