

Immigration
Of Orientals

Official Correspondence Deal-
ing With Act Passed by
the Legislature.

Return Presented to the House
by the Provincial Sec-
retary.

Following is a return laid before the house by Hon. J. D. Prentice, provincial secretary, of the correspondence relating to statutes affecting Japanese passed at last session: Ottawa, Oct. 12, 1900. Sir,—I am commanded to transmit to you herewith copies of four despatches from His Imperial Majesty's Japanese Consul at Vancouver, British Columbia, relating to certain acts passed by the legislature of your province, and to request that you will be good enough to ask your government to report upon the objections urged by the Japanese Consul to the legislation in question.

(Signed) JOSEPH POPE, Under Secretary of State. His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia, Victoria, B. C. Extract from a Report of the Committee of the Honorable the Privy Council, approved by His Excellency on the 20th of October. The committee of the Privy Council have under consideration copies of the following despatches from His Imperial Majesty's Japanese Consul at Vancouver, British Columbia, dated the 15th February, 1900, referring to an act passed by the legislature of your province, and entitled "An Act to amend the Trampway Incorporation Act."

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Japanese language is not admitted for the test, in spite of the fact that Japanese may be educated to the highest degree in their own tongue. Nor is the vernacular language of this province, because other European languages than the English are admitted for the test. But judging from the despatches on the floor, as reported in the press, this bill is obviously and solely directed against Asiatics, including Japanese. Some clippings from the local press containing reports and debates on this bill are herewith enclosed for your information.

(2) Bill No. 46. An Act to regulate Immigration into British Columbia. It is scarcely necessary to point out that the object of this bill is to prohibit immigration of Japanese into this province, as Chinese are made to be exempted from the application of the act. My objection, as stated in the foregoing paragraph, will apply to this instance with even stronger force. Should this bill come into force, not merely immigration of laborers, but movements of Japanese merchants and travellers will be injuriously interfered with.

Your Excellency is no doubt aware that the Imperial government, which I have the honor to represent, entirely forbade emigration of Japanese laborers into Canada for the present. And it will continue to do so as long as it is deemed advisable under the circumstances. I will see to the reason why the government of this province should pass such a legislation. Some clippings from the local press containing reports of the debates on this bill are also enclosed. I trust that this bill will be dissolved before it shall come into force on the 1st day of January next.

(3) Bill No. 19. An Act to Repeal and Consolidate the Vancouver Incorporation Act. The section 7 of this bill deprives the Japanese residents in the city of Vancouver of the franchise of voting in any municipal election. For your information, I may state that there are many Japanese residents in the city of Vancouver, and many of them are merchants, missionaries, myself and others—who would thus be deprived of the privileges at present enjoyed.

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To His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia. The undersigned, to whom has been referred a despatch from the office of the Secretary of State to His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, enclosing copies of four despatches from His Imperial Majesty's Consul at Vancouver, respecting certain acts passed by the legislature of your province, and which have been referred to the provisions of certain bills which were submitted to the legislature of British Columbia at a session held in January and February of this year, and which became law, it is unnecessary for the undersigned to deal with the subject matter of this despatch.

In his despatch of the 1st day of September, 1900, His Excellency the Governor-General, His Imperial Majesty's Consul at Vancouver, has referred to the provisions of the following four acts as passed at the session of the legislature of British Columbia held in July and August of this year: 1. An Act relating to the employment on works carried out under franchises granted by Private Acts.

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The effect of this legislation is that Mongolians and Indians are, not consulted about the granting of licenses, and they are not counted as inhabitants in determining under Section 44 of the act, the amount of the license fee to be paid by the applicant. There is nothing in the act to prevent Japanese from obtaining licenses.

The undersigned submits that this legislation is quite as much within the province of the franchise of voting in any municipal election. The section 7 of this bill deprives the Japanese residents in the city of Vancouver of the franchise of voting in any municipal election. For your information, I may state that there are many Japanese residents in the city of Vancouver, and many of them are merchants, missionaries, myself and others—who would thus be deprived of the privileges at present enjoyed.

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End.

Counsel for Prosecution and
Defence to be Heard
to-night.

The evidence at the preliminary investigation of Rex vs Macdonell was closed at 11:15 last night, and court will sit again this evening to hear the addresses of counsel. A great deal of last night's sitting was taken up with acrimonious arguments between counsel, the bench exhibiting the extreme of patience under great provocation.

The cross-examination of the defendant, Macdonell, was continued by Mr. Mills. Last saw Dolan at Morrabbas station in July, 1896. Paid him the money that day. Paid him a \$1000 bill and two \$100 bills. Told him to take the train. Did not remember getting a receipt. Did not pay him the money. Did not see him after that date. Homebored the circumstances now. Made an arrangement with Steve O'Brien of Vancouver. Mr. Blake would not take the case without his fee in advance. Instructed Mr. Blake's solicitor to draw on O'Brien. O'Brien refused the draft. Then spoke to Dolan, an old friend, who advanced him the money. Arranged with Mr. Blake the younger, to accept his cheque retaining receipt of his own money. Returned to Canada he explained matters to Dolan. The item in his pocket "never used" was a \$2000 bill. Paid him \$1500 on money for counsel fees. Did not get the \$1500 until he got to Vancouver. Mr. Blake had had the \$1500 in his pocket since he got to Vancouver. Did not get it until he got to Vancouver. Did not get it until he got to Vancouver.

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