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### CHINESE IMMIGRATION.—No. 20.

We have mailed the following letter to the London Times:—

To the Editor of the Times:

Sir,—Appreciating the value of your space and the urgent demands made upon it by matters of more immediate national concern, I hesitate to, again, trouble you with a grievance so far removed from London as the Mongolian immigration evil in British Columbia.

But your editorial criticism of my letter of July last, and, also some statements in the communication of a correspondent, published in your issue of the 31st ult., both call for a reply, and I will feel very much obliged indeed, if you can find room for this second letter. If I can succeed in making myself clear there will be no necessity for again troubling you at such length.

These are the portions of your editorial criticism to which I have just referred:

"He admits, indeed, that the strongest of the objections entertained to Chinese immigration do not apply to the Japanese."

"We doubt whether well informed opinion in British Columbia is at all unanimous on the subject (of Mongolian immigration). But, if it were so, we should still urge our Canadian fellow countrymen to give a more patient hearing to the 'Imperial considerations' of which Sir Wilfrid Laurier has spoken in connection with this question, than Mr. Falconer seems inclined to do."

"Apart, moreover, from the serious damage which the hasty action of the Colonies might do in this respect to our Imperial relations with Japan, they would do well to remember that Japan is in a position to exercise reprisals against them, and possibly to inflict upon them losses which would far outweigh the benefits they hope to reap from a restriction of Japanese immigration. We are surprised that this aspect of the question should be ignored by a Canadian writing from Victoria, B.C., who has under his eyes, in the splendid fleet of the Empress Line constantly passing to and fro between Canada and Japan, the evidence of the great trade which has sprung up during the last decade between the two countries, and which is annually increasing, to the benefit of both."

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In the letter of your correspondent these statements occur:

I know British Columbia, have a son-in-law there, and have argued this question with leading men in that Colony; moreover, I have had official communication with the Japanese Government through one of their former representatives at Washington, and in other ways.

"What is the great want of Canada? A large and industrious population."

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"The Chinese are the most industrious and useful of all the laborers. The province of British Columbia could scarcely be 'run' without them."

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"The miners do not like them, for they lower the price of labor, and set an example of industry which the white man is not always inclined to follow. They are the gardeners everywhere as well as cooks; they milk cows, and indeed will do anything as long as they are well treated and well paid."

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"The Japanese, too, are flocking into Canada. They have many attractive qualities and are excellent in household matters and laundry work. The Canadian Government dare not keep them out though working men would like to do so. If they were excluded the famous Manitoba No. 1 wheat might be kept out of Japan as well as other Canadian products."



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