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# Always Behind Labor's Cause, Says Mackenzie

"When the cause is just, no corporation in Vancouver or in Canada can take me away from the cause of labor," Veterans Affairs Minister Ian Mackenzie declared at a meeting in Hastings Auditorium, Thursday night.

These remarks prefaced an election campaign speech and apparently were in reply to objection taken by A. E. Grauer, B.C.E.R. executive vice president to Mr. Mackenzie's efforts in opposition to the use of one-man street cars in Vancouver.

During the recent tram question hearing, Mr. Grauer said the minister should not interfere in a matter "about which he knows nothing," when Mr. Mackenzie's objections to one-man vehicles were quoted.

**REAFFIRMED JAP STAND**

Turning to his address, Mr. Mackenzie reaffirmed his stand that "regardless of the official attitude of the Liberal party, if I am in office and the Japanese are allowed to come back to B. C., I shall get right out."

He referred to the Pacific war against a "most wildly treacherous enemy" and declared that "we want the rich farm lands, the forests and fisheries of B.C. for those gallant lads who fought at Ortona and on the beaches of Normandy in the cause for freedom."

The minister urged that your resolve for the next year, no matter what the government, must be to carry out the resolve that our servicemen will receive full and final justice for the fight for freedom."

He said the rehabilitation of servicemen would be the first consideration on whatever program the next government followed, because all parties agreed and were unanimous on parliamentary measures favoring rehabilitation grants.

# 'Mackenzie First To Ask Jap Vote'

Veterans' Affairs Minister Ian Mackenzie was "the first man in B. C. to head a delegation to Victoria to ask for votes for the Japanese," Harold Winch, C. C. F. provincial leader, told 175 who attended a C.C.F. rally in Grandview Masonic Hall, Tuesday night.

Declaring Mr. Mackenzie was "an opportunist who changes his tune to get votes," Mr. Winch produced a photostatic copy of an afternoon newspaper story dated Feb. 24, 1920, from which he read two paragraphs:

"Armed with the knowledge that they had done their bit in France, a delegation from the Canadian Japanese association waited on the provincial executive this morning with the request that its membership of 150 be entitled to exercise the franchise in B. C. Leading the delegation was A. M. Whiteside as counsel while official support of the Vancouver Branch, Great War Veterans Association, was voiced by Capt. Ian Mackenzie."

**"JUMPING JACK RABBIT"**

A second paragraph, which Mr. Winch said referred to Mr. Mackenzie, read:

"In his opinion, these British subjects had vindicated the fundamental essentials of citizenship and an acceptance of that principle lay in the extension of the franchise."

In an attack on Harold Pritchett, L.P.P. candidate in Vancouver East, Angus McInnis, C.C.F. candidate in that constituency, called Mr. Pritchett "a jumping jack rabbit" who "expresses the opinions he is told to express."

"Poor Harold went to bed on June 21, 1942, opposed to an Imperialist war and woke up on June 22 in favor of a people's war—but he didn't know it until he heard it on the radio," Mr. MacInnis said.

**"MADE IN CANADA"**

Though "personally very friendly" to the Soviet Union, "that doesn't mean I have to say hallelujah every time Joe Stalin opens his mouth," he added. "The C.C.F. program is made in Canada. The L.P.P. program isn't. It is this today, something else tomorrow, depending upon the interests of another country."

The C.C.F. is "the only party able to run on the same program for 12 years," said George Isherwood, candidate in Vancouver Centre. Arnold Webster, Vancouver-Burrard candidate, said the Canadian Manufacturers Association was "determined to get our war plants into private hands so they can be closed if they interfere with private industries."

# Jap Removal For Vet Jobs Asked By Reid

All Japanese must be removed from British Columbia and Canada, if returning war veterans are to be properly re-established, believes William Reid, Liberal candidate in Vancouver East.

Mr. Reid, addressing an East Hastings meeting Tuesday night, condemned proposals of the C.C.F. to give the Japanese the vote, said that even removal of the Japanese from British Columbia would not be sufficient.

