

The United States by the expenditure of a million lives and billions of money wiped away the blot of negro slavery from their land, yet we have enacted a law that the Chinese, because their skin is yellow and their eyes almond shaped, shall not live in this country. I appeal to this House—I appeal to the public generally beyond the walls of this House, whether this Act is not a disgrace to our country and whether it ought to be on our Statute books. It is against the feelings of humanity and contrary to the law of God. What is one of the first prophecies that we find in the Bible? What do we find in the ninth chapter of Genesis and the 27th verse—"God shall enlarge Japhet, and he shall dwell in the tents of Shem." It is commonly admitted that Japhet was the father of the Caucasian race and Shem of the Mongolian. If we permit this Act to remain on our Statute books we prevent the fulfilment of this prophecy. I it remains on our Statute books, how can the descendants of Shem and Japhet dwell together? I was accused a few moments ago of having travelled free over the Canadian Pacific Railway. I did so, but every member of this House had an opportunity of doing likewise, if he had availed himself of it.

HON. MR. MCINNIS—Every member had not.

HON. MR. ALMON—I went to British Columbia, and I discovered that the feeling against the Chinese there was confined to a portion of the population. I had not been long there before I was called upon by a gentleman who said, "I have called upon you, Doctor, to express the thanks of a number of gentlemen in this Province to you for the stand you took in the Senate on behalf of the Chinese in this country." I said, "I am astonished at that, because this legislation was favored by your representatives." He said, "Yes, but if you Conservatives will pass laws which put the voting power into the hands of the laboring classes—if you lower the franchise as you did the other day, you must expect that the laboring classes will have a preponderating influence in the country and sway our elections, and therefore the men who are elected to the

House of Commons will vote, not in accordance with their own feelings, but in accordance with the views of the laboring classes. The Chinese are peaceful and do not vote; whereas the English, Irish and Scotch have votes. They may be blackguards or drunkards but they possess the franchise and exercise it, and therefore they have more influence than those quiet cleanly people you see here." He said also: "If you go to the houses of those members who voted to exclude the Chinese from Canada, you will see that they all have Chinese servants, if they have men servants at all." I met others while in British Columbia, all of whom expressed the same sentiments, I dined at the house of one gentleman where there were two Chinese servants waiting upon the table. They were very good servants indeed, and I should be very glad to have them in my house in Halifax. I was also told by those connected with the construction of railways that the Chinese are as good laborers as you can find.

It being six o'clock the Speaker left the chair.

AFTER RECESS.

HON. MR. ALMON—I am very glad to hear that I was not the means of bringing the members back here this evening to continue this debate. The remarks which I made were induced by the feelings which have actuated me very strongly that the legislation against Chinese immigration was a blot on our Statute Book, and I felt it more especially, being a Nova Scotian. It is possible, though wrong in principle, that it may be for the interest of British Columbia, or the apparent interest of that Province, that this Bill should be passed; but certainly with regard to Nova Scotia, to which it also extends, it is not the slightest advantage whatever. A Chinaman coming to a Nova Scotia harbor in a vessel which has left China and may have been under the British flag for six months—which is about the time it would take him to come round by Cape Horn—finds he has fifty dollars of a poll tax to pay, and if he has not the money to pay it he is taken out of the vessel and