

DEPORT HINDUS BY THE SCORE

Consumptive and Indigent Asiatics Are Being Shipped Back to Hongkong Before Rainy Season Sets in.

Dr. A. S. Monro, federal immigrant agent, has started a campaign to rid Vancouver and New Westminster of sick and indigent Hindus before the advent of winter, when it would be practically certain they would become charges on the community. Already fifty Hindus have been deported, and there are now ten more in the detention shed booked for shipment back to Hongkong on the next outgoing steamer. Others are being gathered in daily.

Many of the Hindus who are being shipped out of the country are consumptives, having contracted the disease since their arrival here. Last winter hundreds of these men from India was subjected to exposure and damn cold weather, with the result that they were easy victims to tuberculosis in their half-starved condition.

There are now in Vancouver and surrounding districts a number of Hindus who are in destitute circumstances and particularly incapable of performing work if it was to be obtained because they are victims of tuberculosis in incipient or advanced stages. Some are suffering from other diseases. With the coming of winter the position of these men will become deplorable, and there is no question but that they would become public charges; and it is better for them and for the community that they should be returned to Hongkong before the rainy season sets in.