

and concise form. I will read them to the House:

1. They cannot be assimilated. They will always exist as a foreign element in our midst. The real test of assimilation is intermarriage. The divergence of characteristics of the two races is so marked that intermarriage does not tend to perpetuate the good qualities of either race. The races are fundamentally different. Their morals are different, and language, heredity, religion and ideals will militate against and prevent even sociological assimilation of orientals. In this connection I refer to the California brief, page 42. So far as I am aware, intermarriage between the white and the oriental has always produced unsatisfactory results. Japan does not encourage intermarriage. In the Japanese pamphlet before referred to, the claim is made that the Japanese can be assimilated and can become good Canadians but it is not suggested that they should intermarry. To quote again from the California brief, page 38: "They (the Japanese) are undesirable as immigrants and permanent residents because they and their children form an unassimilable alien element which cannot be absorbed in the melting pot of this country." Exactly the same arguments will apply to the Chinese.

Now, I have here certain articles which have been written on this subject. I am not going to read them all to the House, but there is one from which I would like to read a short extract. It is an article by H. Glynn-Ward, published in the Vancouver World on March 14, 1921. It reads, in part:

Between the Orient and the Occident there is more than a mere ocean, there is a great divide, intangible and insurmountable. The leopard cannot change his spots any more than a white man can be orientalized or an oriental be brought to live by the customs and laws of the European. The morals of the one are neither worse nor better than the other; but they are different. So different that an attempt to combine them can result in nothing but disaster.

Marriage between orientals and whites has never been known to produce anything but degradation for both because it is an unnatural thing. Therefore, as the Japanese can never in a thousand years assimilate with whites to produce a race desirable as future Canadians, their influx into the country and the hold they are taking thereof is unwise and undiplomatic.

Now, the Japanese cannot object to the principle of exclusion, because they themselves have adopted it in regard to the Koreans and the Chinese. In this connection I would again refer to the California brief, which at page 37 says that the policy of exclusion so far as it applies to labour skilled and unskilled is that followed rigor-

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ously by the Japanese themselves under Imperial Ordinance 352 against Koreans and Chinese. The reason she assigns is that to permit entrance into Japan of such aliens whose standards of living are lower than the Japanese would submit their own people to disastrous competition. That is the argument that we ourselves make. The standards of living of the Japanese are certainly lower than ours. They live in a different way altogether, and in British Columbia they do not conform to our customs to any great extent. They are a foreign settlement in our midst, and they cannot be assimilated.

2. If their peaceful penetration is allowed to continue it will eventually lead to racial conflict and international unpleasantness.

In this connection I would again point to the Vancouver riots in 1907, and say that if some action is not taken by this Government, riots just as bad or worse are likely to happen.

3. Their standards of living are lower than those of our people.

4. Our people cannot compete with the Japanese and Chinese in certain lines.

5. Unemployment will be decreased.

6. They are responsible, to a certain extent, for the drug traffic.

7. They cannot become good Canadians because of their dual citizenship. Even if they become naturalized, they do not divest themselves of their allegiance to their own emperor.

8. It is desirable that we should have a white Canada and that we should not become a yellow or mongrel nation. This is a great national question and our future progress and prosperity are at stake.

Now, Mr. Speaker, I come to the practical question: What should be done? My answer is threefold:

1. The Japanese Treaty should be abrogated, so far as Canada is concerned.

2. The "Gentlemen's Agreement" should be cancelled.

3. The Immigration Act should be amended so as to provide for exclusion. The details of this will have to be worked out by the Government.

Mr. ALFRED STORK (Skeena): Mr. Speaker, this is a question which very vitally affects the province of British Columbia, and as a member from that province I am very pleased to have the opportunity of rising in support of this resolution. We have in this House thirteen