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# HINDUS TO TRY RENEWAL OF CANADIAN INVASION

400 Coming to Vancouver  
From Asia in One  
Steamer

SAIL FROM JAPAN

Will Be Turned Back By  
Authorities If  
Laborers

VANCOUVER, B. C., April 16.—Determined to test the temper of British Columbia under the recent decision of the Canadian courts, which held that as fellow subjects of the British crown, no province of the Dominion could bar East Indian Hindus are on their way across the Pacific. Curdt Singh, a wealthy East Indian, it was learned today, has chartered the German steamer Komagata Maru, which sailed from Shanghai April 14 with 200 Hindus and will take on more at Hong Kong and Nagasaki.

Feeling has become so acute that earlier this year British Columbia attempted to hold popular feeling in check by putting a temporary embargo on immigration from whatever source, hoping that during the life of the embargo, some solution of the Hindu perplexities could be found.

The decision of the Canadian courts run counter to this hope and the arrival of the Komagata is awaited with considerable apprehension.

## One of Many Rumors.

VANCOUVER, B. C., April 16.—"The statement may be correct or it may not; it is probably one of many rumors that we have been hearing for some time past. If it is correct, it simply means that when this shipload of Hindus arrive here, they will have to return as, under the order-in-council, B. C. 897, artisans or laborers, skilled or unskilled, are not allowed to enter British Columbia."

With these words Malcolm Reid, head of the Dominion Immigration department for British Columbia, commented today on the statement addressed to a Vancouver evening paper from London to the effect that German newspapers received in London contained a German cable company's message from Shanghai, announcing the departure of the steamer Komagata Maru, from Shanghai for Vancouver on April 14 with 400 East Indians on board, 200 from Shanghai, 150 from Hong Kong, and the rest from Nagasaki.

"The truth is, we have had these rumors cropping up so many times for the past year that we pay very little attention to them," continued Reid. "But this new order-in-council means that if they cleared after March 31, they cannot be admitted here—that is if, as is presumably the case, they are laborers."

Of course if they should prove to be wealthy tourists, then they would come in as tourists and go out as tourists" added Reid.

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