

MORIKAWA WILL NOT TESTIFY AT THE COMMISSION

But Agrees To Give All Information Privately to Mr. King

INQUIRY SOON TO CLOSE

Fishery Inspector Sword Discussed Seine Question This Morning

WITH the examination tomorrow of heads of local Japanese employment agencies, followed on Thursday with the climax, the examination of Mr. Gotoh of the Canadian Nippon Company, Commissioner King will close his immigration inquiry.

The superintendent of the railways will not be called nor will Mr. C. Gardner Johnson nor his fellow director, Mr. Boulton of the Canadian Nippon Company. Nor will Hon. K. Morikawa, the Japanese consul, likely appear to explain before the commission his part in the "Kumario and the canoe" case.

So far as can be learned, this is regarded not only by the Commissioner and counsel but also by Mr. Morikawa as merely a side issue having no direct connection with the subject of the inquiry—the methods by which Japanese or other Asiatics are being brought into this country.

Holding this view, it is understood that Mr. Morikawa will not appear before the inquiry to make an explanation, although it is stated that he has expressed his willingness to make any explanation to the Commissioner in private of any matter arising out of the inquiry.

It is not the desire of the Commissioner to make it anything but voluntary with the Japanese consul to appear and it is well understood that in no case can a consul be subpoenaed, even if that were desired, a consul in Canada having the same rights as an ambassador.

Closing the Inquiry.

At this morning's session the commissioner examined Fishery Inspector Sword, the interpreter, Mr. Snee, and three Hindus, during which the commissioner said in effect:

"I do not think it necessary to further pursue the Hindu or Chinese phases of the inquiry, and regarding the Japanese I think when we have examined the heads of some of the local employment companies, followed by the examination of Mr. Gotoh of the Canadian Nippon Company, we shall have sufficient to make the evidence conclusive as to the methods employed in bringing Japanese into this country. If Mr. Gotoh tells the straight story, as I think he will, I will have enough. If he does not, well, I think I have the necessary documents with which to confront him. I do not think that the superintendents of the railways, nor Mr. Johnson, nor Mr. Boulton, can add anything of importance, although I am willing to call them if it is desired."

Mr. Wilson—in that view, I do not press for their examination. President Von Rhein and Mr. Harry Cowan, again, present this morning, were given the privilege of adding to the testimony.

Mr. Von Rhein—Beyond the Kumario affair I have nothing particular I could add.

The Commissioner—That I regard as a side issue.

Mr. Von Rhein—And I am.

West Seine Fishing.

Fishery Inspector Sword called to explain the sub-letting of seine fishing rights to Japanese, stated at the outset that the licensee, if Japanese, only brought his naturalization papers, which only bore his name and was not a means of identification.

The Commissioner—Have you any reason to believe there is personation?

Mr. Sword—Not to any great extent.

Mr. Wilson—What proportion of fishermen are Japanese?

"I couldn't say."

Mr. Wilson—Three years' residence is required before naturalization papers may issue. Do you think that is always observed before the papers are issued?

Mr. Sword—There may be some cases where they get them before the end of that period.

MUST SECURE LEMIEUX REPORT BEFORE ACTING

Ottawa May Not Restrict Japanese Immigration at the Coming Session

EXCUSE FOR THE DELAY

In Face of Probable Government Stand Nothing Can Be Done

NO Federal Government action, with respect to curtailing the Japanese invasion of the Pacific coast of Canada is likely to be taken at the forthcoming session of Parliament until after the receipt of the report of Hon. Hon. Lemieux, Postmaster-General, who is now in Tokyo, endeavoring to arrive at some arrangement with the Japanese Government in regard to the matter.

This is the opinion of members of Parliament for British Columbia as expressed in Vancouver to-day by Mr. William Sloan, Postmaster-General, who arrived from Victoria this morning en route from his home in Nanaimo to Ottawa, to attend the sessions of the House of Commons which will open on Thursday.

