

from \$2,500 to \$3,000 worth of jewelry and furs from her. This came out in evidence in a lawsuit instituted by the woman for the recovery of the stolen articles.

In another list which I have before me there is an account of thirty-one cases which were investigated. They were taken in order as they came before the court, and twenty-one of the thirty-one cases were Chinese, so hon. members will see the extent to which these people are engaged in the traffic. From the moral and sociological standpoint alone, if from no other, these immigrants are of such a class that we would be a thousand times better off without them irrespective of their effect on our economic, commercial and industrial life.

In conclusion, I shall read a letter which was written to the secretary of the Asiatic Exclusion League of Canada, and forwarded to me. It is from a Japanese in Vancouver, and I read it in order to show the mental attitude of these people towards our country. Hon. members will note the irony and invective which runs through this letter.

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Dear Sir,—I read with interest "Danger".

That is the small publication issued on behalf of the Asiatic Exclusion League. The letter goes on:

I paid 20 cent. One hundred Japanese read it, very cheap.

The first step very good. Getting his start very poor insult to our government and very insulting to the individual Japanese.

We Japanese are a nation like the English, the Scotch, or the Irish, but not like the latter altogether, we have abolished bigotry. If you like we are like the German, we are a nation, we love our country first and foremost. We love riches, and all that riches will bring, but we will not sell our country for money.

Hon. gentlemen will not find a case where a Japanese has been caught selling his country for money.

You never hear of a Japanese traitor. In Canada you have many traitors. In the United States there are many traitors because you are only people and have not nationhood.

That is the point. He goes on:

In China they allow all deceitful and crooked men to govern, so in Canada.

Mr. GRAHAM: The letter must be a very old one. What is the date?

Mr. LADNER: The 6th of December. He goes on:

We Japanese did not force our way to Canada. Your money changers ask us to come, we were

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cheap. O yes very cheap. In Japan our government is honourable. One member who does dishonour to his country must die by his own hand if possible, but he must die. In Canada your government is different, one member sells his people and he is soon great like our merchants trading in commerce, but our merchants do not sell Japan or the people, they sell merchandise. Japanese merchandise always, if possible. Your members sell their soul and their land, and the people, and when the election is over half the people cry with joy for one week and then they cry for four years. Is this not so, Mr. Macauley? We do not hate Canadians, the clown and the jester is never hated.

We Japanese living in the province and making an honourable living will watch your political pantomime with interest. When you become a real nation we will do good business with you still and you will admire us more.

Very truly,

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I can conceive of no stronger argument for the necessity of fortifying ourselves in the building up of our nation than the attitude disclosed by this Japanese living in British Columbia. If we are to become a nation, and have an outlook and a permanent place in history, we can well profit by the lessons of other nations who have built before us. It is not necessary for us to jump in the dark, because we have the light of history to guide us, showing how nations have developed in the past. I submit that the Government and all members of the House, irrespective of their political affiliations and looking only to the real interests of this country, can by adopting this resolution lay the foundation of a policy which will overcome the international obstacles and enable us to emerge twenty-five years hence a real Canadian nation, with a white country, instead of a mixture that we would not be very proud of.

Mr. T. G. McBRIDE (Cariboo): It is not my intention to take up very much time this evening, as many aspects of this question have already been dealt with. When I spoke in the debate on the Speech from the Throne I made the statement that one of the most important questions that could come before the House this session was the oriental question. I repeat that statement here to-night. I stated then that it was hard for the people in the East to realize fully what the people in the West were up against in this oriental problem. The people who have to live and associate and compete with the Orient are the people who know what a menace the oriental is to our country. People in the East speak of Vancouver as the gateway to the Orient: the Orient speaks of Vancouver as their gateway to Canada.