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To the Chairman, Select Standing Committee on Agriculture:

I beg to submit for the special information of your Committee the following memo. re Orientals in British Columbia secured from Mr. R. J. Hartley, Secretary, Bureau of Provincial Information:

Orientals in British Columbia

"Supplementing the report upon Oriental activities in British Columbia made last Session, and in compliance with the request of the Secretary of the Advisory Board of Farmers' Institutes, I beg to submit some figures on immigration and school attendance to bring the former report up to date in those respects.

I would again draw attention to the fact that about twice as many Japanese are being born in British Columbia as enter it annually from across the Pacific, and to the very sinister fact that the preponderance of women over men among immigrants is on the increase. As we reported last Session, over a period of years the proportion was 5,111 females to 3,957 males and in 1925 was 2 to 1. This proportion had still further increased in 1926 to about 5 to 2. In view of the fecundity of the race this fact cannot be too strongly emphasized as regards the increase in school population.

The Immigration returns for the fiscal year ended March 31st, 1926, show that there entered Canada no Chinese, 62 East Indians (popularly described as Hindus), and 421 Japanese. The returns for the fiscal year ended March 31st, 1927, show 2 Chinese, 62 East Indians, and 475 Japanese. A table giving the provincial destinations of immigrants by races and sexes appears to have been dropped, but there can be no doubt that the proportions of Orientals settling in British Columbia remain at approximately 95 per cent of Japanese and 98 per cent of Hindus.

The regulations adopted by the Federal government in 1924 continue to keep out Chinese of the immigrant classes. As a consequence of this and of the fact that deaths about balance births the population of this race is stationary. As a matter of fact, it is possibly declining slightly. In his last report the Director of Chinese Immigration states that during 1926-27 there had been allowed 5,987 registrations of Chinese outward (this permitting their re-entry to Canada within two years) and he adds:- "It would appear that an increasing number of Chinese are leaving Canada without registering out. During the period under review 473 Chinese who had registered out allowed their registrations to lapse, thus forfeiting all right of re-entry to Canada." These two facts may be considered as affecting British Columbia to the extent of about 60 per cent.

The admissions of Japanese in 1926-27 included 115 men, 250 women and 110 "children" under eighteen. There is nothing in the returns to show how many of the "children" were of the female sex. As has been reported previously, there is considerable trouble in getting complete registrations of Oriental births and the registrations in any one year include many which took place in earlier years. It may be fairly considered that delayed registrations now are for years since the taking of the census, and they should be taken into account in trying to arrive at some estimate of the present population of the Oriental races in the Province. As nearly as the figures can be obtained there were in British Columbia at December 31st, 1927, 25,177 Chinese, 23,315 Japanese and 1,233 Hindus, or a total of Orientals of 49,725. The details in each case are as follows:-

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1926
Chinese 0.
Hindus 62
Japs 421
1927
Chinese 2
Hindus 62
Japs 475

		Per Cent. of Total in Canada.
Chinese in British Columbia at census, 1901	14,885	86.0
Chinese in British Columbia at census, 1911	<u>19,568</u>	70.5
Chinese in British Columbia at census, June 1st, 1921	23,533	59.4
Immigration, fiscal year 1921-22	995	
Immigration, fiscal year 1922-23	326	
Immigration, fiscal year 1923-24	341	
Immigration, fiscal year 1924-25	
Immigration, fiscal year 1925-26	
Immigration, fiscal year 1926-27	2	
Immigration to December 31st, 1927 (estimated)	
✓ Births, 245; deaths, 227; natural increase, 1923	18	
✓ Births, 228; deaths, 201; natural increase, 1924	27	
✓ Births, 212; deaths, 195; natural increase, 1925	<u>17</u>	
	25,259	
Births, 197; deaths, 223; natural decrease, 1921	26	
Births, 216; deaths, 231; natural decrease, 1922	15	
Births registered, 203; deaths, 224; natural decrease, 1926	21	
✓ Births registered, 200; deaths (est.) 220; natural decrease (est.), 1927	<u>20</u>	
	82	
	25,177	
Estimated Chinese in B. C., Dec. 31st, 1927.		
Japanese in British Columbia at census, 1901	4,597	97.0
Japanese in British Columbia at census, 1911	<u>8,587</u>	95.2
Japanese in British Columbia at census, June 1st, 1921	15,006	94.6
Immigration, fiscal year 1921-22	452	
Immigration, fiscal year 1922-23	350	
Immigration, fiscal year 1923-24	422	
Immigration, fiscal year 1924-25	481	
Immigration, fiscal year 1925-26	400	
Immigration, fiscal year 1926-27	451	
Immigration to December 31st, 1927 (estimated)	435	
Births, 592; deaths, 142; natural increase, 1921	450	
Births, 585; deaths, 190; natural increase, 1922	395	
✓ Births registered, 889; deaths, 158, natural increase, 1923	731	
✓ Births registered, 949; deaths, 150, natural increase, 1924	799	
✓ Births registered, 1,104; deaths, 195; natural increase, 1925	909	
✓ Births registered, 1,170; deaths, 161, natural increase, 1926	1,009	
✓ Births registered, 1,200; deaths (est.) 175; natural increase (est.) 1927	<u>1,025</u>	
Estimated Japanese in B. C. Dec. 31, 1927	23,315	

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		Per Cent. of Total in Canada.
Hindus in British Columbia at census, 1901 (none given)		
Hindus in British Columbia at census, 1911	2,292	98.0
Hindus in British Columbia at census, June 1st, 1921	951	93.6
Immigration, fiscal year 1921-22	13	
Immigration, fiscal year 1922-23	21	
Immigration, fiscal year 1923-24	39	
Immigration, fiscal year 1924-25	44	
Immigration, fiscal year 1925-26	60	
Immigration, fiscal year 1926-27	60	
Immigration to December 31st, 1927 (estimated) ...	45	
Estimated Hindus in B. C. Dec. 31st, 1927	1,233	

The Chinese birth-rate is approximately 10 per 1000 of the population of that race. The Japanese birth-rate in 1925 and 1926 was approximately 58 per 1000 of their population. The birth-rate for the Province as a whole, including Indians, was 17.7 per 1000 of the population in 1926.

School attendance.

The Public Schools report for the school year ending in June last indicates a continuance of the disproportionate growth of school attendance by children of Oriental parentage as compared with those of other races. The total attendance in 1926-27 shows an increase of $3\frac{1}{2}$ per cent over that in 1925-26, but while the increase of white children amounted to 3 per cent that of Orientals amounted to 9 per cent. There was a falling-off in Chinese. Japanese show an increase of 438, or $17\frac{3}{4}$ per cent. Hindus increased from 20 to 27, not large numerically but representing a per centage of increase of 35 per cent. The figures of attendance for the past five years are as follows, the segregation for earlier years not being obtainable:

Year.	White	Chinese	Japanese	Hindu
1922-23	92,120 ✓	1,346 ✓	1,422 ✓	16 ✓
1923-24	93,156	1,423	1,725	30
1924-25	94,228	1,312	2,414	26
1925-26	97,794	1,397	2,477	20
1926-27	100,765 ✓	1,301 ✓	2,915 ✓	27 ✓

Trusting this will be of value to the members of the Legislature in connection with the Oriental problem.

Yours sincerely,

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