

## CHRISTMAS RUSH OF IMMIGRANTS

Ellis Island Officials Prepare  
for 20,000 to 30,000—2,000  
Arrivals Daily.

New York, Dec. 21.—Immigration officials at Ellis Island are preparing for the greatest Christmas rush of immigrants in the history of this port. Special plans have been made to expedite the movement of between 20,000 and 30,000 new-comers during the few days preceding the holiday.

Thousands of immigrants timed their departure from Europe so that they might spend Christmas with relatives in this country and the immigration authorities have speeded up the inspection machinery to make this possible.

Despite the extra efforts, officials say thousands will be disappointed. Christmas Day is expected to find Ellis Island overflowing with immigrants and several ships awaiting to unload their human

freight. Recently immigrants have been arriving at the rate of more than 2,000 daily and more than 20,000 have been in transit on the ocean at one time.

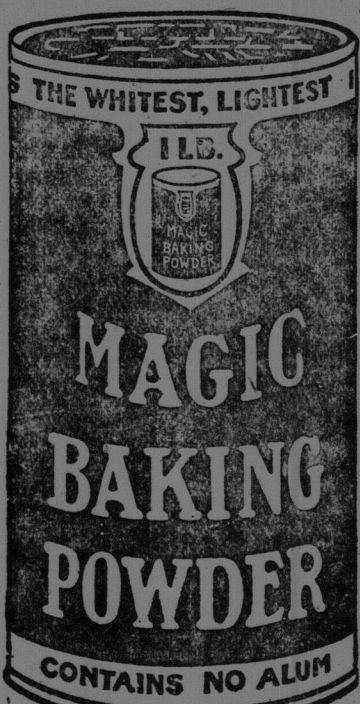
Welfare organizations have offered their co-operation to the island officials to bring a bit of holiday cheer to the new-comers who may be there Christmas Day.

With the high-tide of incoming Europeans, there has also been a large emigration from this port during the past month. The outgoing are mostly persons who were returned to Europe for a visit and to pass the holidays with the "old folks." A small proportion announced their intention of remaining abroad, using their savings in the upbuilding of business under new conditions.

### C. G. M. M. SERVICE

Montreal, Dec. 20.—A sailing from Halifax to the south every three weeks, departing on Thursday, is provided in the new schedule which was issued today for the combined passenger and freight service by the new Canadian Government Merchant Marine steamers Canadian Fisher and Canadian Forester. The former will leave Halifax Jan. 13 for Nassau, Bahamas, Kingston, Jamaica and Belize.

The Canadian Forester will sail from Halifax on Feb. 3, maintaining a similar schedule.



## GO BY AIR ROUTE TO STAKE CLAIMS

Plan for Getting Around the  
Law Stopping Peace River  
Route to Oil Prospectors.

Vancouver, B. C., Dec. 21.—While would-be prospectors for oil in the Fort Norman district are chafing impatiently to break through the cordon of provincial police which prevents their passing Peace River Crossing to stake claims in the oil fields, a scheme is afoot here, which, if carried to a successful conclusion, will enable them to stake claims without breaking the law.

The adventurers plan to enter the oil fields of Fort Norman from the coast by airplane, stake their claims, and fly back to the sea, thus getting ahead of those who are waiting in large numbers at Peace River Crossing for the spring when the police will allow entry into the district and when there is certain to be a wild scramble for the most promising claims.

According to Major C. MacLaurin, superintendent of the Jericho air station of the Dominion air board, it would be possible to fly from the coast to the oil fields in a long-distance flying machine. The distance is approximately six hundred miles and if a powerful airplane could be secured on the coast the flight would be a feasible undertaking.

It is planned to outfit at a point on the coast nearest the Fort Norman district. The plane would be equipped with runners by means of which landings could be made on the ice of rivers and lakes which abound in the interior of British Columbia. The machine would take off from the base at the coast, fly over the almost impassable mountain ranges and land on some convenient lake near the point where the claims are to be staked. After staking, the aviators would leave immediately, returning to the coast on the same day.

There were about twenty claims

staked in the district before the area was closed in the autumn by the authorities, who feared to allow prospectors to enter the district in the heart of winter, lest they perish. A cordon was consequently established at Peace River Crossing and those who attempted to enter the oil fields were ordered back. It is claimed that some of the most promising areas are yet to be staked and up to the present it was thought that the only chance of entering the country was to await the withdrawal of the police in the spring.

### MORE TESTS REQUIRED.

A demonstration of the Couple-Gear motor driven ladder truck took place yesterday afternoon under the direction of G. L. Freeman, demonstrator for the company. The truck was given a run through the city streets in the morning and in the afternoon was placed in front of the Y. W. C. A. recreational building, King street east. The aerial ladder was easily raised in thirty seconds by compressed air, but the extension ladder, which is operated by hand, did not work smoothly. While being raised it seemed to catch, but it is thought that this soon will be remedied. Commissioner Thornton and Fire Chief Blake were interested spectators, as were several citizens. Commissioner Thornton said that several more tests would be made, one of them taking place in front of the Royal Hotel.

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(Canadian Press Despatch)

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