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Asiatic Question. It is just about twenty years since the Yellow Peril began to be talked about. The subject was introduced to public notice in a very clever pamphlet. The interest of this pamphlet to-day is that it furnishes a remarkable contrast to the propaganda of the Exclusionists. The writer depicted in vivid colours the intelligence, the industry and the aggressiveness of the Orientals. He pointed out that their danger to the white races lay not in their inferiority, but in their superiority. In the ultimate issue they overran the world by reason of their numbers, but their numerical superiority only became effective because it was directed and controlled by intelligence. He treated them as the masters, not the servants, of the white races, and their triumph became in his hands the logical conclusion of natural forces intelligently applied.

The Exclusionist has so far approached the question solely from the standpoint of inferiority. The only protest lodged against Oriental immigration, whether into Canada or the United States, has been in the interests of white labour; the suggestion is that unrestricted immigration means flooding the market with Orientals and displacing white labour. Undoubtedly this is a correct

proposition, but is it not taking altogether too narrow a view of the subject? By narrowing the issue, the Exclusionist is ignoring broader considerations, some of which, at any rate, are more potent than the one he urges.

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WESTWARD HO! has never agreed with the methods of the Exclusion League; it has always sympathized with its objects. Now that the League has been made an International one, it is the more important that Canadians should thoroughly understand the question in all its bearings. Whilst Canadian and American Exclusionists have some things, they have not all things, in common. The interests of the former are distinct; where they touch questions of International policy they merge on all the broader issues.

There has been a great deal of talking at cross-purposes; at one time the League has stated that the question is primarily a racial one; again it has declared that it is purely an economic one. WESTWARD HO! holds the view that both aspects of the case are predominant, and that neither can for a moment be ignored. It is in the highest interests of civilization that such racial differences as exist between the Mongolian and the white man should be maintained in their integrity.