

## A POSSIBLE SOLUTION.

Among other things, the opening of the Panama Canal may help to remove the difficulty as to Oriental immigration into British Columbia and California. The present inhabitants of the Pacific Coast country are looking forward to a large **immigration** from Italy and other countries of Southern Europe when the canal opens. When the coast country is fairly well populated by Europeans, there will no longer be any danger from Chinese, Indian, or Japanese immigration. The reason why we in the East are not much concerned over this problem is that our country is fairly well populated, and that we are receiving a large stream of European immigrants. Hence we have not the same fear of being swamped by Orientals as exists on the Pacific coast.

Europeans can of course reach the Pacific by rail at present, but the immigrant is very likely to remain at the port for which his ticket reads or at the nearest point at which he can obtain employment. The result is that the bulk of the European **immigration** is absorbed east of the Rocky Mountains. The immigrant from China, India, or Japan, for the same reason, settles on the Pacific coast.

With the opening of the Panama Canal, vessels will run direct from Italy and other European countries to cities on the Pacific coast, and the voyage will not be a more formidable undertaking than the Chinaman's trip across the Pacific.

In regard to the assimilation of immigrants, safety lies in variety. The greater the number of races, nations, and countries from which immigration is drawn, the less is the danger of segregation. When a German, a Russian, an Italian, and a Swede arrive in Canada, they find their best bond of union in becoming Canadians. So in the United States. There is no danger in Oriental immigration, so long as it is accompanied by a large European **immigration**.