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CIVILIZATION'S ENTIRE FABRIC IS IN DANGER

London Times Commends Canada's Fight to Keep Hindus Out of the Country—Influences that Corrode and Resist Assimilation Must Be Excluded

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London, July 9.—It is expected that the result of the Hindu test case in British Columbia will force the Indian Government to find a solution to the problem instead of allowing matters to drift. An obviously well-informed Indian authority says in the Yorkshire Post:

“The government and the Indian people would consult their own dignity if they prohibited immigration in certain cases instead of endeavoring to obtain concessions which, at best, would leave the status of the Indian settler one of inferiority. Mrs. Besant argues that the laboring classes of India are obliged to seek foreign means of subsistence but the deputy chairman of the Bombay Mill owners' Association complains that the deficiency in the supply of labor in that city alone amounted to 100,000 men. The land revenue department of the Bombay Government states that the dominant feature of the year was the shortage of labor in the country districts(?). Except in one or two districts of the United Provinces and Madras(?), the shortage of labor throughout India is seriously affecting the industrial position of the country.”

The Times editorial strongly supports Canada's attitude, saying that the edicts excluding unsuited immigration are rightly made and enforced by Canada without regard to whether the persons excluded are Englishmen, Indians or others. Replying to the Hindus' claim that in their case exclusion is directed not against individuals, but against the race, thus amounting to a brand of racial inferiority, the Times says the answer lies in the unbridgeable

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difference between the East and West. "These differences," it goes on, "affect the whole fabric of civilization. Things the European thinks important the Asiatic believes less than the dust in the balance. In spheres where the European is engaged in building new communities, and where he has to ask himself, day by day, whether the foundations are well laid, and the growing fabric secure in each successive storey of the structure, he is compelled to exclude alien influences, and the inevitable corrosive notion(?) of racist materials that resist assimilation.

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