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Ottawa, Ont.

Sir:-

With reference to the prevailing rumor that another ship is en route to Canada with Hindu passengers, I would suggest that if at all possible, should such a vessel arrive at William's Head, pratique be refused. I have no doubt that sufficient 'technical points' can be raised to enable the medical authorities to compel such a vessel to return.

In this connection I would beg to quote my wire of May 22nd., from William's Head Quarantine Station, with reference to the s.s. KOMOGATA MARU:-

"Komogata Maru with 376 Hindus including two women arrived at Quarantine last night. Dr. Nelson Quarantine officer has declined to issue pratique on grounds that ship has not bill of health from Moji Japan. He is taking this up with the Department at Ottawa. Will you take up situation in consultation with his Department in view of technical point raised. Imperative that Government patrol boat be delegated to keep this vessel under surveillance in view of attempt to land surreptitiously en route or in harbour at Vancouver where I intend if possible to keep her in stream and conduct necessary examination there. I am proceeding Vancouver; please advise there. Naval patrol boat has not yet reported for orders."

Recent developments have shown me that there may possibly have been a grave reason for the ship not receiving a bill

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...bill of health from Moji, Japan. Some ten of the Hindu passengers have developed severe cases of venereal disease, which on cross-examination, it has been shown, was contracted in Mojo. I am not positive whether this class of disease would be sufficient to refuse pratique to a ship, but I know under the Act - Section 3 b - the landing in Canada is prohibited of persons afflicted with any loathsome disease, etc.

Your obedient servant,

DOMINION IMMIGRATION AGENT & INSPECTOR