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FISHERY PROBLEM DISCUSSED IN HOUSE

Ottawa, Nov. 24.—Today's most interesting event was Mr. H. H. Stevens' speech.

Adverting to the Vancouver Chinese immigration frauds he told how the head tax had been evaded. He himself had had two Chinese come into his office and offer him \$500.00 for the post of interpreter, which they assured him was very lucrative. The present government had bequeathed to it a racial problem worse than the negro problem in the United States.

Ten years ago there were not 10,000 Japanese in British Columbia, now there were 25,000. Ten years ago the fisheries of British Columbia were in the hands of whites; today they are altogether in the hands of Japanese fishermen, who number 10,500. These Japanese fishermen were mostly naval reservists, and they were making charts and taking photographs of the B.C. coast.

An incident was the nefarious system on which fishing licenses have been given out to beelers, who have farmed them out. For example, Japanese have paid \$1,000 to \$1,500 for licenses for which party beelers paid \$500 to the government. Mr. Stevens suggested that inhabitants of Labrador be transferred to the British Columbia coast so as to supply a fishing population. Was it the intention of the late administration that Canada's navy should be manned by Japanese. For only by means by the fishing population could the merchant marine and navy be supplied.

Hon. Mr. Lemieux asked if the number of Japanese had materially increased within the last two or three years.

"Yes," replied Mr. Stevens, and he drove home that the Laurier Government by refusing to pass legislation on lines of the Natal Act, as expressly suggested by the Rt. Hon. Joseph Chamberlain, and by assenting to the Anglo-Japanese trade treaty without reserving control over immigration, and disallowing the Provincial Exclusion Acts, had caused difficulty.

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NO MORE JAPANESE FOR B. C.

That the Japanese government intended in future to send no immigrants to Canada at all is stated by K. Miyako, lawyer and member of the Japanese parliament for Ibaraki, near Tokio.

For some time past, as is generally known, Japan's immigration to Canada has been restricted, but according to Mr. Miyako, as a result of an agreement between different members of the cabinet of his country, it will in the future be absolute-

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GIVES NEW ANGLE ON CHARACTER OF HINDOOS ABROAD

Officer of Sikh Regiment Here to Spend Month's Holiday in This City.

Here on a month's holiday trip is Major W. J. Ottley, of the 34th Sikh Pioneers, with headquarters at Lahore, India. He is accompanied by Mrs. Ottley, a former well known Vancouver girl, who is naturally much surprised with the growth and development of the city since she left some four years ago. Major and Mrs. Ottley will take up their quarters for a month's stay at the Royal Alexandra apartments.

That there is little love lost between the white race and the natives of India but that the latter get along well together simply because they recognize that they could not hold India together with its many castes without the standing army of 75,000 British soldiers and the prestige of the British navy, is the way Major Ottley sizes up the situation in India as the result of many years' residence there. Incidentally, Major Ottley gives some new angles of the Hindoo character abroad and thoroughly sympathizes with the efforts of Canada to prevent too many Hindoos coming and also to shut out their child wives. Discussing the situation in India and the character of the Hindoos, Major Ottley said:

"The Hindoo abroad when away from the restraining and disciplinary influence of the army which he has always been accustomed to in India, has generally proved a very unsatisfactory citizen. For one thing, he is lazy. He has no stake in his adopted country, but at the same time he is arrogant about asserting his claim to rights which he will not allow to the white men in India. The British are not allowed to own land in India with the exception of a few districts. I have lived there for twenty years and I am unable to own land. This is a fact which is worthy of attention in this province which the Hindoos are watching with covetous eyes as a land of easy wealth.

Comments Canada's Stand.

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"What does he do with the money when he gets it? He does not spend it here where he makes it. He starves himself, lives on next to nothing, and saves every cent he can. His ambition is to save a few hundred dollars and then invest it in land in India. The vast irrigation works carried on in India have opened up a vast tract of new land for settlement, and this is being eagerly sought by the natives. Their aim is to get sufficient money to buy a few acres. He is not a public spirited citizen at home and much less so abroad. Canada is quite within her rights in not wanting these men, especially the class who emigrate. They are not the best type by any means.

"Another reason why British rule is submitted to is because of the many different castes. If it were not for the white ruler, there would be a clash between the Hindoos and Mohammedans."

Major Ottley, who is a member of the Royal Automobile Club of London, and a motoring enthusiast, motored in company with Mrs. Ottley from Lahore to Calcutta on their way out, and both agreed that the trip was an interesting and at times exciting one. They intend to motor across the Dominion at some future date, when the All-Canadian highway is completed.