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initiated action for the repeal of that statute. With its repeal, all immigration from the Asiatic continent will be governed by the terms of Order in Council P.C. 2115 of 1930. In substance, this means that only the wives and unmarried children under 18 years of age of Canadian citizens of Asiatic origin are admissible.

There would, I am sure, be almost universal agreement with the view that the people of Canada do not wish to make a fundamental alteration in the character of our population as a result of mass immigration. Canada is now populated for the most part with people of European stocks having a certain standard of living and a certain national character and outlook. Large-scale immigration from the Orient would be capable of changing the composition of the Canadian population. On the other hand, even a large scale movement would have little or no effect upon the population pressures in countries with the enormous populations of China and India. Any considerable influx of oriental immigrants, moreover, would be likely to give rise to social and economic problems of a character that might easily lead to serious difficulties in the field of international relations. The Government, therefore, has no thought of encouraging, or indeed of permitting, any large-scale immigration from the Orient.

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