The Colonist. The Colonist Printing & Publishing Company, Limited Liability 27 Broad Street, Victoria, B.C. THE SEM, WEEKLY COLONIST in a short time they can get their feet under them, and if they come in great numbers they will inevitably drive

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THE ORIENTAL DEBATE.

it comes it will be felt in India. We ask our critics if they do not believe it wise to take such steps now as will The Montreal Star treats the disthe Oriental influx as an effort on the part of the British Columbia members allow fancied vanity on the part of Japan to stand in the way of our en-acting such laws as will preserve our "to set themselves right with their constituents on the Japanese immicountry for ourselves? Must we for gration question," and it expresses its fear of offending our .ally keep an open door through which the gravest of all dangers may enter the Empire? regret that "so delicate a question uld be dragged into the turmoil of party politics at all." By what process With all respect to Japan, we venture to question the value of an alliance which would call for such a sacrifice. reasoning the Star has arrived at the conclusion that the British Colum-

bia members brought the subject up as a matter of party politics is beyond our comprehension. The gentlemen, who Our evening contemporary thinks that the government has waited until the eleventh hour before withdrawing spoke, were all Liberals, and their obspone, were an interfals, and inch of servations, so far as they had any political complexion at all, were an arraignment, of the Liberal administration. We do not think that either of them will dissent from the prop sition that to score a political po

Such exhibitions as these are the most crushing comment on our as-pirations to be called "a nation." We can tell, but almost every disinterested will not be regarded by other nations as one of them until we grow up and learn to behave ourselves like an adult. So long as the eagerness of a set of local politicians to justify them-selves before their own constituents is held to override the rules that govern international courtesy in our high big as we like; but those who know court of Parliament, we can talk as big as we like; but those who know the rigor of the game will smile at our assumption. It is not enough to own half a continent and to be six million strong to be a nation. This is the language of "the superior way British Columbia would simply become an outpost of the Orient. We read of the importance of maintain-ing a navy. We are told that the fish-eries of the world have been the schools of sailors. A good many col-ums have been written, and not in British Columbia only, telling how by and by there would be trained in our waters the men, who would man the navy of the Empire. Today most of those, who are learning the arts of the sea in fishing craft on the works of the work of the extra of the sea in fishing craft on the work of the effect favorably with sea in fishing craft on the work of the effect favorably with sea in fishing craft on the work of the effect favorably with and bye there would be trained in our waters the men, who would man the frow nice and his graphic, witty and fifty years ago those, who are learning the arts of the same of those, who are learning the arts of the same compared favorably with the work of the gifted Bret Harte. Stories taken from "The Mystic table thing, will enable Orientals to disposes us from this land, unless steps are taken to keep them out. It suits the Star and people whom it represents to ignore the facts. It suits the Star and people whom it represents to ignore the facts. It suits the Star and people whom it the work to be entitled "Worshipping have been translated for the the work to be entitled "Worshipping have beare the out of people in this part of the Dominion, who spend our time in skir-mishing for the support of the labor the political, social and commercial history of British Columbia vote. The truth of the matter is that we are a people who realize that we are face to face with the greatest move-Suicide seems to be increasing in an appalling fashion. One can hardly pick up a paper these days without seeing reports of a number of cases, ment of modern times. Possibly we may not always be as judicious as we might in dealing with it. Possibly some of us sometimes use language that would not look well in an official and a most alarming feature of the situation is the fact that the victim that would not look well in an official despatch. But we are in the right and time will prove it. A strange feature of the case is the fact that our critics choose to regard the whole question as one that concerns the Jap-it would not be so alarming. On yes-it would not be so alarming. On yes-it dovernment street, enjoying the balmy sunshine, a score or so of wellterday afternoon one might have seen upon Government street, enjoying the balmy sunshine, a score or so of well-dressed Hindus. They had clean turbans on their heads and their clothes, though perhaps not particu-larly fashionable, were new and com-fortable. Those men, when they came hore a year or less ago, were wretched looking creatures, ill-clad, half famish-

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ed, and utterly woe-begone. We are not sorry that the land has dealt so well with them, but we cannot shut our eyes to the fact that each of these men is the most powerful agent for the pro-motion of immigration from India to Canada that could be devised. The Colonist has never attempted to con-ceal its reasons for opposing Oriental immigration with all its power. It is the very thing which these Hindus demonstrate, namely that, hopeless as they seem when first they come here, in a short time they can get their feet

Symptoms of Dry Rot. Symptoms of Dry Bot. Reports from Ottawa say there is dis-satisfaction among Liberal members of Parliament over recent appointments to the cabinet, the senate and other posi-tions of usefulness or emolument. It can be understood, also, why this is the case. At the same time, it is a bad thing for the party that evidences of soreness should be made public. When a party begins to think more of office-getting than of duty, its day is nearly done.— Montreal Gazette. London Times-Because for some weeks past there has been no anti-Oriental rioting in California or British Columbia, people are apt to imag-ine that the racial difficulty is settled,

or is settling itself. The letter from our special correspondent, which we publish this morning, is a reminder that this is far from the truth. . . It is admitted that the state of feeling on the Pacific coast. American and Canadian, is such that some kind of regulations will have to be made by which Oriental immigration may be kept under government control. What amour propre of so powerful a nation as Japan 1s to be respected, are ques-tions which will need all the diplomacy, all the tact, of which each side is cap-able. We may regard it as certain Not Over Yet. is settling itself. The letter from

the eleventh hour before withdrawing unstaked timber from license. Our contemporary's clock is fast it is not more than three o'clock. The question involved in the Indian reserves has been brought prominently to the front by a speech by Mr. Oli-ver in the House of Commons. We Socialism in England.

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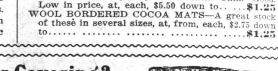
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O holy Child of Bethlehem! Descend to us, we pray; Cast out our sin, and enter in, Be born in us today. Who hear the Christmas angels The great glad tidings tell; Oh, come to us, abide with us, Our Lord Emmanuel! ______Phillips Brooks.

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