

and for abundance of cheap labor. The native Hawaiian was too lazy, so they tried Chinese, Portuguese and Japanese. The Jap proved the best, with the result that Japan seized the opportunity and sent thousands of her people to those beautiful islands. Of these immigrants, a large portion were ex-soldiers. According to the census returns of 1900, out of a population of 154,000, there were 61,115 Japanese; this has since increased to over 80,000. Of the 4,593 children born in the year ending June 30, 1909, 2,445 were Japanese, which is about 53 per cent, whereas their total population is only 30 per cent. of the whole. In other words, if there should be no further immigration by natural increase the Japanese will, in a few years, far outnumber all other races combined in those islands, including the natives.

Their presence on the islands has resulted in a social revolution. They control the retail trade now, and are rapidly acquiring control of the wholesale trade. They have their own schools, their own doctors, newspapers, temples and theatres. In short, they are rapidly changing the Hawaiian Islands into a "Little Japan." They are there to stay and if at any future time America and Japan clash,—which the events of the last few years demonstrate to be more than a possibility,—then America will find that Japan will have a naval base in mid-Pacific, and that base will be the Hawaiian Islands.

What Japan has accomplished in the Hawaiian Islands, they are endeavoring to accomplish in British Columbia. Already Japanese absolutely control the fishing industry. Ten years ago there were less than 500 Japs fishing in B. C. waters; today there are about 10,000 many of **whom are naval reservists**. They have complete charts of our whole Pacific Coast line, more accurate and complete than our most up-to-date admiralty charts. They hold some of the best coal lands on the Queen Charlotte Islands. They have a complete system of retail stores, and supply all the wants of their own people, besides a great portion of "white trade." They have their own trust companies and banks. The natural increase is very large and in a few years will create a serious menace, when they secure the franchise. Large numbers take the oath of allegiance for commercial reasons—about 1,500 last year alone; yet they remain ultra-loyal to Japan. They thus have full rights of citizenship in Canada, and at the same time constitute a standing army for