

regulations, there is reason to believe that there will be increasing attention given to agriculture.

(3) The psychological instinct that in this competition that the Oriental will ultimately win. The Oriental does not seem to be concerned about birth control. In Japan the birth rate is 35 per thousand but in California 62 per thousand. A rate of 50 per thousand in B. C. means that within two generations even with the present population the situation is much more acute than it is today.

HISTORIC EXPERIMENTS

Historic experiments in dealing with the intermingling of races of different types. The two great methods are the caste system and slavery, one finding illustration in India and the other in the United States of America. As both the caste system and slavery stand condemned on both moral and economic grounds, no further reference need be made to these except to say that these methods stand as a warning rather than as an example.

In dealing with the Oriental question two things may safely be taken as settled.

(1) That race interpenetration is inevitable. The world is rapidly becoming a community of interests and from the standpoint of every great human value it is desirable that there be freedom of movement. Each race has its own distinctive qualities and powers and each can make a valuable contribution to world betterment. The higher races or rather the more developed races ought to be in close touch with the others in order to assist in their development. The lower or less developed races can render valuable service in the creation and strengthening of the ties of brotherhood. It would be a calamity if arbitrary barriers rendered impossible the intermingling of races.

(2) The Orientals will not take any place which dooms them to any inferior station either in a caste system or slavery. These races have potential powers of the highest order, and whilst in the past the impact of the East upon the West has not been such as to inspire full confidence in many minds, we do well to remember that the West has for two thousand years enjoyed the privileges of the Gospel; and further, the East has never been free to develop its finest powers. Competent observers are filled with admiration as they contemplate the possibilities of these great races when they have had equal opportunity with the West in knowing the truth, interpreting that truth in the light of their own experience, and giving their people the chance to work out their own philosophy of life. In any settlement of the Oriental Immigration question these things must be borne in mind.

ELEMENTS IN THE SOLUTION OF THE QUESTION.

It might be taken for granted that any arbitrary action based upon boasted superiority is doomed to failure. Pride, hatred, selfish greed, inevitably lead to war.

(1) Our past policy. After the completion of the C.P.R. the Government imposed a head tax of \$50.00, which in 1901 was increased to \$100 and in 1904 to \$500. This method has not restricted, and there has been an insistent demand for extreme restriction, and even complete prohibition, not only of Chinese but of Japanese and Hindus as well. The recent Dominion legislation is in line with this attitude. The discrimination in favor of Japanese immigrants who are not subject to the Immigration Act, has occasioned a very bitter resentment on the part of the Chinese, since the latter alone pay head-tax.

(2) Elements in framing a national policy. The difficulty is in securing the unimpeded development of Canada and at the same time guaranteeing to immigrants and Orientals already within the country the best and highest contribution we can make towards their highest good. There are several things which seem desirable:—

First, Canada ought to have a high standard of citizenship, and make all who seek to make this their home conform to it. The method of bringing in large numbers who have no

interest in, or qualifications for, life in Canada is a blunder for which we are paying terrific interest.

RESTRICTION—AND INTERMARRIAGE

Second, It is necessary for Canada, and in the best interests of the immigrant, that the numbers admitted be restricted. The mathematical proportion to be admitted may be a matter of opinion, but it ought to be comparatively small. The proportion will depend upon two considerations. One is, Can the Oriental actually become part of our race in the sense of intermarriage? Here there are sharp differences of opinion. Such intermarriages are occurring, but some medical scientists declare that the final outcome will be disastrous. If such be the case, it leaves the future much darker than otherwise would be the case. Again, if intermarriage be a failure, the question still remains that even if they must remain a separate race in Canada, they must be brought into cordial relations with our life, have the dignity of our citizenship, and live in harmonious relations with the whole population. We may assume that, whatever the future policy of our Government, those Orientals already in Canada will not be expelled. And if not, we must reckon on the fact that with their industry, energy and frugality, and high birth rate, they will continue to be a very large section of the population, and as such we must have some constructive policy of dealing with them.

PROCESS OF ASSIMILATION

Third, With immigration severely restricted it seems only proper that those now in the country should enjoy the full rights of citizenship. Only in this way can our Canadian life have that breadth and fairness necessary to a true democracy. Further, the real problem of the Oriental is not settled when immigration is severely restricted: it really only assumes practical form. The real task of Canadian life is to take the Oriental already here and build him up into our common life. This at once leads to practical suggestion, and in this connection

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