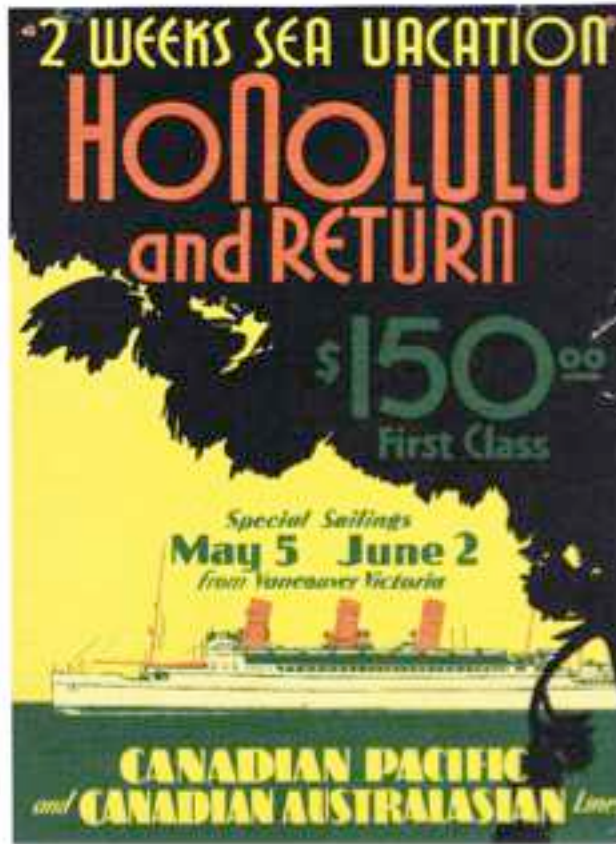


GOING ON A WINTER VACATION TO HAWAII: WHAT WILL YOU PACK?

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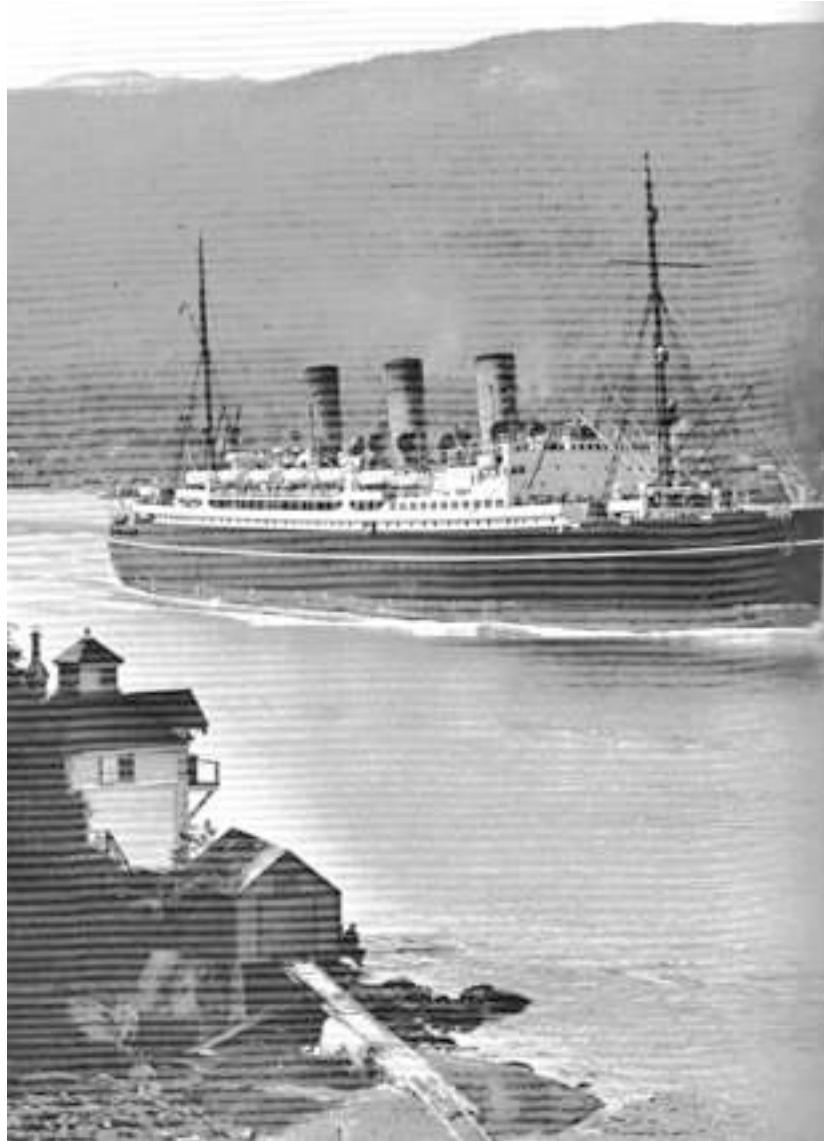


