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OF VICTORIA AND DISTRICT

(Organized for the purpose of preserving the identity, ideals and heritage of
the White Race in British Columbia)

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308, Pemberton Building,
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October 6th, 1925.

The Hon. Arthur Meighen,
Empress Hotel,
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Dear Sir:

The Oriental Exclusion League of Victoria and Island, representing approximately 100 organizations, would like to know the stand which a Conservative Government would take in regard to the Oriental Problem.

Ninety-four per cent of the Japanese population of Canada is in British Columbia; and seventy-two per cent of the Chinese population of Canada is in British Columbia. We think that is perhaps sufficient explanation why British Columbia is so persistent in trying to put its house in order, and would also explain the apparent indifference of our friends in the East on this vital question.

Under the guise of "students", many Chinese labourers are entering Canada. They are the biggest offenders under the Opium and Narcotic Drug Act. Out of a total of 966 convictions in 1924 under this Act, 600 are in British Columbia, and practically all of these were Chinese. Their low standard of living, disrespect of our laws, make them in every sense "undesirable", and this League would welcome some definite action on the part of the Dominion Government which would bring about a return of these people to their own sphere, even if it means the returning of the Head Tax, or payment of their passage back to the Orient. We are credibly informed by a prominent local Chinese that thousands of Chinese would gladly return to China if the Head Tax were returned. We should be most pleased if you could see your way to give this matter a few minutes' consideration in your address in Victoria, as the ORIENTAL MENACE is the biggest thing socially and industrially which British Columbia has to face. More important than the Tariff, or Freight Rates, because it hits hard at the home of every

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