

NONSENSE TALKS ABOUT THE KOMAGATA MARU

Hindu Passenger(?) Writes to The Province News(?) in His Own Words.

“The passengers on the Komagata Maru are all farmers, who will clear the waste tracts of land and produce good quantity of production, which will help to increase the Canadian wealth. But instead of welcoming Mr. Gurdit Singh, charterer, and the Indians, the Canadians put useless obstacles in our coming in, and tried their best in vain—that the world will laugh at them, and certainly will bestow upon them the title of ‘fool’ when it will come to know of their so inhuman an act.”

Mr. K. H. S. Sandho, one of Gurdit Singh’s colleagues from the coral strand, thus writes to The Province from the Komagata Maru. The Province willingly grants his request for the publication of his letter, which is a reply, as he puts it, to “The nonsense talks about the S. S. Komagata Maru of the Canadians.”

His letter just as received reads:

Editor Province.—Dear Sir—kindly lay down the undermentioned(Sic) in the columns of your esteemed newspaper:

“The nonsense talks about S. S. Komagata Maru of the Canadians.”

The Canadians, especially the people of Vancouver, are quite unjust and inhuman except Hindus. They are altogether on mistake, and their thoughts are not like of a man and they do no care even of government laws. Their

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preventions and questions of returning back S. S. Komagata Maru prove that they have become mad and insane.

Their saying that the Hindus will gain and make money here is quite baseless and untrue; as they know full well, that when their timber and every kind of lumber will be exported to India, they will certainly gain much profit on Indian money of lumber price, and the passengers are all farmers, who will clear the waste tracts of land and produce good quantity of production which will help to increase the Canadian wealth. But instead of welcoming Mr. Gurdit Singh, charterer, and the Indians, the Canadians put useless obstacles in our coming in, and tried their best in vain, that the world will laugh at the, and certainly will bestow upon them the title of "fool," when it will come to know of their so inhuman act.

Sometimes they thought a plan to return the S. S. Komagata Maru back by "tugs" up to 3 mile distance. Sometimes said that the Japanese men of wars—(cruisers)—will forcibly bring her back. But their last effort and advice to return us back was much profitable to us. Their returning us back forcibly(Sic) in Empress of India was as good to us as we were thinking. But unfortunately this was undone for us, as we will never get such a golden chance again, as we had the full rights on our Queen Empress of India by her name of our beloved country and the Nature was good enough for us to receive her cordially again.

(The rest in future.)

Yours truly,

K. H. S. SANDHO

Komagata Maru.