

sons whom it would be desirable under this privilege to permit to come in.

Hon. Mr. CLORAN: I pointed out last night to the honourable leader of the Government that the word "clergyman" is a very broad one; that it covers every kind—priest, minister, and all. Everybody is a clergyman who wears a robe of any kind, and there are some without a robe. I asked the Government if they could not define the term in some way. We in this country understand what a clergyman is, but there are no clergymen in China. In that country there is a population of four or five hundred million. I suppose everybody there is a "clergyman." How do we know? We know they have no Christian religion? Clergymen, priests, etc., appertain to the Christian religion. Of course there are pagan rites in China. They believe in Confucius and Buddha and in various theories of philosophy and theology. What is a clergyman in China? That is what the Government ought to find out. The leader of the Government states that a clergyman is a clergyman. But what is a clergyman in China?

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: What would you call him?

Hon. Mr. CLORAN: Well, I would call practically every man in China a clergyman.

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: They must be a very religious people.

Hon. Mr. CLORAN: They have their Buddhist priests; I suppose they have as many rites in their churches as there are in the Christian church; there must be at least as many sects amongst the millions of Chinamen as there are amongst the seven or eight million people in Canada. If the door is to be left open for any Chinaman to come here who simply says, "I am a clergyman," the Government will need to have a good many officers to watch those who are coming in. I am suggesting that it should be made easy rather than difficult for the Government officials to prevent these men from crossing the border at all points, going before a justice of the peace and saying, "Me clergyman, me clergyman." The same applies to the students. Wherever Chinese students receive an education, whether in a university, a college, or a high school, the authorities of such institutions should be required to report to the minister the departure of these students. The minister would then have a

check on them; but, as the Bill is drafted, there is, so far as I can see, very little check upon this kind of immigration. I do not object to the immigration, but I certainly do object to charging one Chinaman, a bona fide workingman, \$500 to come into the country, and then giving a fellow Chinaman the chance of coming in without paying a cent. There is that phase of the question to be considered. It seems to me it is the duty of the Government to make this legislation a check on, and not an open door for, this class of immigration.

Hon. Mr. BEIQUE: I hope the honourable leader of the Government will be able to give us some explanation of the meaning of the word "clergyman" as applied to a Chinaman. If he is not able to do so, I would suggest that the committee report progress and consider the Bill later. I think we should know.

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: Is my honourable friend prepared to say how a more intelligible meaning can be placed upon it than by merely using the word? In the first place, a clergyman must necessarily be a teacher or minister of religion. We cannot possibly define in the Act what the religion is. In the Act we are amending it is provided that Chinese immigrants shall bring certificates from the point of embarkation. In fact, the most effective machinery, it seems to me, is provided by the statute, to determine who are students, who are clergymen, etc. Section 2 of chapter 14 of the Statutes of 1908 reads:

Who shall substantiate their status to the satisfaction of the controller, subject to the approval of the Minister, or who are bearers of certificates of identity, or other similar documents issued by the Government or by a recognized official or representative of the Government whose subjects they are, specifying their occupation and their object in coming into Canada.

Hon. Mr. CLORAN: Do I understand that this form is to be made up here in Canada?

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: They must bring certificates.

Hon. Mr. CLORAN: Countersigned by the British consul?

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: From the Government of the state from which they come.

Hon. Mr. CLORAN: That is, from the Chinese officials?