

the Attorney General for British Columbia, a copy of which was sent to your department on 18th September, 1899. The British Columbia government was warned that any Act which might hereafter be passed similar to those passed in 1898 and 1899 affecting the employment of Japanese, would probably be disallowed.

4. With regard to the 1900 legislation, it will be seen that the Canadian government intend to disallow chapter 11, regulating immigration, and chapter 14, relative to employment on works carried out under legislative franchises, but to leave in operation chapters 18 and 54; and Mr. Chamberlain proposes, with Lord Lansdowne's concurrence, to acquiesce in the decision of the Dominion government, chapter 18, the Liquor License Act, does not contain the provision prohibiting the grant of a license to any Japanese, which appeared in the Act disallowed in 1899, but only disentitles Mongolians (with Indians) from recommending as 'householders' applications for the issue of licenses, and excludes them from the number of inhabitants in the vicinity of the proposed 'hotel,' which is one of the data on which an application for a license is decided—which provisions do not appear to constitute a disability to which the Japanese government can seriously object. Chapter 54 only disentitles Japanese from voting at Vancouver municipal elections (section 7), and the Dominion government could hardly disallow this long and important Act on the ground of this one objectionable provision; and further as the clause is *ultra vires* (section 91, 24 and 25, of 30 Vic., chap. 3), a Japanese resident in Vancouver, if not otherwise disqualified, can legally enforce his claim to be put in the list of voters.

5. I am to request the favour of an early reply, as it will be necessary to inform the Dominion government of the decision of His Majesty's government before the 17th September next, when the period during which the power of disallowance may be exercised will expire.

I am, &c.,

H. BERTRAM COX.

*The Foreign Office to the Colonial Office.*

FOREIGN OFFICE, 19th August, 1901.

SIR,—I am directed by the Marquess of Lansdowne to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 8th instant, forwarding a despatch from the Governor General of Canada respecting the British Columbian legislation to which the Japanese government have objected.

With regard to the 1900 legislation, Lord Lansdowne noted that the Canadian government intended to disallow chapter 11 regulating immigration, and chapter 14, relative to employment on works carried out under legislative franchises, but to leave in operation chapter 18, 'An Act respecting Liquor Licenses, and chapter 54, 'An Act to revise and consolidate the Vancouver Corporation Act.'

Lord Lansdowne concurs in Mr. Secretary Chamberlain's proposal to acquiesce in the decision of the Dominion government.

I have, &c.,

T. H. SANDERSON.

*Report of the Hon. the Minister of Justice, approved by His Excellency the Governor General in Council on the 11th September, 1901.*

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, OTTAWA, 4th September, 1901.

*To His Excellency the Governor General in Council:*

The undersigned referring to the order of Your Excellency in Council of 27th June last, respecting certain statutes of the legislative assembly of British Columbia,