

Western Members Opposed to Introduction of Coolie Labor

But H. S. Clements Thinks a Little Time Spent in B. C. Woods Would Be Good for French-Canadians.



IN DEBATE ON ALIENS.

H. S. Clements, whose resolution regarding aliens in Canada was carried in the House last night, is shown in the upper left; J. C. McIntosh, Nanaimo, upper right, and R. F. Green, West Kootenay, at the bottom. Both opposed Chinese labor in British Columbia.

No Chinese for B. C.

J. C. McIntosh, Nanaimo, protested against the importation of Oriental labor. Chinese, he said, in British Columbia, were first of all laundrymen, but now they competed with white men in every way.

Would be False Economy.

R. F. Green, West Kootenay, thought that there was sufficient man-power in the country to attend to all the essential industries. The trouble was that Canada had not yet realized that she was at war. It would be false economy, he said, to bring Orientals into Canada at the present time, except as a last resort.

Quebec Men to Woods.

H. S. Clements, Comox-Alberni, B.C., offered the suggestion that fifty or seventy-five thousand French-Canadians might be conscripted under the Military Service Act if necessary and sent to work in the woods of British Columbia. Even if they only stayed six months, he thought they would return to Quebec much better men. "If I had power given me now by the Almighty," he said, "before the clock tolled twelve tonight there would be instituted in this country one flag, one school, one language."