

Anti-Japanese Movement.—Commenting on the anti-Asiatic movement in Seattle, the *Tokyo Asahi* considers the unrestrained and impracticable nature of the resolutions adopted as debarring them from general acceptance by the American public and as deserving no attention from the Japanese themselves. The reported project of a massmeeting in March at Vancouver arouses no interest from the *Asahi* beyond the conviction that the anti-Asiatic movement is but a means to the gratification of certain political ambitions.

The *Yorodzu* takes a more serious view of the matter. Although, it says, the application of the Natal Act and other phases of the anti-Japanese movement would not take effect until they had been acknowledged by the different Governments concerned, yet the very fact that the agitation is due to the ambitious designs of demagogues signifies that the exclusion sentiment is popular and universally diffused among the great bulk of the people. If things are left as they are these Governments, though apparently assuming a repressive attitude toward these agitations, will act in accordance with their popular nature and simply add to their demands of the Japanese Government. Which in its turn will necessarily give further proofs to its excessively concessive spirit. The paper would not be surprised if the antipathetic agitation reached its apogee and the demands from the American and Canadian Government assumed the Strongest form simultaneously with the arrival at San Francisco of the squadron now en route. When the affair reaches the stage when total exclusion of our nationals becomes a fixed policy on the Pacific coast as in the case of the Chinese, will the Tokyo Government still defer to the unfriendly and uncivilized movement? If they do, it will spell total denial of the right of Japanese immigration into all other "white" countries. In that event only Korea and Manchuria will remain open for the exodus of the growing population of Japan. The Japanese even in these Asiatic countries are already being taken to task by the unsparing critics of the West, so that even in that direction the hope of expansion is not over bright. The matter therefore is now come to a stage where Japan must employ all her resources for the total suppression of the antipathy against her people, or await the inevitable doom which must overtake complete yielding to the whims of the white races.

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