

all sides a marked tendency to show forbearance for the evils of the present system rather than fly to others that we know not of. As at present constituted our Senate is at least harmless.

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JAPANESE IMMIGRATION.

Of interest to Canadians is the editorial from the Tokio Times recently published in the Toronto Globe. The editorial in question indicates that in Japan the exclusion of Japanese from our country is not regarded as an act of friendliness. In fact such action on our part is ascribed to blind prejudice. The Japanese opinion makes light of the question of assimilation. It scornfully rejects the view that the Japanese who come to our shores will lower our standards of civilization. "True," it says "vast is the distance that yet separates east from the west. But if history speaks for anything, it shows that the east is falling in line with the west in the march of the same identical civilization, a tendency which is more noticeable in the near past and which promises to grow more rapid and thorough as the facilities for communication and intercourse increase, as they will, between the two quarters of the globe. So falls to the ground the theory of dissimilarity and dis-assimilation as a permanent dispensation of nature, and none but the prejudiced will cling to it."

The writer of the editorial in the Times proceeds to discuss the contention of the Globe that the Japanese should be excluded from Canada because 'they are unteachably destitute of all spirit and idea of democracy.' His claim is that the Globe through prejudice has assumed something that it should have proved. "The Globe," he says, totally fails to show by evidence or reference that Orientals have proved unfit to live as a law-abiding people under a democratic form of government." Arguing from the existence of a prejudice against the Japanese the Times concludes that there is greater necessity for a crushing out of the feeling than for international negotiation.

It cannot be denied that there does exist in countries of the west a prejudice against Orientals. But it is not on prejudice that intelligent Canadians base their demand for the exclusion of Japanese. The Tokio Times did not attempt to prove that Japanese are fitted to settle in Canada and play their part in national life. And of the question of assimilation the most important phase is that of the number of Japanese that may yearly settle in our country and not constitute an incubus.

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Jr. Greek Class. Prof. M-t-h-l—Mr. D-n-y, please translate  
, etc.

Mr. D-n-y—"Under the influence of love and despair, etc."

E. B. W-h-e (sotto voce)—Dang it, boys, that's just the fix I'm in.