

ARCHIE SKIRVING SPEAKS OF THE ASIATIC QUESTION

He Scores the People Who are Bringing Japanese And Chinamen Into British Columbia—A Letter Worth Reading

To the Editor of The Planet:

Dear Sir,—Again referring to the Asiatic question, and for the information of Planet readers, I have gathered from the press of British Columbia that the immigration of "undesirables" has reached a critical and serious stage. In the Province are twenty thousand Chinese, eight thousand Japs, and two thousand Hindus. Five thousand Japs are employed on the Fraser River fisheries, where fifteen years ago not one was engaged, and the white man the Indian are shoved aside. Not more than five per cent. of white men will be found in the saw mills and other industrial institutions. Inside of two or three years, if this immigration is not checked, there will be twenty or thirty thousand Japs in British Columbia. That will give, with eighty thousand white males in the Province, one Jap to every three or four of the population.

The Province enjoys a climate somewhat similar to Japan, and the "Japs" on arrival, readily adapt themselves to existing conditions. Compared to the wages they receive at home the money paid in British Columbia appears to them fabulous. No wonder they are rushing to this Canadian "Eldorado," which is only two weeks' sail from Japan.

Now, as to the Chinese-Jap characteristics. They are a different color from ours, of different ambitions, can never be intelligent citizens, use the ballot, or intermarry.

They cannot assimilate with us in any way. They will never make Canada or any Province great. They will not people this fair Dominion with the sturdy population of Ontario, Nova Scotia, or Manitoba, and they will never build our churches, our hospitals, nor our educational establishments. This country should be populated with Anglo-Saxons. A

child can grasp the idea. Are the honest white workmen of British Columbia to be bounded and ousted out of every position by the wily heathen? True, color is scarce on the coast, but the Pacific Province, if necessary, be overstocked with the best class of British employees. Therefore, heathen labor should be utterly "tabooed." My experience of the Japs especially is that they are arrogant and impatient. They have the everlasting chip on their shoulder ready at any moment to "bawl" out if someone should knock it off. "Till tell ya on you," a few men may be enriched by hiring these yellow "unbelievers," but the great mass of Canadians will suffer. It would be far better to go slow and let the industrial growth of the Province remain stationary for a while, at least until sufficient white labor can be secured, than develop it with Asiatic aliens. No coexistence of men should bequeath to the Province a problem that time will not solve. Would the Japs permit a thousand Canadian workmen to step into their country, exploit fisheries, mines, etc., and ship the products to foreign countries without let or hindrance? The whole game is one-sided. Mutually and deep are heard all along the coast, not only from the working people, but from the richer classes. A day of reckoning is drawing near, and someone will be held responsible. A remedy should be applied promptly, not only for the benefit of the Canadian, but for the Oriental.

Britain may have made a second alliance with Japan after the close of the Russo-Japanese struggle, and probably without consulting Canada, but that is no reason why British Columbia should be afflicted with the present incursion of Asiatic undesirables.

Yours sincerely,
A. H. SKIRVING,
Chatham, 2nd September, 1907.

THE GAS CONTRACTS

While a Planet reporter was making his morning call at Mr. J. S. O'Connell's office, yesterday, a local gentleman dropped in and left the following letter with Mayor Stone.

"Messrs. The Chatham Gas Company, Ltd., Chatham, Ont.

Gentlemen,—In consideration of your company supplying natural gas at the price of 30c. per thousand cubic feet if the bills are paid by the 10th of each month, I hereby agree to let the whole of my residence or place of business during the coming winter and during the future winters so long as I continue to use natural gas. If, for any reason, I should not use natural gas for heating my residence or place of business during any winter, I agree to pay the difference between the price stated above and the ordinary price charged by your company for gas used for other purposes for the summer preceding such winter.

Yours truly,
MAYOR STONE.

The gentleman told the Mayor that the Chatham Gas Company are sending these letters around for signature, and that several citizens have already signed them. The significance of such an agreement can safely be left to the intelligence of the reader.

