

## **NEARLY TWO HUNDRED HINDUS REFUSED LANDING**

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Over One Hundred Were Rejected on Ground of  
Probable Pauperism.

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**MANY OTHERS DISEASED.**

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Three Hundred Were Turned Loose to Join  
Unemployed of Their Race.

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HERDED this way and driven that way-paraded up and down the upper deck of the C. P. R. steamship Tartar before the eyes of Dominion superintendent of immigration Scott, and the discriminating professional stare of Dr. Monroe, federal immigration officer, five hundred and sixteen lanky, half-starved "British fellow subjects" from India were mustered for inspection at 7 o'clock this morning as the big boat lay alongside the C. P. R. wharf.

One hundred and eighty-one of them were refused admittance to Canada by Dr. Monroe, and they will be returned to Hongkong on the Tartar at the expense of the C. P. R. Of this number one hundred and six were relegated to the "found wanting" quarter of the deck, because they did not possess sufficient cash to insure them against starvation before they could find work here. The remaining seventy-five were rejected because they suffered from trachoma or were otherwise physically defective.

When Dr. Monroe had finished his inspection the population of Vancouver had grown to the extent of three hundred and thirty-five non-

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assimilative males. These men were turned loose on the city to-day to join the hundreds of other unemployed Hindus, whose principal occupation is persistent house-to-house begging for money, food and clothes.

## **Twenty- five Dollars Minimum.**

The immigration regulations, while not specifically stating the amount of money an immigrant must have on entering Canada, give discretionary powers to the immigration officials by declaring that no person who is likely to become a public charge shall be allowed to land. It has been estimated by Dr. Monro that a Hindu with less than \$25 in cash stands a poor chance of securing work before his money would run out, and so not one of the five hundred and sixteen arrivals who could not show \$25 was admitted.

To the knowledge of the immigration authorities there are now several hundred Hindus hanging around Vancouver without work or visible means of support. These men have been in the country for some months, and if they cannot find employment, the opportunity for those arriving on the Tartar to do so is plainly and logically very small.

## **Mr. Scott's Work Finished.**

Superintendent of Immigration Scott, who will leave this afternoon for Ottawa after having spent some weeks on the coast investigating the Asiatic immigration problem, was an interested spectator of the inspection of the Hindus. His official opinions he kept to himself, but he seemed to derive no pleasure in being surrounded by scores of the unkempt, dirty-turbaned, hungry looking Hindus who swarmed the upper deck of the Tartar. If there is any truth in the oft-repeated axiom of the medical man that dirt and disease travel together, the newly arrived contingent are practically all candidates for either a Turkish bathhouse or a hospital.