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1. It was a std part of the political repertoire (1) But Liberals + Conservatives were U.S. inspired - thus "fight Ottawa, 'Educate the East'"
 2. contributed to B.C.'s sense of isolation. Part to "ethnological differences"
- By 1908, 22 provincial statutes had been disallowed
1922. Prov. leg. asked feds to amend BNA act to allow B.C. to prohibit asiatic ownership or employment in agriculture + industry
4. feds did asced rel Jap. fishing licenses. Prov. felt "sacrificed" rel Br Asian interests
 5. 1921 election - all on the theme. Combined Oriental theme with the general "the East D.N. understand us" one.
- 6 May 8 1922 - all 13 B.C. M.P.s speak out in Parliament rel restriction of immigration. theme: spread to the east.

7. Supported Exclusion: Trades + Labour Congress of Canada, United Farmers of Alberta, Railway Brotherhoods, Daughters of the Empire, Great War Vet Assoc, Retail Merchants Assoc of Canada

8 2nd 1921 session, Leg asked govt (feds)

"to totally restrict the im. of Asiatics ...

Keeping in view the wishes of the people of BC that this Province be reserved for people of European race!
fed response - leg. against only Chinese (due to international considerations).

Commers, Debates, April 30, 1923, p 2312.

4. Only 8 Chinese immigrated to Canada 1925-40.!

1925 ~ 25,000 Chinese in B.C.

J. Nelson

" B.C. is one of the last frontiers of the white race against yellow and brown... It stands in the sea gate on the northwest Pacific, and holds it for Saxon civilization."

➔ 11. Legislature 1927. had suggested repatriation of per E + S. Africa!

14. 1928 - A White Canada League formed in Van
1921 published White Canada

↳ Danger: The Anti-Asiatic Weekly (of 1921)

15. issue dying in 2829 due to effectiveness of legislation
9 issues

16. 1931 Canadian Legion pressures leg. to give WWI Japanese the vote.

17. But H.F. Angus, supporting total Japanese vote. - got much (1931) hostility.

1934 CCF divided. rel vote

⇒ NOTE: 30's - the issue was: total citizenship

18. 1937 - vote again fed. denied.

19. 1935 → 37 agitation up again.

potatoe groves → Chinese.

merchants rel ~~see~~ early closing laws + Chinese.

19. 1937 - Anti Japanese campaign up.

Delegations again rel ~~to~~ repatriation.

City Council Vancouver wanted to restrict

⇒ Oriental trade licences - as per S.A.

Yes assembly declares illegal.

much private pressure on Parliament.

22. Neil - Japanese Immigration Bill attempted.
European liberty test. Defeated

29. 1938 ~ totally rel Japanese.

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rel pop emigrants to
towns

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