Note: this poster is from Mary Carlson's collection, and is dated 1932

Something new and exciting in 1929! Canadian Pacific Railway is launching an expanded itinerary, on its Empress Liners. Unlike previous schedules from Vancouver, British Columbia to Yokohama, Japan, the ships will now make a call at Honolulu, Hawaii, on the westbound voyage. Until now, service to Honolulu existed only on the eastbound journeys, originating in Yokohama. Because of the growing popularity of tourist travel, and the speed of the Empress ships, this improved itinerary is being inaugurated in December 1929, by the *Empress of Canada*.

Imagine that it is late November of 1929 and that you are preparing to take this voyage on the beautiful and luxurious *Empress of Canada*. On December 7th, 1929 she will leave Vancouver, British Columbia, headed for Honolulu. The trip will take 6 days, and on December 13th, 1929 you will disembark in sunny Honolulu, before the ship continues on its journey to Yokohama. As you walk down the gangway, there will be music, hula dancers and floral leis. This is the start of your two weeks on the Island of Oahu, before boarding the ship for the return voyage to Vancouver.

A view of the *Empress of Canada*, coming into the Vancouver's beautiful harbour



You will be travelling with your husband in a suite of first class accommodations, which include a bedroom, sitting room and bathroom. Scrumptious meals are served in the dining saloon, running the full width of the liner and two decks high. Six friends are travelling with you and sharing a table for eight. Musicians often perform in the gallery at the forward end of the dining saloon.

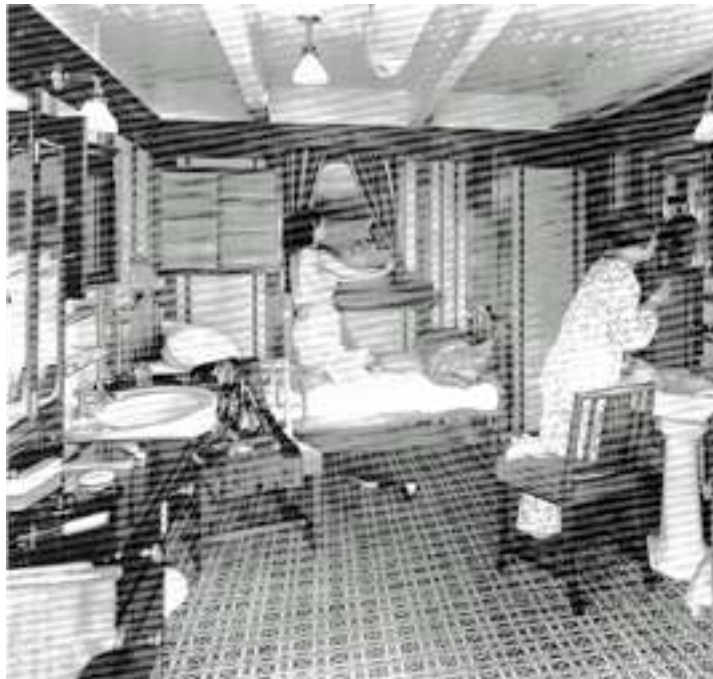
A glimpse of a portion of the dining saloon



Your suite



Some of your friends have booked a cabin with a different floor plan, such as the one shown here.



