

nonsense. Once let the Japanese, or any other nationality, understand that industry cannot do without them, and you must expect, that demands for better treatment will ensue. This other fact, however, should be remembered, that once the Japanese, an alien race, arrive at that self-conscious point, demands will be made, much more unreasonable, and more bitterly supported, than those of our own race. Not only is this so, but the further fact is equally apparent, that by engaging Japanese in our industries we are establishing in our midst a very potent influence which will affect our standard of national life seriously. We do not infer that the Japanese standard is so much lower than ours as to constitute a menace, but to say **that it is entirely different** and cannot be equitably compared, but is none the less objectionable.

Let us now turn briefly to a consideration of reasons why we should oppose Japanese immigration to Canada.

In the first place, Canada is generally acknowledged to be the key-stone of the British Empire, and anything, no matter how remote, which threatens the stability of Canada in this regard **should be most assiduously avoided**. Our contention is, that Japanese influence in Canada would seriously affect that Imperial element in our national life. Why? Because Japan has a vision, and an ambition to be a controlling influence in international affairs. They have a perfect right to hold such views, but from our standpoint, **would it be in the best interest of civilization?** We dare to think not. We still cling to the opinion that the integrity of the British Empire is essential to modern civilization, and that we represent the best in modern civilization.

Then, again, Japan has a definite policy which is being applied wherever possible. They are securing control of South American strategic points, on the Pacific, at an alarming rate, by means of emigration to these countries. They **have succeeded** in effectively forestalling American influence in the Hawaiian Islands, **by emigration**. We repeat, they are the predominant power in these islands, which are of such strategic importance to operations in the Pacific. This advantage has been secured by adopting the same policy as that exercised towards British Columbia, and countries to the south. In the Hawaiian Islands, on annexation to the United States in 1900, the sugar industry received a great impetus and capital poured into the country, with the natural result, a