

HOLDING HINDUS AT ORIENTAL PORT

Hundreds Being Kept There Pending Official Announcement of Exact Terms of Amendment to the Act.

Hundreds of Hindus – exactly how many it is impossible to learn in Vancouver – are now lying in Hongkong waiting to come to Vancouver. All these men are from Calcutta, where they bought transportation to this coast. There was no trouble brewing in British Columbia which was likely to interfere with their landing here when they left their native land, but things were different by the time they reached Hongkong and there they were held pending settlement of various questions affecting their right to enter Canada.

The last bars standing against the entrance of these Hindus are now down, but no attempt has yet been made to rush them across the Pacific. In the meantime Hon. Frank Oliver, Minister of the Interior, is busy at Ottawa attempting to nail up the holes in the Canadian fence, and pending announcement of the exact nature of amendment being made to the Immigration Act it is unlikely that the Hongkong Hindus will be moved.

It is learned that there are no Hindus on the C.P.R. steamship Empress of China, which is due to reach Vancouver next Monday from the Orient, nor are there any on the steamship Lennox, which left Hongkong yesterday for Vancouver. It is evident that the C.P.R. is awaiting developments.