

trade advantages which would accrue to Canada by reason of his visit;

I interposed this question:

"Before the honorable gentleman sits down, I would like to ask if he was able to make such observations of the social and economic conditions as would justify him in coming to a conclusion with respect to the effect that extensive emigration from Japan might have upon our conditions in Canada?"

I should say here that before I brought up this matter, the House had already been warned by Mr. Justice Morrison, then a member of Parliament, that Japanese immigration was beginning to invade British Columbia.

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE REPLIED:

"I am satisfied in the first place *that there will be no such immigration* from Japan. The Japanese are a home-loving people, and they have abundant opportunity for progress and industry in their own country. The Japanese Government itself forbids the emigration of anybody from the country without a permit, and for several years past, they have refused to issue a permit to any Japanese to come to Canada who is a laborer or of the ordinary laboring class. Permits are issued only to merchants, students and travelers."

Mr. Clancy, M.P., asked "Did that extend to emigration to any other country than Canada?"

And the Hon. Mr. Fisher continued:

"The system extends to every country. No Japanese can leave his own country without a permit from his Government. The Government there, in accordance with negotiations with our Government, have issued orders, I think about two years ago, that for the future no permit should be given to a Japanese except the classes I have mentioned, to go to Canada, and that has been strictly maintained to the present time. I had the assurance of the Government there, personally and in writing, that that policy would be maintained. My honorable friend spoke about the possibilities of industrial invasion. I consider that there is no prospect of that."

After reciting the foregoing discussion from Hansard Mr. Borden resumed: