

HINDUS QUIT RAILWAY WORK

Vancouver Contracting Firm Has Given Men Fair Trial and Finds that They Cannot Be Employed to Advantage.

The unusually large number of Hindus that have been seen around the city during the last week is partly explained by the fact that over two hundred of them have been discharged from a railway contract in the interior on which they were employed.

"Hindus are evidently not suited to railway contract work," said Mr. D. K. Campbell of the firm of Ironside, Rannie & Campbell to The Province this morning. "We had about two hundred of them employed on our grading contract on the V., V. & E. up to about a week ago. The showing they made was so poor, however, that we were forced to let them go and fill their places with a smaller number of white laborers.

"We gave them a fair trial on different kinds of work, but even allowing for their inexperience, they could not do nearly as well as the average white laborer. They are too slow and do not seem to have any ambition. No doubt the cold weather affected them to a certain degree, but they did not seem to wish to clothe themselves to withstand the climate.

"It was not for want of instruction that the Hindus could not get along," continued Mr. Campbell, "They were under the direction of Mr. Snee, the Hindu interpreter, who thoroughly understands their language and had charge of the contract. Hindus might be all right for millwork, but they cannot compete with a white man in handling a pick and shovel."