

THE HINDU QUESTION.

After an enquiry instated by the interior department into the whole question of Hindu immigration, and the conditions prevailing in British Columbia, the Federal Government has come to the conclusion that the regulations against the entry of East Indian women, who seek to join their husbands here, shall not be relaxed. The decision will no doubt find general endorsement in this province, but it should be noted that the government did not reach this conclusion as a result of representations by the public here. It was on the strength of an investigation conducted by its own commissioner. From that point of view the conclusion arrived at is a direct rebuff to those people in the East, and especially in Toronto, who made such a determined effort to throw open the door to this class of immigration, who in fact favor indiscriminate entry of all Asiatic peoples.

It is impossible not to feel a sentiment of pity for the Hindu people now here. To separate them from their families can not(Sic) fail to work a hardship upon them individually. But if the good of our own community and of the country at large demands, as it seems to demand, the exclusion of these people's families, we can not(Sic) be expected to allow sentiment to sway us to our own undoing.