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The Hindu has not been one case in the law courts of British Columbia, and it is contended that the British North America Act does give Canada power to restrict the entrance of and even exclude Indians.

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subjects. We do not know on what other basis the business of the adjoining States of the British Empire could be conducted. When the Canadian authorities from Canada insulted to certain classes of Englishmen they get convinced upon them; but can India expect to receive begin treatment than the Mohammedan? If the Indian authorities had a monopoly in the interests of India to exclude certain classes of Canadians or, indeed, all Canadians, one will, we assume, exclude them. It is a matter for them to decide. In that case the Canadian subsidiary authorities would, we suppose, not have interested others elsewhere.

Mr. H. H. Stevens, M.P. for Vancouver, has, we see, had something to say on the question of British Indian immigration into Canada. He says:

"I am convinced that the placing of the control of immigration in the country in the hands of the Indian Government would also be best solution of the difficulties which are now being experienced. The regulations would be such as apply to certain sects, of whom only a certain number would be allowed to come into Canada."

We gather from Mr. Stevens that an arrangement on some such lines as these is now under discussion between the authorities in Ottawa, London, and India.

Moreover the Vancouver Province draws a very proper moral from these difficulties surrounding Oriental immigration into Canada. Mr. Stevens gives notice of the best session of the Dominion Parliament to bring forward a measure giving power to exclude from Canada all races coming from south of the gulf, would, within certain specified limits, which would include Japan, China and India; and he indicates that his proposal Rule Income at Ottawa. Mr. Stevens would have to amend his definition of the term indian he means to admit Chinese from parts of Manchuria. But, as the Province points out, any arrangement of this kind must rest upon the sole power of Great Britain, to which as yet Canada gives no support.

It is a matter between us and our sole up the wind to accept the responsibility which goes with it as a citizen power. . . . . If the white race believe that we can grow tissues of this world and mechanically dolay all the rest of mankind, the other from many Eastern family, whose there was very to able to live cheaper than they can, they must be amazed and hurtful about it. Because, at least the question, indeed, on either side of the Pacific, will look on one side only. There is a great opportunity for statesmanship. It cannot be tackled at long range. It must be tackled here as well, and the tackling must begin. The real reason for all trouble is that the standard of our civilization must not be lowered by cheap labour. That is all there is to it. Cheap labour cannot accept the long monopoly, and has the typical small holdings. It will be bad enough one day to have the industrial unrest problem of India to meet, without the racial problem of immigration.

And to tackle it wisely and freely Canada must be able to speak with a power and self-respect which is denied her in her present dependence upon the British foreign policy.

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