

"No stamina."

"Why is that?"

"Too many generations of vice; too many generations of birth from immature mothers; no dower of strength from birth."

"But," the advocates of Hindu immigration say, "prohibit child marriage! Bar out child wives! Our climate will modify the Hindu constitution." (It hasn't *yet* modified the negro). "All this does not apply to the Hindu in B. C.; because many of the Sikhs are married to only one wife."

To bar out child wives sounds easy. How are you to know that they are child wives and not daughters? If there is one thing more than another that has been established in Vancouver, not excepting the very leaders of the Hindu contingent, it is that you cannot believe a Hindu under oath. Of this, examples will be given. Also the British constitution does not allow you to bar out a subject's wife unless she is diseased or vicious. As to the climate argument, that is no reason for Canada accepting as her burden the heritage of another country's century cess-pools of crime. The point is—if you let down the bar to any section of the Hindu, teeming millions will come, will come with a demand to vote. Do you want them?

That Canada's *continuous* passage law is immoral and intolerable—no one will gainsay. It is more. It is a subterfuge and a joke and a lie. The day that any steamship company sends liners direct, the Hindu can come to Canada.

True, says B. C., the Sikhs proved their loyalty; but was it for *their own sake* or *England's*? If British protection were withdrawn from India to-morrow, what would happen? A thousand petty chiefs would fly at each other's throats. "English administration," said a Hindu, addressing the Canadian Club in Vancouver, "has been a most unmitigated blessing." Some of us think that English blessing might omit a *few* things, as to opium and the compounds; but even with those defects in the balance, English administration has changed rapine and tyranny and injustice and perpetual war to peace and security and comparative justice. The day England fails of that, it will be time enough for the Sikh to claim *rights* in Canada in return for his simple *duty* to himself in India.

The idea that expropriation is behind exclusion is an idea that could only be entertained by an Oriental mind. Expropriation is impossible under Canadian law.

Imperial unity is no more threatened in Canada by exclusion than it was threatened in South Africa and Australia.

The Sikhs are adapted to the cultivation of the soil; but the point is—if they come in "teeming millions" to cultivate the soil, would any white race sit down beside them as neighbors?

The need of labor in B. C. would be relieved; but does that balance the fact that white immigration might be stopped?

"But would it?" asks Eastern Canada.