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 THE JAPANESE MATTER.

The Japanese case is now this, so far as we understand it. The Japanese Government is unwilling to leave the subject of the "\$50" qualification for immigrants, to arbitration. On other matters it desires to put various limitations, but the Government replies that, as the Government of Japan does not clearly define its position, or desires to narrow the question to be submitted to arbitration, it declines to accept the King of the Belgians as arbitrator. As the exact language of the correspondence is not given, we are not able to state the case accurately. It is, however, good enough for newspaper business. Our own Government does not appear to have asked the Government of Japan to define more clearly its position. Whether it is trying to "call a halt" on Japan, we cannot say.

"THE DAM OF ANGLO-SAXONDOM."

With inexpressible joy we hail the declaration of our cotemporary, the Star, that our people "have taken off their coats, and are building up a dam of Anglo-Saxondom, which will effectually keep out the yellow tide" (meaning the Japanese). It is indeed, a relief to hear that the grand work has begun, and that our cotemporary knows all about it. On looking into the matter we find the case is very hopeful, and the coats are coming off all round. Not a single dollar of the appropriation of \$50,000 for immigration, other than Asiatic has yet been spent in bringing in Americans. This is a big stone in the Anglo-Saxon dam, and the coats went off to do it. The Annexation Club has never opened its mouth formally in favor of white labor or even urged it. More coats off. Another big stone in the dam. The Planters' Supply Company has never taken a decided attitude in favor of Anglo-Saxon immigration. More coats peeled off. More cobble stones in the dam. Out of sixty-six plantations, but three have actually resolved to try Anglo-Saxon labor. More coats thrown on the bank. Not a dollar has yet been spent, by the community as a whole, in the investigation of and preparation for any American immigration. Another big stone in the dam. More coats off. The dam grows. Not a single plantation that has yet even tried a thoroughly well organized experiment in Anglo-Saxon labor. Another big boulder in the dam. The last Legislature, an annexation body, did not lift its finger in the project of promoting Anglo-Saxon immigration. Here went a million bricks into the dam, and more coats were stripped off in the grand work.

Into this "dam of Anglo-Saxondom" so grandly rising, the Anglo-Saxon himself has packed during the last twenty years five thousand barrels of Anglo-Saxon cement, and topped that off with 25,000 barrels of Japanese cement and 20,000 barrels of Chinese cement. The ground was strewn with the coats whipped off when it was being done.

Finally comes an admirably prepared census report, a credit to its author, which will go right into the American Senate and tell the whole story. When these statesmen read up the summary, that only about two per cent. of the population is American, and only six per cent. is Anglo-Saxon, they will see at once the justness, the truth and the eloquence of our cotempor-

ary's inscription in its own language on the face wall of this mighty dam; "this is the work of Anglo-Saxon civilization planted here with so much care, fostered by the best thought." A few more of the same kind of cobble stones, and some more heaps of cast off coats, and we shall have the percentage lower still, but the "dam of Anglo-Saxondom" will be greater of course.

There must be something the matter with the foundations of this wonderful dam. The American Government for the last four years, has kept, at an expense to itself of more than a half million of dollars per annum, a crew in these parts, watching this magnificent structure day and night in order to shove in some sort of gun cement, in case of a break.

There seems to have been a large amount of "Irish engineering" in building this dam. "The yellow tide" to the extent of many millions of gallons is let in, and is now dammed in, instead of being dammed out.

If this illusion of a mighty dam, with an army of ghostly men at work on it, with piles of supernatural coats in a heap on the banks, is really the legitimate effect, of "poi and salmon" the sooner the Government treats that simple diet like opium, as a dangerous drug and prohibits its use, the sooner the users of it, will cease to see visions and dream dreams.

"ONE MISSIONARY LESS."

This was the hearty comment made on the street yesterday, by a supporter of the Government on hearing of the resignation of Mr. Jas. B. Castle of the office of Collector-General of Customs. This is about all the "tribute" which a faithful officer receives from a large number of his fellow citizens. Perhaps he gets nothing more than he expected. It is probably a matter of indifference to him.

The "boys" no doubt are generally congratulating themselves on this sudden decrease of the "missionary" element. It gives room for the workers to come in. The new Collector-General will be marked missionary or not missionary, in accordance with the way he makes himself useful to the unfortunate.

The tourist is always asking, who is the "missionary." He may be tersely described, as one who is never in distress, when he sees good government, and he has a weakness for the reign of law. There is, however, the "unpardonable missionary." He, generally, was born on the Islands, and his ancestors established schools and churches, and good civil administration here. For this, he has been under strong suspicion of having done something wrong, and very many of those who have arrived during the last few years, feel that he has no business to be in the government, even if he was born here, and that it is his duty to go." Well, one of them has just gone. Others will follow, when annexation takes place, and "fresh blood" will flow through the arteries and veins of this little political

body. And, curiously enough, through the missionary must "go" when annexation takes place, he is in favor of it, for the same reason that his ancestor here, was in favor of good government.

MR. M'STOCKER.

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