

ASIATIC IMMIGRATION—*Con.*

1230. Advocates of imperial federation say that the time is ripe for a central Parliament for the Empire. Quotes from a despatch on, 1231-32. Question of immigration deserves more than a passing reference, 1232.

*Oliver, Hon. F. (Edmonton)*—1220.

Subject of Asiatic immigration to Canada is vital. It is evident that if Canada should become subject by conquest to an Asiatic country, Asiatic civilization would become predominant, 1220. Position taken by late Government was that Canada was mistress in her own house. Refers to Order in Council dated September 8, 1221. Refers to old regulation and as amended May 9, 1910. Other regulation also referred to, 1222. Quotes full text of Chief Justice Hunter's decision, 1223. Believe that the mind of the people of Canada is that Parliament of Canada shall dictate the law of Canada, 1224. There is no question that comes before Government of Canada as important as the subject of immigration, 1225.

*Roche, Hon. W. J. (Minister of the Interior)*—1253.

Quite agree that question of immigration is very important. Since November 1913, very few Chinese have come into this country, 1253. Out of 886 Japanese not a dozen were labourers. Chinese immigration is regulated by Chinese Act, 1254. Bhagwan Singh's real name was Matha Singh. Information in regard to him in Hindu papers, 1255-56. Immigration official deported him and was acting under a section of Immigration Act. Judge Morrison did not have full information when he cancelled writ, 1256. Are in hope that as spring work opens up there will not be any labour congestion, 1257.

*Stevens, H. H. (Vancouver)*—1232.

Hold that this is a problem which interests whole Dominion of Canada. There is no question whatever that the problem of Oriental immigration is one of considerable difficulty, 1232. Regulation was the cause of the whole trouble, 1233. Will refer to different aspects of the Asiatic question exemplified in the Japanese, Chinese and Hindus. Think the argument of Chief Justice was very frail, 1234. Class of immigrants we should encourage are those which will make good citizens. Letter referred to on, 1235-36. Cannot get the average Canadian to work in association with a gang of Dagos, 1236. Hold that before the Hindu has right to come to Canada and claim privilege of citizenship, he should attain that right in own country first, 1237. Quotes decision of Justice Morrison, 1238. Refers to Bhagwan Singh, who was deported. Refers to article on, 1239-40. These affidavits bear directly upon Bhagwan Singh and the type of Hindu he represents, 1240. Has been stated

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here and in different places in Canada that our attitude on Hindu question is such as stir up meeting in India, 1241. A question has been raised about the admission of Hindu wives. If we allow these people to come in here we must allow them to bring in these institutions. 1242. At present in British Columbia we do not allow an oriental to vote. Reads a portion of United States Commissioner of Immigration dealing with the hookworm, 1243-44. Hookworm does not show its effects immediately and wherever it takes hold, the population is bound to degenerate physically. Duty of Government to preserve our national type, 1244.

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Motion—Introduction of Bill.—*Mr. Stevens*, 5026.

*Borden, Rt. Hon. R. L. (Prime Minister)*—5027.

I was very much occupied with some other matters while my hon. friend was making his explanation, but I shall look it over in 'Hansard,' and give an answer later to the right hon. gentleman, 5027.

*Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Quebec East)*—5027.

The Bill, of course, cannot be taken up at all without the consent of the government, and it would be interesting to know whether the government intends to adopt this Bill and to support its passage, 5027.

*Stevens, H. H. (Vancouver)*—5026.

Gives explanation of reason for introducing Bill, 5026-7.

## ATLANTIC MAIL SERVICE.

Inquiry.—*Mr. Lemieux*, 94.

*Lemieux, Hon. R. (Rouville)*—94.

Directs attention of Postmaster General to complaints about routing of letters. Extracts from letters read 94.

*Pelletier, Hon. L. P. (Postmaster General)*—94.

The rule is in force that all Canadians who wish to have their mail sent via New York have the privilege of doing so if they so direct their mail matter, 94.

## BARCELONA TRACTION, LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY.

House in Committee on Bill No. 10.—*Mr. Macdonell*, 1981.

*Boys, W. A. (Simcoe South)*—

Proposes amendment which is agreed to, 1981-2.

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House again in Committee on Bill No. 10.—*Mr. Macdonell*, 1911.