

QUALITY RATHER THAN QUANTITY.

Not only the prairie provinces, but this great province as well affords homes which should be offered as prizes to the best emigrating races of the world. The efforts of the Laurier Government have been directed toward quantity rather than quality.

ORIENTAL INFLUX.

No reasonable or effective effort has been made to bring settlers from European countries to British Columbia. But immigration has poured in from Asia in large volume. It had begun from China before 1896. In the campaign of that year Sir Wilfrid Laurier announced his policy with respect to Chinese immigration in a telegram published as a campaign document. In this he said: "The views of the Liberals of the West will prevail with me." Note well the expression; he proposed to be governed not by the will of the people, but by the will of the Liberals of this province. I adhere to the view which I expressed in 1902, that on this great question the views of the people of this great province as a whole should prevail.

After the present Government attained power the matter drifted for years until the report of the Commission on Immigration. That report made by men selected by Sir Wilfrid Laurier, one of whom he has since appointed to a position on the judicial bench, contained the following:—

"That there is probability of a great disturbance to the economic conditions in the province, and grave injury being caused to the working classes by the large influx of laborers from China, as the standard of living of the masses of the people in that country differs so widely from the standard prevailing in the province, thus enabling them to work for a much less wage.

"That it is in the interests of the Empire that the Pacific Province of the Dominion should be occupied by a large and thoroughly British population rather than by one in which the number of aliens would form a large proportion."

With respect to the Japanese the report contained the following pronouncement:—

"Their presence in large numbers delays the settlement of the country and keeps out intending settlers; and all that has