

bers of the church to which I belong number somewhere between one and a half and two millions ; but I am afraid that the example which is shown the Chinese by the whites in British Columbia is not calculated to lead them into the true path, and I do not think it is in the moral interest of the Chinese that they should come into that Province in large numbers. I think the interests of the Province and the interests of the Chinese are one in that respect.

HON. MR. MACDONALD (B.C.)—I beg to inform the hon. gentleman that the people of British Columbia are just as moral in their living and as high-toned as the people of Halifax, man for man. The great danger from the Chinese is this, that the country is so populous that there is every probability, unless immigration is checked, of overrunning our whole colony, and instead of having British Columbia an Anglo-Saxon colony we will have it Mongolian. I do not think they are any worse in running down the rates of labor, or anything of that kind than Europeans. They are as moral and industrious and law-abiding as other people, but there is a danger of their overrunning the country.

HON. MR. DEVER—If I vote for this Bill, I will certainly do so against my conscience ; but inasmuch as it is a Government measure I would like to support it. If I did so, however, I would be acting inconsistently with my feelings. We, who pride ourselves on the freedom of our institutions, and the abolition of slavery in the United States, and who fancy we are going over the world with our lamp in our hand shedding light and lustre wherever we go—that we should become slave-drivers, and prohibit strangers from coming to our hospitable shore because they are of a different colour and have a different language and habits from ourselves, in deference to the feelings of a few people from British Columbia, is a thing I cannot understand. I do not see why we should suffer in the other provinces because of that prejudice in British Columbia. If this Bill were confined to British Columbia alone, I should be happy that the people of that Province should have their own way in the matter ; but why

they should enforce such a law on the Dominion is something I cannot understand.

HON. MR. KAULBACH—I would ask the Minister of Justice does this Bill restrict the immigration of Chinese who come from Hong Kong? I believe they are British subjects there, and I would like to know if this measure would deprive them of the right of coming over to this country?

HON. SIR ALEX. CAMPBELL—It applies to all Chinamen.

HON. MR. KAULBACH—Then I say that to deprive, in this country, a British subject from coming to our shores is a restriction we are not in a position to demand or enforce.

HON. MR. WARK—Before this question arose in Canada, it was discussed for several years in the United States, and there was a great difference of opinion there between the people of California and the people on this side of the mountains. The different Christian churches had been sending out, at great expense, missionaries to labor amongst the heathen population of China, and many of them looked upon it as a wise dispensation of Providence, the bringing of a number of those people under the influence of Christianity in a Christian country. They were desirous of sending, and some of them did send, missionaries amongst them when they reached the American shore, but there was a class of laborers on the Pacific coast, who immediately made a great stir because the Chinese lowered the wages ; and it was with them chiefly, and with the class of people who supported them, that the difficulty arose at first. But the Christian people who wished to do good to the Chinese were not at all opposed to their landing on the American continent, because they believed that if they could bring them under Christian influences here, a great many of them would return to their own country as Christians, and would spread the doctrines of Christianity amongst their own people much more rapidly than by sending missionaries across the ocean. I do not know what the people of British Columbia have