"If the orientals had been given the vote when it was first proposed (by the C.C.F.) we'd have nothing but orientals here now," he said. "In 1921 there were about 1,000 Japanese here, and in 1941 the census revealed there were 22,000 of them.

"They'll tell you we can't put them out, but the Jap is always a nationalist, whether you like it or not. Graduates of the University of B.C. are fighting against our boys on the Pacific today.

"How can our returning boys and girls get jobs on this coast if we allow the Japanese back? Before the war, Canada considered it only a local problem. Now it is a Dominion problem. The Japs are not wanted anywhere in Canada and they're not wanted here. We are asking that they be taken out of Canada and that our returning veterans be re-established here."

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# JAPANESE ASK FOR FRANCHISE

## What Will Hindus Say If We Grant It? Asks Hon. W. Sloan.

## President of Great War Veterans Backs Up the Application.

VICTORIA, Feb. 24.—Armed with the knowledge that they had done their bit in France, a delegation from the Canadian Japanese Association waited upon the provincial executive this morning with the request that its membership of 150 be entitled to exercise the franchise in British Columbia. Leading the delegation was A. M. Whiteside, as counsel, while official support of the Vancouver branch of the Great War Veterans' Association for the Japanese was voiced by Capt. Ian Mackenzie in his capacity as president.

It was pointed out to the government that 195 sons of Nippon had gone overseas from British Columbia in the ranks of the Canadian Expeditionary Force as naturalized British subjects. Out of this number fifty-four had given their lives in the Allied cause, and all but twelve of the remainder had been wounded more or less seriously. It was a matter, therefore, it was stated, for the government at the moment to make provision in the Provincial Elections Act for 142 members of the Canadian Japanese Association—British subjects—wearing the returned soldiers' button to share the full privileges of British citizenship as expressed by the right to vote.

**MR. SLOAN'S OBJECTION.**

Capt. Mackenzie in answer to a question from Hon. Wm. Sloan as to what effect he expected the granting of such a request would have on the position of Hindus in British Columbia who had served with the Imperial forces, replied that for the time being the Great War Veterans' Association was not so much concerned with the details as with the general principle upon which the plea of the Canadian Japanese Association was based.

In his opinion these British subjects had vindicated the fundamental essentials of citizenship and an acceptance of that principle lay in the extension of the franchise.

Hon. J. H. King went a little further along the line touched upon by the minister of mines, and referred to the position of the Canadian Indians who had gone overseas. As a matter under the immediate purview of the government did not affect any more than 142 men, Capt. Mackenzie was of the view that the request of the delegation might be treated on its merits. He looked to the day, however, when possession of the button automatically would entitle its holder to the fullest liberties of citizenship.

**WIDE POSSIBILITIES.**

Hon. Mr. Sloan averred that the subject under discussion was an important one with a wide range of possibilities, to which Capt. Mackenzie replied that this was the day of the big subject and wide and generous solutions.

Two Japanese members of the delegation spoke as returned men and assured the government that just as their response to the colors had been actuated by the highest motives and a full sense of their responsibilities as British subjects, acquiescence in their plea would not be interpreted as a signal for requests of a wider and more far-reaching nature.

Premier Oliver expressed his sympathetic interest in the request proffered to the government and assured the delegation that careful consideration would be given and the question of an amendment to the Elections Act to cover the point taken under advisement.

# OBJECTIONS MADE TO B. C. ARCHITECTS' BILL IN HOUSE COMMITTEE

# CITY NEEDS OVER MILLION DOLLARS

## Income Tax Collected by the Province May Be Advocated.

This year, according to Mayor Gale, the city will need approximately $6,546,700, as against the 1919 expenditure of $5,245,216. If a millage rate were struck to meet the situation it would be about 32 mills instead of 24 mills, but the law does not permit Vancouver City Council to raise the rate sufficiently to meet requirements. Thereby the City Council is on the horns of a dilemma, frankly admitted. To meet the approximate $1,200,000 deficit and obtain a sum sufficient for maintenance, but not the extension of school, road and other expenditures, the joint taxation committee is expected to advise the City Council late this afternoon that an income tax administered by the province appears to be the only way out. This would revert to the original suggestion that the province increase its income tax collection to include a municipal income tax, and release personal property, amusement and auto taxes and a share of liquor receipts to the city in lieu of the income tax thus collected.

