

community below the normal subsistence level means also to lower the moral and physical status of that class, so that white workmen must either leave the country altogether or be morally degraded to a condition the lowest in the community. In lands where labor is exceedingly cheap, the lowest of the low are the poor whites who are unable to live on the plane to which their fathers had attained and deteriorate in character and physical fitness. Only by maintaining the dignity of labor and securing a wage which will enable white workers to live out the best life of which they are capable can our civilization maintain the stage it has reached, much less advance to higher things.

Then, too, there is the politico-social aspect of the situation. To demand rigid restriction is not to assert the essential inferiority of the yellow races to the white races, but it is to recognize the great difference between them.

The white races come for the most part from Europe where they have for centuries come under two great formative influences—Roman law and the Christian religion. Both of these make for democracy and the recognition of the significance and the rights of the individual man.

The Oriental races, on the other hand, come from Asia, where for long ages they have been controlled by patriarchal or tyrannical forms of government and some non-Christian form of religion, both of which make for the suppression or partial realization of the individual and the exaltation of the state or ruling power.

A white man coming to Canada may not be far advanced on the road to Western civilization, but all his affiliations of race, religion and government are with it and he has a good chance of being assimilated, but the Oriental, though to all intents and purposes he may be as good a man, has affiliations which are entirely different and finds it next to impossible during his lifetime to become a part of the community life about him.

The various stages on the road to a Christian democracy reached by the white races coming into the United States has made the task of that nation in trying to weld them into one, an almost impossible one. Canada is face to face in even greater measure with the same tremendous task. But add to the teeming thousands of immigrants from all sections of the white race hordes of men from Oriental lands, who will require at least two or three generations to attain the Western standard of democracy, and you place a burden on this young nation too great for it to bear.

There are those who fear that restriction will make for the alienation of the Oriental races and the crippling of our commerce with them, a commerce which is of vital interest to our future well being as a growing nation. There is no question that the kind of restriction which