

(3) The objections to the admission of the wives of the East Indians are the following:

(a) It means the establishment of a permanent colony of these people here. At present these men are transients. As soon as they make enough money to provide for their future in India they intend to return. Many have already done so. Of the 6,000 who originally came here only about 3,000 remain, and a large proportion of those who have left have returned home. The problem is thus solving itself. But if these men set up their homes here they will settle permanently in the country, and will be a constant influence in the direction of bringing others to join them.

(b) There is no general desire on the part of the rank and file of the East Indians to bring over their wives. Only a small percentage have expressed such a desire. The plan is wrought out and agitated for by their leaders for an ulterior object.

(c) The admission of the wives of those already here is a part of an extensive colonization scheme, elaborately planned and carefully provided for. This is the work of their leaders, who are believed to be financially interested in bringing over numbers of their fellow-countrymen. They want their people to settle on the land as well as in the cities. They desire the franchise, and yet the vast majority lack the most rudimentary qualifications for Canadian citizenship. This would simply mean that their votes would go *en bloc* for whomsoever would advocate a policy to please their leaders. Such a possibility is not to be thought of.

This is not an imaginary peril. In the West Indies these East Indians have not blended with other races. They form a people apart, and are proud of their separation. To allow them to settle in that way in Canada would mean the transplanting of a little section of India into the heart of Canada, which would retain its distinct individuality for all time. The leaders desire to break down the regulations that at present stem this tide of immigration, and when they are broken down, the inundation will begin. To this British Columbians cannot consent. The policy of a white Canada is absolutely necessary, and it must be maintained now or never.

What will be the effect of this on the Empire? In answer to some people's fears it is pointed out that South Africa and Aus-