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## ORIENTAL EXCLUSION ASSOCIATION

(Embracing Various Societies and Trade Unions)

Address All Communications to the Secretary

615 PENDER STREET WEST

Vancouver, B. C. May 6, 1925 192

Mrs. A. Bothwell,  
Secretary, Womens Institute,  
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Dear Madam;

Your connection with the old Asiatic Exclusion League will no doubt have made you acquainted with the fact that legislation most valuable to British Columbia was secured by the League. The above organization has been formed and has absorbed the Old League in order to launch out on a larger scale that the Oriental problem may be settled satisfactorily to the electorate. I was collaborating with Mrs. Barber in her work with your institutes on this, the most important question confronting this Province and Dominion, and we are appealing to every Women's Institute to affiliate with the Oriental Exclusion Association. We propose to make this movement Dominion wide; there are at present 45 associations identified with the movement in Vancouver.

I was in present at a meeting held one month ago in Victoria on this question at which 81 associations registered their delegates, thus showing the feeling that has been engendered on the Oriental problem as affecting our Province, the meeting was addressed by Rev. Clem Davis, Mrs. V. S. McLachlan your Provincial Secretary, Mr. Carlow, Mr. Peters and the writer. We realize that this question touches none in B. C. to a greater degree than the agricultural communities as represented through your Institutes, and to this end we solicit your assistance.

Any Institute may become affiliated on payment of a fee of five dollars (\$5.00) and individual memberships are one dollar per year, you will have noted in the Press that we have been very effective recently at Ottawa, in that we have prevented the big interests and operators from securing any relaxation of the recent legislation and regulations restricting Orientals in the industries in B. C. To continue this work we must have funds, therefore we earnestly request your affiliation with the organization. We would welcome any suggestions as to how we can co-operate to the best advantage or how we can assist you to place this question fully before your membership.

Kindly forward all communications and remittances to the Secretary.

Yours sincerely, *Hugh Thornley*  
Secretary.

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THE ORIENTAL IN BRITISH COLUMBIA.

There is no subject engaging the attention of the electorate to such degree as is the Oriental question, the best interests of all concerned are served by placing everything bearing on the subject before the people, to this end the following statistics are presented:-

LUMBERING:- Orientals employed in shingle mills 1672, saw mills 4105, logging camps 1420. Total 7197.

COAL MINES:- Vancouver Island enjoys the distinction of being the only portion of the Province where Orientals are employed in and around coal mines, of 558 so employed, 270 are above ground and 288 underground, 282 at the Cumberland mines and 6 at Extension.

VITAL STATISTICS FOR B.C.	1920	1921	1922	1923
BIRTHS	10,492	10,653	9,694	9,208
DEATHS	4,739	4,208	4,494	4,573

STATISTICS RELATING TO JAPANESE AND CHINESE ARE AS FOLLOWS.

BIRTHS	CHINESE	165	199	227	182
"	JAPANESE	611	627	622	617
DEATHS	CHINESE	234	225	235	259
"	JAPANESE	180	161	212	185

TRADE LICENCES ISSUED TO ORIENTALS IN VANCOUVER 1924,-1720

COMPENSATION:- Investigation by the Workmans Compensation Board proves the Orientals standard of living to be but one fifth of ours and the widows in China and Japan are paid on that basis, i. e., Oriental widows \$7.50 and white widows \$35.00 per month. The mine explosion at Cumberland on Feb. 8th. 1923 snuffed out 33 lives of which 19 were Chinese, the cost to the Province in compensation approximates \$160,000.00. The Government expert investigator reporting the Orientals as causing the explosion.

AGRICULTURE:- The Associated Growers of B. C. are sponsors for the following figures for the interior re vegetables, etc.,-

VERNON- 95% of all vegetables grown and controlled by Chinese most the land being rented from land companies at rents averaging \$30.00 per acre.

ARMSTRONG- 75% of total vegetables grown and controlled by Chinese with celery a local product Chinese monopoly.

KAMLOOPS- Almost 100% Oriental, with Hindos in the majority.

KELOWNA- 95% of all field work on truck crops done by Orientals mostly Japanese.

FISHERIES- There are at least 2533 Japanese operating under licences in our Fisheries, during 1924 and this after a 40% reduction in 1923; 15% in 1924, and a further reduction of 15% this year. The regulations required at 25% of those engaged in Herring Seining and dry-salting in 1924 be whites, 50% in 1925; 75% in 1926 and the elimination of Orientals in 1927. On the same principle they are to be eliminated from the Salmon dry salting operations in 1928. No Orientals are permitted to engage in Salmon Seining. We invite your co-operation in removing the Orientals from the industries of B. C. and the employment of whites in their stead.

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THE JAPANESE NATIONAL POLICY BEING APPLIED TO CANADA

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The assimilation of immigrants and their eventual merging into good Canadian citizenship can only be accomplished through inter-marriage: whether this can be done with the Orientals may well be judged by the following editorials translated from the vernacular Japanese Press of the United States and Canada.

Editorial appearing in the "Shin Sekai" or "New World". of San Francisco:-

"We should advance and not recede. - To stop is to retreat. While we push forward boldly THE ENEMY has no chance to form plans. What can Phelan do? - What can Inman do? - WHEN WE OF THE YAMATO RACE ARISE WITH A MIGHTY RESOLVE, THEIR OPPOSITION WILL BE AS FUTILE AS AN ATTEMPT TO SWEEP THE SEA WITH A BROOM."

Even if photograph marriages should be prohibited, we cannot be stopped from leaving our descendants on this "American Continent." Even if not a single Japanese woman comes, it is not possible to prevent the seed of our great Yamato race from being sown on the American Continent by marriages with Americans, with French, with Indians, and with negroes, especially since there are already 100,000 Japanese here and 5,000 are born annually.

Supposing that we Japanese were prohibited from owning land;- EVEN THE LAWS of California ARE NOT FOREVER UNCHANGEABLE!----- THE DAY WILL COME WHEN THE REAL STRENGTH OF THE JAPANESE WILL MAKE A CLEAN SWEEP OF ALL LAWS."

Also an extract from the Congressional records of 1920, being a quotation from a Japanese language newspaper published on the Pacific.

"We must send for our wives. and raise as many children in America as possible so that we may acquire a stability and strength which no amount of Anti-Japanese agitation can shake. Land can be held by legal evasion of the spirit of the laws, but without children to inherit, what hope for the future of Yamato-America?

"LAND! BROAD ACRES SETTLED THICK WITH MIKADO'S SUBJECTS! CHILDREN TO INHERIT THE LAND, MOTHERS TO BRING FORTH THE CHILDREN."

The following is from the "Continental News"; a local JAPANESE newspaper;-

"We shall be regarded as "Undesirable Immigrants", and sometime, (it may not be far in the future), we may be completely excluded. If it becomes impossible to buy or lease land, to obtain fishing licenses, or to use another man's naturalization papers, (this is

now an open secret) what shall we do?"

The above conclusive evidence of Japan's studied and persistent policy of the peaceful penetration of this country needs only to have its serious consequences thoroughly understood to become an impelling force for the immediate organization of the white population of this country, in order that we might not have our children dispossessed of their rightful heritage.

Immediate action is vitally necessary.

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