

In January 1953, the twenty-thousand-ton liner Empress of Canada caught fire in the Gladstone Deck, Liverpool and became a total loss. Now --- nearly two years later --- she has been raised and patched up ready to sail for the last time. The gallant survivor of many a perilous wartime voyage, has been bought by an Italian firm and is being towed to ^{Genea} for breaking up.

As she left Liverpool --- the crew of the new liner Saxonia, berthed alongside, waved good-bye. ^{There's a financial tragedy here, too. For the cost of raising her, ~~has~~ ^{& getting her seaworthy} turned out to be more than three times the amount she's been sold ~~xxx~~ for. But now --- from the end of one career at sea, we turn to another that is just beginning. Here we are in the first class lounge of the Saxonia --- ready for the maiden trip to Montreal. Everywhere you look -- the theme is "Canada."..... because she's the first liner built specially to carry immigrants to that great and thriving land. This is the lounge for the tourist class.}

Among her other features, the Saxonia has a funnel with a lid on it --- to disperse the smoke far away from the passengers. There's accommodation for a hundred and twenty first class and eight hundred tourist.

And there she goes on her maiden voyage --- another Cunarder to follow the great tradition of the past and present. Good luck to her --- and to all who sail in her.