Mayor Stone has promised that the matter will be brought up for investigation at the meeting of the City Council Monday.

BARNS BURNED

Comber, Sept. 5.—During a heavy electrical storm which passed over this district about midnight, the barns of Arthur Holmes, near Comber, were struck by lightning and consumed with the contents, which include all the season's crops. As there is no insurance the loss will be heavy.

Wallaceburg, Sept. 5.—A terrible electrical storm passed over this place about five o'clock this morning, and continued for about an hour. The barns and stacks of Robert Drummond, 3rd Con., Chatham township, near Otter Creek, were totally destroyed, together with his crop of hay and straw. It is not known whether there is any insurance on the barns or not.

RHEUMATISM ALMOST KILLED HER

For years Mrs. S. Stahlshmidt, of Hamerston, Ont., was a martyr to rheumatism. "I was so stiff and lame I could scarcely walk," she writes. "An attack striking my limbs made walking impossible. Friends and doctors gave prescriptions but I only got relief from Ferron. I took twelve boxes and gained from the first. To-day I am well feel stronger, weigh heavier and look the picture of health." Whether muscular or inflammatory, chronic or otherwise, Ferron does cure rheumatism and sciatica. 50c. per box at all dealers.

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THE YIELD PER ACRE

Department of Agriculture sends out report on the Crops.

Peas are the only Crop which turned out as well as last Year.

The Planet is in receipt of the following circular from the Department of Agriculture, Toronto—
For the year 1907 this Bureau is co-operating with the Office of Census and Statistics at Ottawa in the collection of statistics of live stock and of field crops. The Census Office undertook to distribute and collect the schedules. These schedules are now being received by the Bureau and the compilation of statistics is in progress. The Bureau was unable to get this work of tabulation started until a month later than usual. It is, therefore, impossible to give in this bulletin the acreage devoted to the crops enumerated below.

We have, however, asked over four thousand correspondents to forecast the yield per acre based on conditions prevailing on August 19th. These have been made up for each county, and by using the acreages of 1906, averages per acre have been estimated for the Province as follows:

1. Fall Wheat—22.1 bush. In 1906 the yield was 18,841,774 bush. from 787,277 acres, or 23.9 per acre. The average for the 25 years, 1882-1906, was 20.5, and for the five years, 1902-1906, it was 22.2.

2. Spring Wheat—17.1 bush. In 1906 the yield was 3,267,000 bush. from 171,745 acres, or 19 bush. per acre. The average for 25 years was 15.9, and for the last five years it was 18.5.

3. Barley—27.9 bush. In 1906 the yield was 25,253,011 bush. from 786,193 acres, or 32.1 per acre. The average for 25 years was 27.6, and for the last five years it was 32.5.

4. Oats—39.4 bush. In 1906 the yield was 108,341,455 bush. from 2,716,711 acres, or 39.9 per acre. The average for 25 years was 36.2, and for the last five years it was 40.4.

5. Peas—21.0 bush. In 1906 the yield was 7,388,987 bush. from 410,356 acres, or 18.0 per acre. The average for 25 years was 19.4, and for the last five years it was 18.3.

6. Beans—17.2 bush. In 1906 the yield was 950,312 bush. from 51,272 acres, or 18.5 per acre. The average for 25 years was 17.2, and for the last five years it was 18.8.

7. Rye—15.6 bush. In 1906 the yield was 1,327,582 bush. from 79,870 acres, or 16.6 per acre. The average for 25 years was 16.4, and for the last five years it was 16.9.

8. Hay and Clover—1.18 tons. The yield of 1906 was 4,684,225 tons from 3,969,917 acres, or 1.53 per acre. The average for 25 years was 1.48, and for the last five years it was 1.74.