If the Provincial Government would not consider the proposals, the City Council would have no alternative but to go on assessing the property owner.

If the city continued through 1920 under the present mill rate there would be a $1,200,000 deficit at the end of the year, allowing nothing for expansion. Schools, roads and other extensions would necessarily be carried on to fit the 1919 requirements and expenses would have to be held down to present standards.

It would be apparent, also under such circumstances that the property owners would consistently refuse to pass any money by-laws, so that extension work would be impossible.

With these facts before them the aldermen who are charged with seeking broadened methods of acquiring revenue, will interview the Provincial Government in Victoria tomorrow.

# WHAT TO DO WITH SULTAN

## Counter-blast Appears in Section of British Press.

LONDON Feb. 24.—Agitation in favor of expelling the Turks from Constantinople, which has been a conspicuous feature in one section of the press during the last few days, and which has had the support of religious and philanthropic bodies, met a counterblast from another section of the London newspaper world today, which contended the question was one of such importance that it could not be settled on sentimental considerations, but must be left to the mature deliberation of the Supreme Allied Council.

In a lenghy argument the Telegraph asserted that British statesmanship has "neither the duty nor interest to expel the Sultan from Constantinople," and expressed the opinion that agitation to this end was "all inspired and ill-considered."

The Daily News, which has always been a staunch champion of the Armenians, and a supporter of Gladstone's demand to "sweep the Turks out of Europe," says the real question is the weight to be attached to warnings of Moslem unrest as a result of the expulsion of the Turks from their spiritual capital.

Under the caption, "A Too Successful Agitation," the Morning Post says: "The British Government by making [illegible] ment through India of the decision to leave of the Sultan

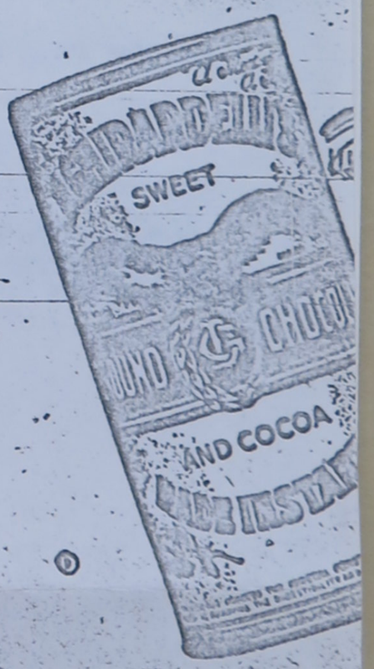
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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

To Mr. Gonnami Date Dec. 1 1982

31 Wellwood sc. Hamelton. Ont.

Thank you for your thoughtfulness re newspaper clippings donated by Dyc Ogata. I was certainly surprised to hear he was living in Richmond. I will get his name on our associatin mailing list.

I have a copy of the photograph. I've made a few notes on it. - Somebody might find it interesting.

I am enclosing a photo copy of one of the clippings. Would it be possible for you to track down the

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Original newspaper article - Feb 24, 1920
+ get a copy for me - + noting the
name of the newspaper. I would appreciate
your help. The item is very interesting
since Ian Mackenzie later became a
Cabinet minister from B.C. and was
very much instrumental in the
decision to evacuate Japanese from the
Coast in 1942.

Yours sincerely.

Roy Ito

P.S. Thank you for the lunch last summer.
It was a pleasure to assist Mizoko
Tobin when she came out to Ontario.

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Dear Mr. Ito:

Thank you for sending me the copy of the photograph of the Japanese Language School, Canadian Army, with the notes and names written on it. Certainly these will be of great help for any researchers in the future and they make the photograph more valuable.

As for your request to identify the origianl newspaper article dated Feb. 24, 1920, enclosed please find a copy.

Again, thank you for your help and I hope your book on the Nisei veterans history will appear soon. I wish you a very Happy New Year !

Sincerely yours,

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