

Newsclipping - Japan Advertiser: Manila Indians take holy book to Canada

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MANILA INDIANS TAKE HOLY BOOK TO CANADA

Will Try to Get in by Assuming They Are a Religious Mission

The Manila Indians who go to Japan to join the Christian Japanese steamer, *Compass*, which recently left Shanghai on its way to British Columbia, will over sea Indians who seek an entry into Canada, have a mission of their own by which they expect to get by any Canadian barrier. The sea Indians from Manila have a holy book and propose to present themselves for admission into British Columbia as a "religious mission." If they are refused, they will, it is said, according to their intention, to the Manila papers, that the rule be amended to include Christian missions of all sorts.

The holy book they call "Gospel Bible," and they state that they will carry it to some of the islands of the West Indies in British Columbia if they are allowed to land. They make no reference of the fact that they will describe as a "religious mission," in a place where they hope to encounter the Vancouver authorities. They are loyal British subjects, they claim, and they don't see why they should not be allowed the privilege granted to missionaries.

In connection with the usual opinion and the sailing of the Japanese steamer with the Indians, it is reported to news that Sir Richard McRae, Premier of British Columbia, and the members of the House of Commons from the province, had a conference with Mr. Jordan, the Canadian Vice-Minister, on March 25, in the Ottawa Hotel.

The British Columbia member asked for Government legislation restricting all Indians from Canada. The financial and international aspects of the problem were thoroughly discussed, but no definite decision was reached.

It was suggested that an Imperial Conference of the Common Dominions concerned should be called, but this idea did not meet with the approval of the majority.

As a temporary measure, the "Order in Council," restricting all Indians and Chinese from British Columbia, which was passed on March 31, is likely, as it is usually indicated, to be amended in a few months, and, in the meantime, the Government will attempt to arrive at a permanent solution of the problem.

"A very difficult one," says the *Osaka Daily* in recent columns, "as the international and Imperial nature of the matter, with the financial, political and social, just as they are doing to it. Action has been taken."

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