SAVES LITTLE LIVES

Most liquid medicines advertised to cure stomach and bowel troubles and summer complaints contain opiates and are dangerous. When the mother gives Baby's Own Tablets to her little one she has the guarantee of a government analyst that this medicine does not contain one particle of opiate or narcotic. Therefore, she can feel that her little ones are safe. There is no other medicine equal to Baby's Own Tablets in preventing summer complaints or curing them if they come on suddenly. Keep a box of Tablets always at hand—they may save your child's life. Mrs. C. E. Hancock, Raymond, Alta., says, "I have used Baby's Own Tablets for summer complaints, constipation and sleeplessness, and always with the best results." Sold by all medicine dealers or by mail at 25 cents a box from The Dr. Williams Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

BIG FLOCK

Two farmers were driving on the highway when an automobile horn sounded around the bend.

Means rough weather, Si, when wild geese honk so low, said one. Z-I-p-r-r honk-honk as they both went skyward. On reaching the ground the same granger remarked:

Gee whiz, Si, what a flock!

A gentleman buying a bottle of Veteran's Sure Cure, said: "This is a small bottle for 50c." I replied, make a calculation. A 12 oz. bottle of other medicine costs \$1; the dose is 1 tablespoonful 3 times a day, equal to 1 1/2 oz.; the 12 oz. lasts 8 days. That 50c. V. S. C. bottle contains about 150 days' medicine; 18-24 times as much as the large bottle—a saving of \$18.00. In the one you pay for water and glass. V. S. C. is concentrated medicine without water. It is the medicine for all classes; 50c. and \$1 bottles. At druggists'. Mailed anywhere by The V. S. C. Med. Co., Chatham, Ont.

EXPERIENCED.

Well, how do you like your husband, Mabel?

I believe he has deceived me and is a widower.

What makes you think so?

Why, the first night we were married he sewed up his vest pocket.

A BRAVE MAN.

I see where a man married his mother-in-law.

If that ain't hunting for trouble then I don't know.

An important medical discovery generally means something we can't eat.

IN PATH OF FIRE FIEND

Fifteen Persons in the Flames at Burning Hotel

Cigar Started Blaze—Leaps For Life Proved Fatal

Tacoma, Wash., Sept. 6.—Fire destroyed the Webb Hotel at Shelton, 20 miles from Tacoma, Wednesday night. It is reported 15 persons perished. Seven bodies have been recovered.

The following are known to have perished: William Holmes, master mechanic Peninsular Railway shops; Pearl F. Larson, boy; Mrs. Gay, D. J. Hennessy.

Eight or nine are still unaccounted for. The hotel was a three-story frame building, with front and side stairs, but no elevator.

The fire was discovered at 1.40 yesterday morning. It started in the hotel probably from a lighted cigar butt. Within a few minutes the hotel was a mass of flames. Persons in the upper stories were entirely cut off from the stairway, and at least seven or eight jumped from the windows before help could reach them. Ten are known to be dead, and one dying.

All but three were killed by jumping from windows.

Business Section Burned.

Fort Wayne, Ind., Sept. 6.—Fire caused by an explosion of dynamite Wednesday night in the Seaside hardware store at Topeka, Ind., destroyed the business quarter of the town.

Montreal, Sept. 6.—The barns at Sir William McDonald's model farm at St. Ann's de Bellevue, were struck by lightning yesterday afternoon and totally destroyed. Loss \$35,000, covered by insurance.

The barns were almost new and were filled with the season's crops.

Barns and Crops Burned.

Comber, Sept. 6.—The barns of Arthur Holmes, about three miles from Comber, were struck by lightning Wednesday night and were consumed with all the season's crops. There is no insurance.

Parkhill, Sept. 6.—John McLeod, West Williams, lost his two barns, contents and implements by fire on Wednesday evening. The cause is unknown.

Serious Fire on Docks.

Hamburg, Sept. 6.—Fire in the dock warehouse district here yesterday caused damage to the amount of about half a million marks. A number of workmen had narrow escapes from the flames.

