

THE DAILY PROVINCE

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HINDUS STRIKE FOR HIGHER WAGES

Refuse to continue Working at Union at \$1.50 per Day-
-Cumberland People are Glad to Be Rid of Indians.

Nanaimo, Dec. 29.--(Special.)—Thirty-one striking Hindus from the Union collieries left here this morning en route for Vancouver, where they expect little trouble in finding work at their own prices. One dollar and twenty-five cents was the wage offered them when they first left the Terminal City, and although \$1.50 was given them at Union when demanded, they are still not satisfied. Their leader, a big husky fellow, who speaks fairly good English, was interviewed and claimed \$2 worth of work was accomplished each day by each man, so \$2 was demanded for such work.

When asked regarding the rumor that women were in the party which went to Union, he answered in the negative, but it was affirmed by parties on the boat and information given regarding the birth of a baby to one of the Hindus employed in or about the mines at Cumberland yesterday.

The people of Union are only too pleased to be rid of them, and no regrets will be voiced when the remaining few have left their little town. Those white people living near the Hindus assert that no filthier people have ever been known, and the stories circulated about their cleanliness are fictitious.