

ALIENS ARE TRICKY.

TRY TO REACH UNITED STATES VIA TORONTO.

That is Why New and Strict Regula-
tions Are Now in Force on Vessels
Touching American Points.

"Toronto is undoubtedly the focussing point for the dumping into the United States of aliens of an undesirable class," said Mr. John Clarke, United States immigration commissioner to Canada, who passed through the city yesterday on his way to Montreal.

While here Mr. Clarke was seen by several local steamboat men, regarding the decision of the United States authorities to collect a head tax on aliens entering the United States by Canadian boats or railways. Many of these aliens, he said, come to Toronto and resort to various schemes to cross the line without being detected. The United States Government has recently appointed additional help for the immigration officers stationed along the Niagara frontier and on the north shore of Lake Ontario. In addition to the work of the officer at Toronto in inspecting the passengers on the Niagara steamers, two inspectors go on board at Niagara-on-the-Lake in search of any foreigners bound for Lewiston, who may have escaped the detection of the local officer on the Yonge street wharf.

Mr. Clarke assured the local steamboat men that the act as it is being enforced was a decidedly good one, and that the Dominion Government are taking equally effective steps to exclude the undesirable element, which will benefit both Canada and the United States.

According to the regulation, he said, if a Canadian steamboat line or railway lands aliens at an American port or city the head tax will be chargeable to such company or line, providing the duty is not collected from the passenger. If any transportation company does not comply with this regulation it will have to take such passengers back to Canada. He thought the working out of the act might at first cause some inconvenience, but would give good results.