Should you feel the need for exercise, there is a gym, swimming pool, promenade and sheltered open decks, as well as dancing and other social activities. Or, “doing nothing” is always an option.

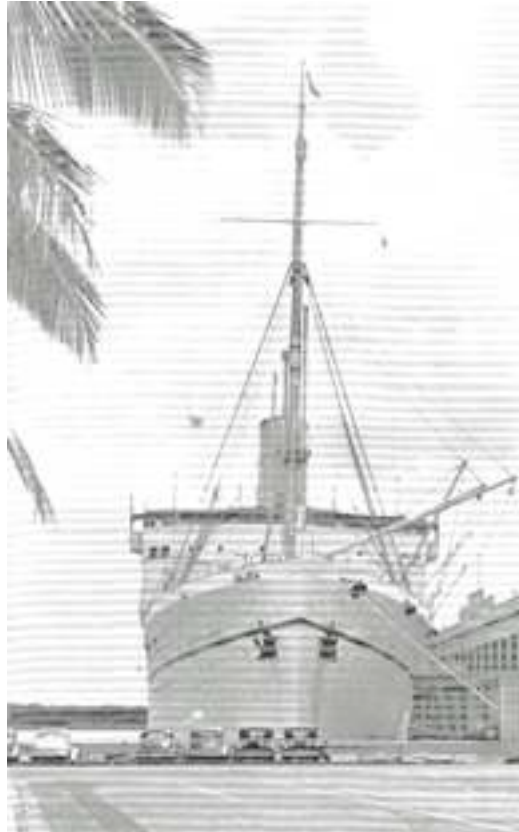
There is a grand piano in the first-class lounge on the promenade deck.



There are comfortable lounging chairs for use on the long Pacific voyage.



The *Empress of Canada*, docked at Honolulu, next to the Aloha Tower



Honolulu's stunning Aloha Tower



Remember to bring binoculars.



The ones shown below are from the *G. Ed. Trebing Co.* 1929 catalog.



"VENEX" BINOCULAR
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No. 2592. "Venex" 8 Power Genuine Prism Binocular, with 25 M.M. Objective Lens. Extra fine quality and finish throughout. Very powerful magnification, and clear definition of very highly construction, black morocco leather body, japanned trimmings. Each in genuine leather case with straps. Each, **\$34.00**

Don't forget to bring along a "Brownie" camera. Your friends and family expect to see many photos and hear many stories, when you return from your exciting vacation.



House dresses not required! For relaxing days at sea, you want daytime dresses with a wrap or coat. Then, for afternoon tea, a dressier outfit will be just the thing. During dinner a more formal ensemble is appropriate, and will carry you through into the evening, where dancing to a live orchestra is offered. As the weather becomes warmer, you may enjoy wearing beach or lounging pajamas and a broad brimmed hat. Don't forget a swimsuit and rubber shoes. Summer dresses and hats are needed for wear in Hawaii. As this vacation is taking place during the winter months, you will likely be wearing summer outfits from earlier in the year.

Some suggestions are featured below

The latest in beach pajamas



Bathing suits are one piece, often in dark colors



Some of the young men will be relaxing on the beach, in bright colors

Large brimmed hats, along with the flounces on the skirts of these dresses provide a carefree, tropical feel. When the weather is a little cooler, a light coat may be appreciated.



As seen below, blue and white is a popular color combination, when the weather is warm.



These lovely evening gowns will see you dining and dancing on many romantic evenings, both on board the *Empress of Canada* and in Hawaii.



Pictorial Review magazine suggests that Resort Frocks can be made of chiffons and silks.



Bon voyage!

Pictures are from *Fashion Service*- July and August 1929, *Pictorial Review* – June 1929, July 1929 & August 1929, various other vintage magazines, the *G. Ed. Trebing Co 1929* catalog, the *Sixtieth Anniversary [1930] Jason Weiler-Baird North Co* catalog, two vintage pattern websites [EvaDress and Folkwear], and *See This World Before the Next* by David L Jones.

The photos of the ship are taken from *The Pacific Empresses*, by Robert D Turner

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