

after day. Finally we convinced the government of the necessity of following the point of view we had advanced. And we certainly got no assistance from the preceding speaker in that connection.

We believed that the rest of Canada should be told our stand in the matter. I must say I have never heard any other hon. member, with the exception of the hon. member who preceded me, talk hatred in any way, shape or form. I do not know of any hon. member from British Columbia, other than the preceding speaker, who has introduced the word "hatred." We had absolutely no hatred for the Japanese, a point which was brought out well by the hon. member for Vancouver South.

It is neither reasonable nor sensible to expect us to handle as many Japanese as we have had, in proportion to our population. So far the rest of Canada has not shown us that it is willing even to assume part of the problem as a defence measure. I am surprised that the hon. member who has so much to say for the minority does not repeat that. We find that the rest of Canada is not prepared, even as a defence measure, to take part of these Japanese during the war. That is the reason why, so far as I am concerned, every time there is a session at Ottawa, and every time there is some excuse, I am going to mention the Japanese problem as it applies to British Columbia.

So far as my constituency is concerned, we do not want them back. And, following up that very line of being fair to the minority, may I say it would not be in the interests of the minority if this or any other governmental department attempted to bring them back. That is not an idle statement. Anyone who knows British Columbia knows it is the truth. Get in touch with the Canadian Legion or any other organization, and find out what they have to say.

For instance, my hon. friend referred to the churches. Well, he did not quote the Baptist convention. I hold in my hand a report appearing in the Vancouver *Sun* of June 18, and I should like to read what the Baptist convention said:

The convention passed a second resolution criticizing "Those in political and religious life who have shown an exceptional interest in the fate of a very small minority of enemy aliens here in British Columbia."

I should be glad to read the rest of it to my hon. friend, because the *Sun* is a good newspaper. I would advise him to read either the

Sun or the *Province*, instead of the *Federationist*. If he does so, he will keep up to date in British Columbia. The article continues:

The resolution stated that "A great proportion of the Japanese minority are not clear in their loyalty to Canada, their land of adoption, and that every member of the Japanese community who is an adherent of the Shinto faith has by that attachment clearly indicated his allegiance to Japan and to no other country."

That is the Baptist convention. I should like to read a few other things, but I want to be brief.

What about this Prince Konoye, or that little rat Tojo—yes, coyote would be good enough. These famous, loyal Canadians, with "B.A." after their names, were the most dangerous ones we had to contend with. What did they say in the Vancouver press? They said that through the kindness of their hearts they permitted us to look down from our office windows on this distinguished Tojo. I am looking up to no Tojo, vote or no vote. The hon. member for Vancouver East said in effect that we ill-treated the Japanese, that we did not give them fair treatment.

Mr. MacINNIS: I said that they were treated differently from any other section of the community, and from any other racial group.

Mr. CRUICKSHANK: I accept the hon. member's statement. I admit that the Japs were treated differently. They were treated a great deal better than most races. I cannot read all of this paper. Part of it is in Japanese. It is called *The New Canadian*, and is dated February 20, 1943. There may be a speech by my hon. friend the member for Vancouver East on the back page. I cannot read all this sheet, but I can certainly read the English part of it, and I see here a federal government advertisement paid for by war bonds and war savings certificates. This is the advertisement the federal government puts in a Jap paper, run by these Japs that we are ill-treating so much! It is a selective service notice! I did not know before that they came under national selective service, but I know what some of the camps are like where these Japs are. I do not think the hon. member for Vancouver East has been to one of these camps. He should go and see them. I have one in my riding. We are paying \$500 a month rental for a hunk of woods, with eighteen feet of snow in it, and you cannot get out of it for six months in the year. That is what we are spending each month to look after these Japs that we are ill-treating. There are 2,670 of them in one camp in my riding, and if I belonged to the right party I might get a hold on those 2,670 votes.