



British Columbia

~ Motion of Apology ~

On May 23rd, 2008 the Province of British Columbia introduced and endorsed a motion to formally apologize for the events of May 23rd, 1914, when 376 passengers of the Komagata Maru were denied entry to Canada.



Mike de Jong
MLA
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Motion No. 62

The Honourable Michael de Jong moved

"Be it resolved that this Legislature apologizes for the events of May 23, 1914, when 376 passengers of the Komagata Maru, stationed off Vancouver harbour, were denied entry by Canada. The House deeply regrets that the passengers, who sought refuge in our country and our province, were turned away without benefit of the fair and impartial treatment befitting a society where people of all cultures are welcomed and accepted."



Passengers
aboard the
ill-fated
Komagata Maru

Michael G. de Jong, MLA
Government House Leader