

retain their allegiance to Japan. They become Canadian citizens to secure commercial advantage, and the bulk of those so doing act a lie when they do it, because, as stated, they still claim the right of protection of the Japanese Government, even to the extent of securing the attention of Downing street.

If these men are British subjects they are no longer subjects of the Mikado, and consequently, His Royal Highness can claim no further interest in them; nor can he, or his government, demand the exercise of the terms of the treaty in their behalf. If they do not become citizens, then Japan has no right to interfere in the running of our affairs. If we wish to withhold our natural resources, such as fish, timber, mines, land, etc., from all, except native born or naturalized citizens, what right has the Mikado to interfere? If we should decide that Orientals are not desirable immigrants, and we make such regulations as will support that view, by what right can any other nation interfere?

If we allow the argument of the "treaty" to influence us, we will find, in the course of a very few years, that there will be a solid Japanese vote capable of deciding any election in the Pacific Coast province, with the result that our western policy will be dictated by Japan, because these Japanese voters will still be loving subjects of the Mikado.

We are just ten years too late in facing this question. Then it was simple; but, thanks to the absolute breach of faith on the part of the Federal authorities with the West, and the insane action of Sir Wilfrid's Cabinet in accepting the Japanese treaty in full, when he was urged by Jos. Chamberlain to reserve all rights re immigration, we are today faced with a question that is complicated because of the "interests" involved. It must be faced, and **now** is the opportunity for the people of the West to present this whole question at Ottawa so that it will receive the consideration which the seriousness of the situation demands.

This is no time to discuss academic questions of foreign diplomacy with Downing street, but it is a question, as far as London is concerned, of "Canada or Japan, take your choice." Or, as far as Ottawa is concerned, "British Columbia or Japan." We are too deeply interested in the integrity of the Empire to worry over an Oriental subterfuge which may, or may not, exist in the Anglo-Japanese treaty—we claim it does not.