

FIRST APPLICATION OF NATAL ACT THIS MORNING

Two Educated Japanese Easily Passed the Test at
Steamer Iroquois.

COMING FROM SEATTLE.

Frenchmen Who Had No Money Were Denied
Admittance Here.

WHEN the steamer Iroquois arrived at Vancouver this morning and berthed at Evans, Coleman & Evan's wharf she was met by Detective Munro of the provincial police, and for the first time in the history of Canada the Natal Act was applied.

On board the Iroquois were two Japanese and a Hindu, and Detective Munro, as special officer under the Natal Act, had to satisfy himself that the Asiatics could comply with the regulation as to education.

On board the Seattle flier history was made. There were present besides Officer Munro, Immigration Officer Elliott, Customs Officer Whitehead and the steamboat agent Mr. Zimmerman.

Mr. Elliott first turned his attention to some white passengers, and refused entrance to two Frenchmen who had no money.

The two Japanese submitted to the test eagerly, and as Officer Munro read some passages of the act to them they wrote it legibly and easily. There was no doubt as to their ability to pass the test, and the sons of Nippon were granted certificates, charged a dollar, given a receipt, and sent ashore.

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The Hindu was a half-starved-looking man, who did not seem to have had a meal for days. He could not speak English, and Interpreter Tarakanath Das was brought to the scene. The man from India's coral strand was able to show that he had been in British Columbia before, and when asked about money he cheerfully produced a wad of \$200. Under the circumstances he was allowed to land, and the formalities complied with, every one went away contented except the two Frenchmen, who hung disconsolately over the rail and watched the joyous departure of their fellow-passengers.