

for Mr. Preston's dismissal. He was not dismissed, but suddenly transferred from London to Japan, and his arrival in Japan was followed a few months later by a large influx of Japanese laborers, who are certainly arriving under some organized system. Is it too much to assume that some unknown and undiscovered North Atlantic or North Pacific Trading Company, or Canadian Labor Bureau, is profiting from the very large number of Japanese laboring men who are thus disembarking upon our shores? This subject will bear investigation later on.

#### THE SITUATION.

Japan is a great nation, the renown of her soldiers as well as her statesmen is world-wide. She is the ally of Great Britain. The violence which has been offered to her subjects, peacefully residing in this country under treaty rights, is a matter of deepest regret to every loyal Canadian, and every possible reparation must be made.

The Government has unnecessarily created a difficult situation and they must accept the responsibility. Present conditions deter immigration to your Province from European countries, and will end in driving from the Pacific coast all laboring men of European races. And in truth the question is whether or no this great Pacific Province shall be dominated by a Canadian race or by men of oriental descent. If present conditions are permitted to continue, the question does not stop short of this point. The Laurier Government, notwithstanding its promises of the past, has created this condition. It did so knowingly and wantonly in face of the warning of its own Commission, and with full understanding of the consequences.

Complete information must have been in possession of the members who represent this great Province in the Commons of Canada. Did they withhold it from the Government? Is that conceivable? Why did every British Columbian representative reserve his protest until it was too late?

#### VIOLENCE DEPRECATED.

Let us have a due sense of Imperial as well as Canadian interests; let us appreciate the sanctity of treaty rights, which must always be observed, and the respect which must be paid to