

AM I MY BROTHER'S KEEPER.

the Mikado's army. About that time, the Japanese of Hawaii were supplanted by the Portuguese; and the Japanese came tumbling into Canada—8,000 a year.

Also, don't forget it; never forget it for one instant—Japan must have room to expand. Japan to hold her ascendancy in Asia must dominate the Pacific; and before she can dominate the Pacific must meet and overcome two powers—England and the United States. There are comical aspects even to the serious phase of the Japanese problem. When the coolie workers came tumbling into B. C., in 1907, the law required that each immigrant have \$25 on his person. The immigration company that brought them in had an agent on board one vessel with 1,500 men to hand over a loan of \$25 to each just as they landed; but the agent naturally hadn't the centipede's multitudinous legs and arms to get ashore and grab his charges before they scuttled without returning the \$25; and the agent could not complain of the \$25 loss, (in all \$25,000), for his action was illegal; and the Jappies scampered as they landed.

The riots of that year—Canada knows. What Canada does not know is that if the Dominion had not been a part of Great Britain at that time, Japan would not so readily have consented to restricting passports for emigrants to Canada; and "the continuous" passage law ~~bars~~ out those from Hawaii. Japan takes no special stock in her coolie laborer. He is but a pawn in the world-empire game she is playing. What Japan cares for and what she said at the time of those negotiations was—that she did not want the badge of inferiority placed on her people.

There is no doubt that white labor opposed the Japanese at that period. Up at Atlin, some Japanese non-union men had been taken in to work. The white laborers collected money, gave it to them, told the Japs "it was not a good country to live in," and sent them across the ice. At one big mine, some Japs had arrived to clear the saw-off. The whites insisted that the Japs should do only the dangerous dynamite work at \$2.50 a day. The whites got \$5 a day for the same work. Later in the season, a doctor was called up to the Jap camp. Thirty-five or forty of the men were ill of stomach trouble with all the symptoms of poisoning. Neither was that a "good country to live in." The Japs didn't stay.

Now ask yourself how long Japan will tolerate that status for her people in Canada; how long England would tolerate that status for her people in Japan. Then you know why though B. C. may appreciate the Jap as a worker, she fears him politically. Why she also fears him socially—need not be given here. She does not fear the student class. She does not fear the merchant class; but she does fear the coolie class masking as princes in disguise; and she fears them for the same reason she fears the same class of Hindu or colored man.

We feel secure that Japanese immigration is limited to 500 a year. It is not so limited by treaty. It is only so limited by the courtesy of Japan. You read the treaty; and you will see that—the beautiful result