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THE ORIENTAL DEBATE.

The Montreal Star treats the discussion in the House of Commons on the Oriental influx as an effort on the part of the British Columbia members to set themselves right with their constituents on the Japanese immigration question.

The London Times in an article reproduced on Page 5 of this issue, seems to regard the whole Oriental question as something having its genesis in the labor organizations, and as being kept alive by them.

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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 promotion of immigration from India to Canada that could be devised.

Our evening contemporary thinks that the government has waited until the eleventh hour before withdrawing unstaked timber from license.

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not told by Solomon that "Man is born unto trouble, as the sparks fly upward." But, however much we may feel of impotence, we must not stand idly by and witness the soul-searing spectacle of the ranks of the human family being decimated as a result of the operation of the canker of despair.

BRITISH OPINION

London Times—Because for some weeks past there has been no anti-Oriental feeling in California or British Columbia, people are apt to imagine that the racial difficulty is settled, and that the west cannot expect to publish this morning, is a reminder of the old days, so powerful a nation as the Pacific coast.

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SPIRIT OF THE PRESS

A Striking Illustration. The United States navy department estimates that \$900 mechanics will be rendered idle in Atlantic ports by the departure of the fleet for the Pacific.

Symptoms of Dry Rot. Reports from Ottawa say there is dissatisfaction among Liberal members of Parliament over recent appointments to the cabinet, the senate and other positions.

Not Over Yet. Those who think that the crisis is over between the United States and Japan had better wait a little. A Washington correspondent talks very learnedly about the situation.

Socialism in England. The danger to which England is said to be threatened at this moment is neither war, bankruptcy, nor disintegration. According to a writer who signs himself "Zarathustra" in The Westminster.

Real Business of Parliament. The House of Commons has got down to real business in good time this season. It has had time to discuss the Budget, the Finance Bill, and the Education Bill.

Little Town of Bethlehem. How tall we dreamless sleep Above thy deep and dreamless sleep The silent stars go by: Yea, in thy dark streets shineth The everlasting Light: The hours and hours in all the years Are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary. And gathered all of wondering love Their watch of adoring love. O morning stars, together Frolic in the holy birth: And praises sing to God the King, And peace to men on earth.

Invest Your "Cash" Presents in One of These Buffets: BUFFET—In Early English finished oak. This buffet has 1 large cupboard with 2 glass doors, and at the price asked is fine value.

THE COLDEST NIGHTS WON'T WORRY YOU, IF YOU HAVE ONE OF THESE: LAST WINTER, when the cold snap struck this town, there was a rush to this store for Foot Warmers. We sold our whole stock in short order, and besides—our stock of Foot Warmers for buggies, sleighs, etc.

A Wire Mat is What You Need This Winter A SUPERIOR ARTICLE There is nothing in the Mat Line that can beat the Wire Mat in protecting the house from muddy shoes of children and grown folks. These mats are made of best galvanized steel wire, peculiarly woven, so that although you may roll it up like a piece of carpet it will, when in use, remain perfectly flat as a mat, with no curled corners to trip those who trample it.

What About a Winter Floor Covering? PUT LINOLEUM ON YOUR KITCHEN FLOOR NOW Fall and Winter seasons mean "Mud" and much worry for the housewife who likes to keep the floor clean and nice. It is so much easier to clean and to keep clean the kitchen floor if it is covered with oilcloth or linoleum, and it costs so little that every kitchen floor should be covered.

There's Another Holiday—New Year's And it has its redeeming features, even though some people say we have too many holidays. One of its good points is that it comes seven days after the greatest gift-exchanging day in the calendar, and it gives one the opportunity of making amends for any oversight in gift-making at Christmas—for such things happen in the general excitement.

Your China Closet is Yearning For These: The holidays over, we must necessarily put our house in order—clean up all the odd bits, that the inventory sheets may be less bulky. A grand opportunity is presented to fill that space in the china closet, long reserved for some special object. A genuine decisive reduction on all holiday merchandise still unsold—and we considered every piece a splendid value at its original price.

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GASTOR'S CAUSE After Marine Food He MATE USED As a Protest to Hired to His untee

Christmas eve Castor at Esquimaux bark, after a struggle, put in dress, and Capt. Long, and Capt. Long, reached the land to survey on the necessary probably Vance was engaged and Chief charge on board of provisor large Gentle An- chondria 25 years crew, who had been watched with e supply coming to the end of the voyage. Meantime came but the galley did ing visits and t the cook of the a strange chara chondria accord and insists at m usually before a should be getting going to his bu of food, wellon had been drinki change what com after other food board, the cook could not get a complaint to the ready drawn in the

What's this? "mutiny?" No, it's a protest. The cook's bunk again, that's all. Now the mate comes on board, and the mate in the sudden refusal to let the mate in taking up cook. Some one out her some anger. The cook came the would not con- sulted and wen He absolutely re- sulted in the busy in the sea were fed. They had a long and vicinal? Constable the country. If the refusal he will with refusing o- nage his ref- duties of his o- amount of inco

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