

TREATY MAY COVER ENTRY OF HINDUS

Dominion Government May Negotiate With Indian Government, Says Stevens.

Vancouver Member is Back from Ottawa—Pleased With Redistribution.

With a view of effecting a permanent solution of the vexatious Hindu immigration problem, the Dominion Government may enter into an arrangement with the Indian Government similar to the treaty which controls the number of settlers allowed into this country from Japan. Mr. H. H. Stevens, M. P., who returned to Vancouver from Ottawa this morning following the prorogation of Parliament, stated the question of placing the control of immigration to Canada in the hands of the Indian authorities has been under advisement for some time, and that he has been strongly urging the adoption of such a plan.

"The Dominion authorities are absolutely determined that the law with reference to the admission of Hindus shall be strictly enforced," replied Mr. Stevens, when asked how the situation stood at present. "The delay in returning the Kamagata(Sic) Maru is caused by the belligerent attitude adopted by the natives themselves, who are asking for special privileges and are trying to evade the regulations.

"I am convinced that the placing of the control of immigration to this country in the hands of the Indian Government would offer the best solution of the difficulties which are now being experienced. The regulations would be made to apply to settlers only, of whom only a certain number would be allowed n(Sic) each year."

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While he intimated that nothing definite had been decided in this connection, Mr. Stevens said that there was a possibility of an agreement being reached on the basis outlined. He referred to the Oriental Exclusion Bill, which he had introduced a short time before the House closed its sessions, stating that he had been assured it would be given consideration early next session. The proposed act would prevent the admission to this country of all native of countries south of the 50th parallel within certain prescribed limits, which would include Japan, China and India.

Satisfaction with the redistribution bill passed recently was expressed by the member for Vancouver.

"I think it was very satisfactory and eminently fair. The fact that it was unanimously endorsed by the two parties in Parliament is a cause for gratification and makes it thoroughly representative. Concessions were made on both sides and a compromise agreement which met with the hearty appro(Sic) of both sides was finally reached. He said that he regretted that the Senate threw out the proposed amendment to the British North America Act to afford addition senatorial representation for British Columbia by giving the province three more members but hoped that the question would be more successfully treated at the next session.