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and unmarried children under 18 to join them in this country.

The East Indians <sup>legally</sup> ~~now~~ resident in Canada are British subjects who have resided here for many years. They are therefore Canadian citizens. As such, their wives and unmarried children under 18 are admissible. With regard to the Japanese, I stated on August 4, 1944, at which time we were at war with Japan, that the government felt that in the years after the war the immigration of Japanese should not be permitted. That is the present view and policy of the government. It will be for future parliaments to consider what change, if any, should be made in this policy.

There will, I am sure, be <sup>general</sup> agreement with the view that the people of Canada do not wish, as a result of mass immigration, to make a fundamental alteration in the character of our population. Large-scale immigration from the Orient would change the fundamental composition of the Canadian population. Any considerable oriental immigration would, moreover, be certain to give rise to social and economic problems of a character that might lead to serious difficulties in the field of international relations. The Government, therefore, has no thought of making any change in <sup>immigration</sup> ~~the~~ regulations which would have consequences of the kind.