

of vast dimensions, with illimitable resources, sparsely occupied by a mixed but vigorous and progressive people, under institutions that give free scope to energy and ability. They will see possibilities too immense to be grasped, hatched by conditions more favorable than are to be found anywhere else in the world—conditions that are the very antipodes of those pertaining to their own overcrowded country.

Under such circumstances I cannot but think that Japan, the Far East of Europe and Asia, and Canada, the Far West of Europe and America, are destined to become, in the near future, very closely allied by mutual interests; that the ships of Japan will seek the ports of Vancouver and Prince Rupert rather than those of San Francisco or Portland.

While writing these lines I have halted to open my daily paper, and the first item of news to attract my attention is as follows:

"EXCLUSION OF INDIANS FRAUGHT WITH DANGER.

"PROTEST AGAINST DENIAL OF RIGHTS OF CITIZENSHIP IN TRANSVAAL.

"Calcutta, Dec. 27.—The Indian National Congress, now in session here, adopted a resolution to-day, expressing the indignation of the delegates that Indians are denied the rights of citizens in the Transvaal, and voicing the opinion that such a policy is fraught with danger to the Empire."

This gives rise to the reflection that President Kruger and his party, who denied the rights of citizenship, "sowed to the wind and reaped the whirlwind." And yet it would seem that the Transvaal, under the supreme rule of Great Britain, has already forgotten that fatal lesson. The genius of the world to-day is against any such line of policy. Equal rights to all civilized peoples, equal opportunities to all who are willing to toil and struggle for existence under the laws of the land, is a doctrine that has taken deep root, regardless of race or color. This is not the result of socialism, but rather of that inherent altruism that is to be found to a greater or less degree in all members of the human race. To give it a more definite name, we might call it the "modern cosmopolitanism" of the world.

To take a few thousands from the lowest class of the Chinese and plant them in a slave-pen in a South African mine, to be treated