

[Komagata Maru Incident material]

<i>CHRONOLOGY OF THE VOYAGE OF THE KOMAGATA MARU IN 1914</i>	
15 February	Baba Gurdit Singh announced prospectus of a charter ship to leave for Canada.
25 March	Baba Gurdit Singh took over the Komagata Maru (Guru Nanak Jantar) ship.
4 April	10:00 A.M. Komagata Maru sailed from Hong Kong.
8 April	Komagata Maru reached Shanghai, China.
10 April	Komagata Maru stopped at Moji, 210 kilometers from Nagasaki, Japan.
2 May	Komagata Maru left Yokohama with a total of 376 passengers (342 Sikhs, 24 Muslims, 12 Hindus).
21 May	8:00 A.M. Komagata Maru arrived on South-Western shore of Vancouver Island.
22 May	Komagata Maru arrived in Victoria and then went to Wilkes Head.
23 May	In the early hours Komagata Maru anchored on the far side of the Burrard Inlet near Pier A (foot of Burnard Street, directly west of Canada Place).
26 May	Some passengers allowed to land.
1 June	Board of Inquiry hearings. Passengers represented by Edward J. Bird.
3 June	\$5 000 cash and \$50 000 in pledges was raised at a meeting called by the Khalsa Diwan Society. Immigration officials were removed from the ship.
5 June	Baba Gurdit Singh appealed that authorities send food for the starving passengers.
9 June	A total of 34 "heavenly ones" were allowed to land.
15 June	Captain Yamamoto asked to move Komagata Maru to a new berth 275 metres up the inlet.
21 June	A mass rally to protest media coverage was held in Vancouver.
24 June	Shortage of food, water etc., on the ship.
25 June	A test case was brought before Mr. Justice Murphy.
27 June	Water was pumped on board.
28 June	Meeting of the Board of Inquiry.
5 July	Court of Appeal upheld Justice Murphy's decision.
9 July	Food and water transported to the Komagata Maru.
12 July	Chaperone and Deportation papers prepared.
15 July	Canadian police allowed the ship to get forcible possession of it. They were broken back by unarmed passengers.
17 July	Passengers took over ship. Musky on board.
21 July	7:00 A.M. M.B. of 206 took position just south of Pier A at the Western end of the C.P.R. dock. Cruiser HMCS Rainbow anchored a few hundred yards south-west of the Komagata Maru.
23 July	8:10 A.M. Komagata Maru pulled away with 354 passengers, escorted by HMCS Rainbow, towboat Seakoe and two launches Whinac and Mary Ellen.
18 August	Komagata Maru reached Yokohama.
18 August	Komagata Maru left for Kobe.
21 August	Komagata Maru arrived in Kobe.
3 September	Komagata Maru sailed from Kobe.
19 September	Komagata Maru left Singapore.
29 September	Komagata Maru reached Rudge Dudge, near Calcutta, India. 24 men were killed.

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