C. B. C. NOTES

Classes were resumed at the institution on the 3rd inst. with a very large attendance both of new students as well as students of last term who have returned to continue their course in one or both departments. The staff is the same as last year, except that Mr. G. A. Barker, of Sidney, Ont., has been added to the staff of the Commercial Department. This gentleman is the holder of a first-class certificate, has had twelve years' experience in teaching, and was Gold Medalist in the Commercial Department at the June examinations of 1906.

New registrations in the Commercial Department are—Marguerite McRitchie, Petrolia; R. B. Maynard, Blenheim; Irma Toll, Blenheim; Robt. Warnock, Chatham; M. B. Cuvier, Chatham; Adelaide Poisson, Belle River; Joseph Adam, Belle River; Cecil McGreery, Kent Bridge; A. Henderson, Chatham; Anna Rice, Chatham; Jessie Martindale, Lion's Head; Ethel Washburn, Strangfield; Cecil Hayes, Sheffield, Que.; Oliver Wolfe, Streetsville; Ruth Young, Chatham; Amelia McLean, Chatham; John McKinnon, Chatham; J. A. Philbin, Blythwood; Edgar Brimmer, Harrow; A. R. Bradley, Port Lambton; Sadie Hutchcroft, Petrolia; Bessie Scott, Petrolia; Nellie Arnold, Kent Bridge; Annie Boyle, Chatham; Percy Milliken, Courtland; John McKinnon, St. John's, Mich.; Norman McLeod, Deserats; Lorne Putnam, City; Wm. Near, Aitken; A number of the above are also registered to take shorthand.

The following are new students in the shorthand department—Mabel McTaggart, Exeter; Mildred Middleton, S. Burton; Helen K. Young, Detroit, Mich.; Bertha Bonner, Corinth; Vina Guest, Dawn Valley; Bessie McKay, Harwich; Margaret McArthur, Theford; Percy Connor, Corinth; Myrtle Leitch, Walkerton; Ethel Gilbert, Ridgeway. Also George Loring, who took the Commercial Course last year—Sinclair Herd, Victoria, B.C.; Benjamin Rice, Baddeck, C.B.; Roy Jackson, Bridgeton; Clara Masterson, Cough; John H. Bloude, Vahorn; H. McGlynn, Belmore.

Among last year's commercial students who have resumed their work in that department are—E. P. Deserats, Belle River; E. J. Allison, Blenheim; A. Bourdeau, Stoney Point; Edwin White, Chatham; Sarah Ewing, Tupperville; Margaret Kelly, Morlin; Leo Renaud, Belle River; Geo. Mackinnon, Stoney Point; W. E. Leighton, Stewart; Orville Ramsey, Wawesand; H. Southerland, Stoney Point; W. J. Gardiner, Selt-on; J. D. Casey, Kent Centre; J. M. Liddy, Chatham; A. Hanley, (Thamesville); Noble Brennan, Dresden.

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Special line of Scotch ginghams choice patterns. Regular up to 15c sale price 9c

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10 pieces of fancy muslins and vestings choice patterns. Regular up to 25c, Saturday price 19c.

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20 pieces of fancy muslins in choice patterns. Regular up to 15c, Saturday price 7 1/2c.

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Ladies' White Lawn and Duck Suits, nicely made and trimmed. Regular \$2.50 and \$3.00 Sale price \$1.48.

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25 all wool tweed skirts choice patterns and made in the latest style. Regular \$6.00 and \$6.50, Saturday price \$2.95.

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Special line of Boys and Girls rib hose superior quality fast black all sizes, clearing at a pair 15c.

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Special line of Ladies tan and black lace Hose Regular 25c, Saturday price 19c.

Ladies, black cotton Hose all sizes, Special 2 for 25c.

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Ladies, lace Silk Gloves. Regular 40c and 50c pair, Sale price 25c.

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40c Silk Belts. Saturday price 25c

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Ladies' Wash Collars

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