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HOW POLICE THE CITY AGAINST ASIATIC HORDES?

Problem Presented at the Inquiry Before Commissioner King.

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That Was the Reply of Inspector Mulhern, Star Witness Tuesday.

"Ten times the number of Vancouver's present police force could not afford sufficient protection against the hordes of Orientals coming in as they have been, twelve hundred on one ship and a thousand on another."

Inspector Mulhern so replied to Commissioner King in the inquiry late yesterday afternoon. City Solicitor Cowan suggested the question and the Inspector gave the answer in support of his previous statements regarding the sufficiency of the police in time of peace.

"Without this influx the present staff of the city police would be adequate," said the Inspector. But not with this flood of alien races.

But the Cost of It?

The Commissioner—Do you think the riot would occur again?

The Inspector—It might.

"Have you informed the Mayor?"

"I have not."

"Or the Chief of Police?"

"Oh, it is generally understood."

Well, sighed the Commissioner, "if that is the opinion of the Vancouver police I think the city should be informed as to the great responsibility resting upon the authorities."

The Inspector—What of the expense?

The Commissioner—Expense is secondary to human life. It is not to be considered, if you are going to maintain British justice.

The Mayor and the City Solicitor, as on the previous day, were present throughout most of the inquiry, which promises to end to-morrow afternoon, this revision of accounts branch of it, at least, as well as the policing phase of the riotous quarters.

Attitude of Japanese

In a general way the Inspector gave evidence similar to that of Chief Chamberlain, which, however, he had not heard. He agreed that the attack was generally against the Asiatics and not specially against the Japanese, or any other class of Orientals, and declared that in his view the attitude of the Japanese in arming themselves, and continuing armed for days, obstructed Powell and other streets in their quarter and suspending business, was unjustified for they had repeatedly been assured of ample police protection.

Firing of the School

Upon the firing of the Japanese school, however, the Inspector varied the evidence already given upon that feature of the inquiry.

"I do not think it was a genuine attempt to set the place on fire," said the Inspector. "The building was surrounded by police and Japanese and I do not see how such an attempt could be made. From the reports I have received the attempt to fire the school was attributed to the Japanese themselves."

The Commissioner—If that is merely suspicion I cannot entertain it, and if it cannot be substantiated, it is due to the Japanese that such an assertion should not be made.

"I don't think it can be proven," the Inspector admitted.

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