

	Birth rate per 1,000
Japanese..	69.4
Chinese..	19.2
Whites..	18.1
Negroes..	16.7
Indians..	10.7
Other races..	4.9

The oriental population of Canada is largely confined to the province of British Columbia, and it is most noticeable in the cities. The condition in Vancouver gives a fair indication of what exists in all the principal cities of British Columbia. The orientals have made an alarming advance

in the last few years. In 4 p.m. 1920, out of 486 grocery licenses issued in Vancouver, 171 were granted to orientals. There were 80 oriental laundries; 713 orientals were employed in restaurants, 50 per cent of which were owned and operated by orientals. There are 62 oriental barber shops in Vancouver. Sixty per cent of the merchant tailors in Vancouver are orientals. Ninety per cent of the garden truck sold in Vancouver is produced by orientals. The truck gardening industry of British Columbia is controlled by the Chinese. They own or lease practically every acre of land in the Ashcroft district; they monopolize the Ashcroft potato industry, the truck industry at Lulu island, and the celery and truck industry in the Okanagan valley. In British Columbia, there are 1,080 Japanese and Chinese farmers employing large numbers of Asiatic farm help. Orientals own or lease or cultivate 26,919 acres of most fertile truck and orchard lands in the province. There are sixty logging camps in British Columbia owned and operated by Japanese. The Japanese have practically a monopoly of the British Columbia coast fisheries. I went into that subject so exhaustively a few days ago that I do not intend to give any statistics in that connection. They are engaged in exploiting nearly all our natural resources. They are in the hotel, grocery, drygoods and other businesses, almost every industry coming under their influence.

This year, in the schools of Vancouver there are 1,045 oriental children who are seated side by side with white children in the class rooms. What will be the prospect five years hence when the heavy cradle roll swells that school population? Last year 1,448 Chinese merchants entered Canada to compete with the small traders in the commercial field. All British Colum-

bia cities have their oriental sections, and some towns, notably Steveston at the mouth of the Fraser river, are almost exclusively composed of oriental establishments. The orientals have invaded the province of Alberta where they own or control many hotels, restaurants and laundries. They are also well established in the prairie provinces, and in eastern Canada. In Ontario, I understand, there are at the present time in the neighbourhood of 3,000 orientals.

The demand for exclusion is not a sectional one in any way; it is not limited to the province of British Columbia; but it is general and Dominion-wide. The legislature of British Columbia, following the policy of all previous governments, whether Liberal or Conservative, unanimously passed on November 1, 1921, these resolutions, and ordered copies to be sent to the Government, the leader of the Opposition, and the leader of the Progressive party.

1. That a respectful address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant Governor praying him to convey to the Dominion Government through His Excellency the Governor General of Canada the respectful request of this House that the Dominion Government take the necessary steps under Article 27 of the Treaty of Commerce and Navigation between His Majesty the King and His Majesty the Emperor of Japan to request His Majesty the King to give His Majesty the Emperor of Japan twelve months' notice of the intention of termination of this treaty as far as the British Dominion of Canada is concerned.

2. That a respectful address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant Governor praying him to convey to the Dominion Government through His Excellency the Governor General of Canada the respectful request of this House that the Dominion Government amend the Immigration Act of Canada so as nearly as possible to totally restrict the immigration of Asiatics into this province, keeping in view the wishes of the people of British Columbia that this province be reserved for people of the European race, and that the Dominion Government consult with the Provincial Government on the proposed amendments.

At the Dominion convention of Retail Merchants' Association of Canada, held at Kingston last year, a resolution was passed calling for the exclusion of oriental immigration. In connection with the Retail Merchants' Association, this is a copy of a letter which has been sent to the Prime Minister (Mr. Mackenzie King):

Retail merchants throughout B.C. are watching the McQuarrie resolution in the federal House, calling for oriental exclusion, with intense interest.

To us it is not merely a question of competitive merchandising, aggravated by lower standards of living. It is in fact a struggle of far deeper significance in which home, family