

contention is strengthened by this fact, that the Hindu is of a different race, standard of morals and ethical ideas, mental conceptions, traditions, history, culture, customs, physical attainments and capabilities, home and social life, education, and, in fact, in every way is different from us. We cannot and will not assimilate. It would mean a contest between the Oriental and the Occidental; and, while in Canada the Occidental at present predominates, we are not inclined to invite a contest between three hundred and fifteen millions of Orientals and seven millions of Occidentals. We contend that the destiny of Canada is best left in the hands of the Anglo-Saxon race, and are "unalterably and irrevocably" opposed to any move which threatens in the slightest degree this position.

This we assert in spite of a statement made by an unnamed correspondent to the Vancouver Province, "that it was unstatesmanlike."

Someone will ask, "What are you going to do with this three hundred and fifteen millions of India? Are they not now overcrowded?" We answer that there is ample room in India. The greater portion of the population of India live in the large cities, especially those cities on the coast line. There is a vast hinterland or hill country, in India, which might be developed. Let these Hindus, who prate so loudly about their patriotism, go to these frontier lands and open them up to civilization. They dare not; they have not got in their natures the stuff which makes pioneers. From the standpoint of climate, they the men who should do it; but no, it is left to the sturdy Anglo-Saxon to pioneer and explore these wild regions.

The Hindu civilization is immeasurably older than ours: where have they, as a race, ever been known to open up a new territory, or extend civilization? Never. But they come creeping into the choicest parts of our Empire, seeking to pluck some of the rich rewards resulting from the labors of a hardy race of pioneers who have opened up the country and made possible a comfortable life.

There is this other reason why we should oppose Hindu immigration because personally they are undesirable. We point to one characteristic of the Hindu which is quite sufficient to warrant us in refusing him entrance. It is the inherent conviction in all of them that "for cause or reason