

Following this strenuous show of dissatisfaction the Dominion Trades and Labor Congress held in Winnipeg, telegraphed to Sir Wilfrid Laurier, asking for the abrogation of the treaty. To this the distinguished Premier of Canada answered that the government would enquire into the matter carefully and thus avoid any precipitate action that might afterwards be regretted. Now the Oriental Exclusion League has undertaken to petition the Premier. Already, however, both the Hon. Frank Oliver, Minister of the Interior, and Mr W. D. Scott, Superintendent of Immigration, are in the West studying every detail of the situation. There are puissant reasons for and against the move to exclude the Japs from the Canadian Pacific sea board.

The abrogation of the treaty between Japan and Canada would injure the ever increasing trade of the two countries, by cutting off those tariff privileges, which it grants. British Columbia would be the true sufferer. It must be admitted, therefore, that it is not alone racial hatred, which too frequently is born with us, inculcated or developed that arouses the westerners, causing them to sacrifice commercial advantages. They must fear, fear for their bodies, or for their souls, or for the country of their dearest love.

We will not be surfeited if we rely on Japanese commerce only, nor can we hope to be greatly favored by them. Very recently Hon. Eki Hioki, of their embassy at Washington, in an appeal to American capital, said, "There exists between Japan and Great Britain a political alliance in the East. Why can there not be a commercial alliance between Japan and the United States?" The Panama Canal, on its completion, will revolutionize the commerce of the Orient, and we can well imagine what will become of our treaty, if it withstand the present shock: we may, indeed, believe that the six months' notice may be granted us, but that the political treaty with Great Britain will last, and that Japan will still be bound to aid England in Asiatic warfare, and England will, in return aid her in any part of the globe, when more than one nation is in question.

The Japanese have been coming in ever increasing numbers and strangely, too, mostly from Honolulu. Naturally on the outbreak of trouble the Government foresaw no difficulty in being able to stop the rush of this undesirable immigration which did not come directly from Japan. Diplomacy avoided this resort until an investigation