

At Greenock, a tender takes the first passengers out to a proud new Cunarder, the "Ivernia" - for her maiden voyage to Quebec and Montreal. The liner should have sailed from Liverpool; but owing to the dock strike (now happily ended) the passengers (including many emigrants sailing to start a new life in Canada) were brought to the Clyde. ⁷ 2

~~and~~, For these young travellers, it was "All Aboard" - and the gangway severed the last link with their Scottish homeland. Altogether, there were over nine hundred passengers on board. ⁸ 3

The Ivernia is the second of four Cunarders - destined for the Canadian service. ⁽⁵⁾ And the interior decorations (seen here in the "Country Cousins" lounge) features this association with the Dominion. //

Another attractive setting is the "Lace Room, where lengths of exquisite lace - sandwiched between ^{sheets of} perspex - form the partitions.

So Good Luck, Ivernia, as she carries on a proud ^{Cunard} ~~family~~ tradition, of well over a century of Atlantic service ²⁵⁻³ that has strengthened the bonds between Britain and Canada. ~~that has strengthened the bonds between Britain and Canada.~~