

BARRIER AGAINST THE HORDES OF ASIA IS UP TO-DAY

Natal Act Is in Full Force and Effect Throughout the
Province.

CLASH OVER JAPS LIKELY.

Trouble May Come Because of Ottawa's Failure to
Guard Interests.

THE next Japanese or Hindu who breaks into the milk and honey pastures of British Columbia will have to be a past master of the English language. The Natal Act of the Conservative Government of this province, signed yesterday by the Lieutenant-Governor, is in full force and operation to-day, and its provisions will be carried out to the letter.

Copies of the act, full instructions and regulations have been furnished to every provincial constable in British Columbia, and to-day the entire border line of the province is a barrier behind which no alien who is unable to satisfy the officers that he is entitled to enter the country may set foot.

Every boat reaching British Columbia from a foreign port and every train entering the province is subject to and will be inspected by the Immigration officers.

Mr. Murray Has a Talk.

Acting Superintendent of the Provincial Police Murray of Victoria who has set in motion the machinery for the enforcement of the Natal Act, reached Vancouver this morning, and held a long conference with Chief Provincial Constable Campbell of Vancouver and Chief Spain of New Westminster

relative to the new law. As a consequence of the instructions he issued every boat reaching Vancouver from a foreign port will be inspected and every train crossing the border from the State of Washington will be examined. The C. P. R. trains will be looked after at Sumas, and the Great Northern trains at Blaine.

Owing to the fact that Sir Wilfred Laurier, in accepting the Anglo-Japanese treaty provisions for Canada, did not see fit to avail himself of the privilege of rejecting Article 1, which provided that Japanese should have the right to free access to Canada, it is expected that a clash will occur when the provisions of the act are enforced against the Japanese who is first to attempt entrance.

And About Disallowance?

When Queensland became a party to this treaty it rejected this immigration clause, and when Canada was negotiated to become a party to the treaty Sir Wilfred Laurier was asked if he would accept the whole or only part as Queensland had done. He took the whole thing, hence the probability of a clash.

The question of disallowance of the act by the federal Liberal Government is not a matter of much discussion to-day, many people declaring that the province will be able to take care of itself in the face of any hostile action on the part of Ottawa.