

OTTAWA CHARGED HINDUS FOR BOARD

Immigrants Look Upon Exaction as an Outrage and May Bring Suit to Recover Eight Hundred Dollars.

Alleging that to be forced to pay their board to the Dominion government during that period when they were virtually kept prisoners in the Federal detention shed on the C.P.R. wharf is an outrage, many of the 158 Hindus who were yesterday released when the Dominion Order-in-council was knocked out by Mr. Justice Clement, are now considering suit to recover the amounts they paid. They are also discussing the damages for wrongful detention.

All these Hindus were charged at the rate to fifty cents per day for every twenty-four hours they were under detention and they were not released until they paid. In the majority of instances the total charges was approximately \$5, and in the case of ten men who came from Suva it was higher, as they had been retained longer than the 148 who came from Calcutta via Hongkong. The charge for board was made under direct instructions from Ottawa.

The total amount collected by the Government from the Hindus on account of board was approximately \$800.