Mr. Sloan, as the representative of a large section of the coast, line of British Columbia, where the inroads of Japanese labor have been adversely felt by a large number of its constituents, is following the Oriental immigration question closely. The fact that no Government action is looked for pending the receipt of advice from Canada's commission in Japan would indicate that the Federal Government may not undertake any relieving measure in respect to Oriental immigration at the coming session of Parliament because months may elapse before a report is made, especially if Hon. Mr. Lemieux's efforts in Japan are successful.

It is probable that the members from British Columbia will press the Government to act, but in the face of the statement that nothing can be done until Mr. Lemieux is heard from, they will not be able to do anything. How well satisfied their constituents will be with such a report on the return of the members from Ottawa remains to be seen.

STAMPEDE TO VALDEZ CREEK

Nugget Worth \$900 Said To Have Been Found by P. Monagan—Rush expected in the Spring

A special dispatch to The Province this afternoon from Valdez, Alaska, says that great excitement has been caused by the discovery of gold in large quantities on Valdez Creek, which lies at the American side of the line between Fairbanks and Seward.

P. Monagan, an old-time prospector, found a nugget worth \$900, Pans averaging \$1.25 each have been taken from the bed of the new creek. The pay streak is said to be eight feet thick. A stampede is expected in the spring.

adopted in bringing Japanese here, if he doesn't tell it—well, I think I have him."

Was King of Hindus.

Mr. W. P. Snee, the interpreter for the C. F. R. for the past two years and familiar with the Hindu and his Eastern ways, told of Dr. Davischaud's part in the rule of the Hindus during the doctor's reign of over a year.

"He seemed to be the ruler while here. Knowing the country and being able to speak English, he took advantage of his ignorant fellow-countrymen. He would go to a mill and inquire if they wanted men and he would supply them, charging the men \$5 each for getting them the position, and made them give him \$1 a month out of their wages."

"How many do you think he controlled?"

CARLOS IS A PRISONER IN HIS OWN PALACE

Populists' and Royal Troops Had Fight on the Street To-day

REGIMENTS ARE DISARMED

Col. Gasta, Aide of the King Has Been Forced to Resign

MADRID, Spain, Nov. 24.—(By Cable.)—Dispatches received to-day from Lisbon tell of fierce fighting on the streets that city this morning. A number of people were killed and others wounded.

The fighting occurred between Populists and the royal troops. Bloodshed spread through the blocks. King Carlos is now virtually a prisoner in his own palace. The country is on the eve of a revolution. Colonel Gasta, a personal aide to King, has been compelled to resign. Number of regiments have been disbanded under compulsion because of the affection of the troops, while others have themselves laid down their arms.

AUTO COLLIDED WITH STREET CAR

Delivery Van This Morning Crashed Into Robson Car But No One Was Injured—Windows Were Broken.

With a violence that smashed all the left-hand windows, the automobile delivery wagon owned by Henderson Brothers, wholesale druggists, Pender street, this morning collided with Robson street car at the corner of Granville and Robson.

The automobile, which was being driven by R. Armstrong, was coming up Robson toward Granville, and Armstrong made the turn to go down Granville. He made a wide sweep and then saw that on the corner he was taking he was right in the path of a Fairview car which was coming down Granville. In an effort to avoid a collision he swung to the right, but could not quite clear the track, and a Robson street car coming from Davis was struck. The canopy and frame work of the auto, which is, or rather was, a covered van, was completely tipped off and all the windows of the street car on the left-hand side smashed, but by a miracle no one was injured, although the car was crashed. The driver of the auto retained his seat, but the car was later hauled away for repair.

WIRES WENT DOWN BEFORE BIG STORM

Rain and Snow Fell Over the Entire Coast Region Yesterday Afternoon and Last Night.

The big rainstorm which descended on Vancouver late yesterday afternoon did not play any favorites along the Pacific coast, according to telephone reports from north and south received to-day. Practically every mile of the coast from Alaska to California was swept by the storm, which in some localities carried with it rain and in others snow.

Telegraph and telephone wires all over British Columbia, Washington and Oregon went down before the gale. There is no communication between Vancouver and outside points to-day save by telephone, and Seattle is