

# The Sikhs in Canada.

(John Eliot's motto, prayer and pains will do anything.)

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The whole question of Oriental immigration is up in Ottawa, and our future conduct toward the Chinese, the Japanese, and the Sikhs of Northern India, will shortly be settled, right or wrong. I would earnestly bring before you one-third of this question, the treatment that has been given, and that is yet to be given, to our loyal fellow-subjects, the Sikhs of Northern India. I am doing it with a set purpose. If our rulers are to be strengthened to do right to these strangers, it must be by the awakening of an intelligent public opinion to back them against the strong and bitter influences that are pushing them the other way.

But public opinion is formed by facts. In this paper I want to press home two facts.

1st. The Chinese have been admitted in multitudes on the payment of a poll-tax. A "gentleman's agreement" with Japan provides for the free admission of 500 Japs each year. But the Sikhs, our fellow-subjects, and notably our most loyal fellow-subjects in India, for it was they who stood for England in the great Mutiny, and turned the tide of the struggle in her favor, these Sikhs have for