

THE DAILY PROVINCE

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NATAL ACT FOR MONTEAGLE HINDUS

Victoria, Feb. 29.--With the arrival of the steamer Monteagle, detained for two days in quarantine, it developed that the hundred and sixty Hindus left there will not be refused landing by the Dominion immigration officials, who consider that, as they have come by through ticket, although not by direct steamer, they have not violated the Dominion regulations.

The landing of the Hindus, who will be held in quarantine for sixteen days more, will be fought by the British Columbia Government. Attorney-General Bowser says they will be refused landing, and a test case will be made to see if the Natal Act, ruled inoperative against Japanese owing to the treaty, is good against other immigrants and not ultra vires of the Legislature as claimed.