

I do not think the people of Japan stand exactly in the same position as other Asiatic nations, and especially at the present time when, in all probability, the government of the United Kingdom will find it necessary to draw closer to Japan, Japan having become a powerful as well as a friendly nation. I, certainly, speaking my own individual opinion, feel that it would be highly impolitic to adopt towards the Japanese people, as a nation, any line of conduct that would put them upon a different footing from the inhabitants of other civilized states. I may say to my hon. friend that the subject has not been before the government for its consideration, and I do not suppose for a moment that the Japanese government would consent that the inhabitants of Japan should be denied rights and privileges that are conceded to the citizens or subjects of other civilized nations.

Hon. Mr. ALMON—I am very much astonished at the resolution which has been moved by my hon. friend, the member for Victoria. I always understood that he had a more enlarged mind than he has exhibited on the present occasion. He was always, I thought, in favour of the Chinese being allowed into the Dominion. He has often spoken very strongly about the way in which the Chinese were treated in Victoria and other places on the Pacific coast, and I do not see why he should object to the Japanese. We have been deluging Japan with missionaries, male and female, who have gone out there without knowing anything of the Japan language or religion, when the people of those islands were more civilized than those sent to teach them religion. If we could prevent the missionaries, male and female, going from Canada out there, it would be a wise thing to do. I do not see the hon. member from Sarnia before me, or I would ask him as to the appropriateness of a quotation. I refer to one of the earliest prophecies I have heard, that Japhet would come to dwell in the tents of Shem. Now, Japhet is the oriental and Shem is the civilized man. Therefore, I think we are flying in the face of the holy scriptures, besides flying in the face of common sense, if we object to the Japanese, when everybody knows just now one of the great supports of our fleet out in the Asiatic field is the Japanese. We ask the Japanese sailor or soldier to risk his life in defending British interests,

and we are expected to tell him after all that is done, "do not dare to put your foot on Canadian soil." I trust the government will take my advice. I have not much sympathy for the government, and they may not follow my advice, but if they do they will have nothing to do with the resolution moved by the hon. gentleman from Victoria.

Hon. Mr. MACDONALD (B.C.)—My hon. friend is quite mistaken. I have no objection to the Japanese coming into the country, or the Chinese either, but I do object to their taking up our mineral and farming lands. I ask the Minister of Justice whether he knows if aliens could take up land in Japan and work the minerals. I do not know the laws of that country, but I venture to say that aliens could not get mining claims. It is a large mining country, and there is a great deal of gold and silver being mined in Japan. I am of the opinion that no foreigners are allowed to take up land there. If that is the case, why should not we with equal justice, prevent them taking up land in our country? I hope the government will consider the matter. England is, no doubt, anxious to be on friendly terms with Japan, but we have not called upon them for assistance. Most likely they will call upon us first.

THE HALF-BREED POPULATION IN THE NORTH-WEST.

INQUIRY.

Hon. Mr. PERLEY rose to

Ask the government if they have recently, or since coming into power, taken the census of the half-breed population of the North-west Territories, and if so, for what purpose have they taken such census?

He said:—I have heard that the government have taken a census of the half-breeds in the western part of the North-west Territories. I have not heard that they have taken the census of the half-breeds in the eastern districts.

Hon. Mr. MILLS—No census has been taken of the half-breed population in the North-west Territories.

THE LIQUOR TRAFFIC IN THE YUKON COUNTRY.

INQUIRY.

Hon. Mr. PERLEY rose to

Ask the government if one Mr. Chamberland of Oak Lake, Manitoba, or any other person, have been granted a permit to take spirituous intoxicating liquors into the Yukon country?