

ORDER-IN-COUNCIL STOPS IMMIGRATION ON PACIFIC COAST

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(C. P. Despatch by Star Special Wire.)

Ottawa, Dec. 9.—The Government yesterday passed an Order-in-Council prohibiting immigration of artisans and laborers into the Pacific Coast Province and boundary ports until March 31. This is irrespective of race or country.

In view of the acute situation which has developed on the Pacific coast through the decision of Chief Justice Hunter, in regard to the entrance of the Hindus, the Government availed itself of clause 38 of the Immigration Act, which gives power to exclude for a specified period any class who are considered either unsuitable to the climate or desirable to prevent entering Canada.

Under this drastic clause the Government temporarily issued the Order-in-Council forbidding the entrance of all laborers or artisans to British Columbia ports, owing to the state of the labor market. This does not discriminate against Hindus, but applies equally to all races and color, and it is believed for that reason the natives cannot object to the Imperial authorities that they are being particularly singled out for notice.