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SPOKANE, Wash., April 4.—(Special.)—Rigidly enforcing the order-in-council of the immigration department of British Columbia, barring all but Canadian artisans and laborers in search of work from entering that province, the immigration authorities Thursday night turned back 20 men sent out of Spokane by the Mathewson Employment Agency, of this city, under orders from Guthrie, McDougall & Co., to work at Coalmont on the Vancouver, Victoria & Eastern Railroad.

A total of 26 men were included in the crew, according to Mr. Mathewson. Only seven or eight were permitted to cross the line. These were Canadians. Among those turned back were Scotch and Irish workers, subjects of King George.

The order-in-council in question was originally made to hold effective until March 31, and it was expected that after that date non-citizens of Canada would be admitted to work in British Columbia. On the eve of the expiration of the original order, however, an extension of six months was decided upon.

How Guthrie, McDougall & Co. will obtain sufficient laborers to carry on the work at Coalmont and other railroads is considered a perplexing problem.
