

*Demobilization—Labour*

those words, "Canadian-born Japanese". A little further on they are referred to as "loyal and patriotic Japanese", and further on still:

... we Japanese people regard our imperial family as divine and whose sanctity is inviolable. A recent editorial in the Vancouver *Sun*, unjustly condemning the peace-loving imperial Japanese of militarism . . .

This is from Japanese, and I can give their signatures if necessary. I quote again:

If the Canadian public in general had kept their eyes open during the recent visit of Prince and Princess Chichihū they would have observed that no Japanese looked down on the august procession of their imperial highnesses from the windows above, so great is our respect for the divine persons of our imperial family.

This is from loyal Canadian Japanese.

That no objection was made—

Mark that.

—to Canadians and other foreigners from doing so was merely a concession on the part of the Japanese people concerning those who do not as yet fully appreciate their highly patriotic feelings.

Lower down I read:

We Japanese are a proud and sensitive people, and the imperial Japanese empire has a way of dealing with those people and nations who show their insincerity by disregarding and flouting our most sacred sentiments and feelings.

A threat of what they would have done to us! I do not want to go into details. The hon. member for Vancouver South and the hon. member for New Westminster have given the opinion of the people of British Columbia, supported by vote a short time ago in the provincial election, when the most influential members of the C.C.F. party in British Columbia fell by the wayside, including one who, as the hon. member for Vancouver East knows better than I do, has two-thirds of the brains of the C.C.F. party in that province. Unfortunately she fell by the wayside in that election. Why? Because the people of British Columbia do not and—I impress this upon the government—will not allow the return of the Japanese.

I wish to say one thing to the government and I absolutely agree in this with the hon. member for Vancouver East and the hon. member for Vancouver South; when you get south and east together, Fraser Valley can get in the middle. It is time for the government to state what they are going to do about this agreement. Only two members from eastern Canada have told me they disagree with our stand on the Japanese question, and those two were from Ontario. I should like to ask them a question. I am not going to look at them because I do not want their constituents to know to whom I am referring, but they sit over there. Only two members

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said that they would "like the Japanese in their district. I am going to suggest to the premier from my own province that when he comes to the conference on the 26th, he use as one of the bargaining powers, before he makes any further concessions to Quebec or Ontario, a demand from the Prime Minister of Canada an official and final stand as to where Canada stands on the Japanese question. It is time we did that. We are not trying to wish them on you people; we think they should go back to Japan, but we are definitely saying it is a federal and dominion responsibility now and you people must accept your responsibility on the matter. If you do not want them here that is your privilege, but when the Minister of Labour says that we have no agreement with the province of Quebec, and when we remember that the province of Quebec has one-third of the population of Canada and only 671 Japanese, it is time that something was done.

On the elevator last night one hon. member from New Brunswick asked me what a Japanese looked like. He said that he had never seen one in his life. It is time they had a few there. You do not want them; that is the point. Then, see that we do not get them. The city of Toronto has a larger population than the whole province of British Columbia. They refuse to accept them; yet I am asked to go back to the taxpayers of British Columbia, who do not get paid federal money on federally owned land, and justify why we spend hundreds and hundreds of thousands of dollars in trying to beautify this town. If you spent ten million dollars you would still only have the parliament buildings, Karsh and some bad restaurants. I am not objecting to spending that money, but when I find the capital of Canada will not accept any of their share, then I say we from British Columbia are justified in asking private members from all parts of the Dominion of Canada to stand by us.

We do not approach the matter from the racial hatred point of view; we have none for the Japanese. Hon. members may think it is racial hatred, but we put up with some of the rest of you people in Canada. We are asking you people to take your own fair share of the problem; we shall take ours, if needs be.

I should like to say this: Probably for the first time in the history of British Columbia are, not one hundred per cent—I will not say that—but in spite of the C.C.F., at least ninety-four per cent unanimous on this problem. Do not think for one minute that every person who voted for the C.C.F. party in British Columbia is in favour of their stand on the Japanese question. I know they are