

## JAPS AS COAL MINERS.

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Canadian Mine Owners Providing  
Aguila: An Anti-Chinese Legislation.

VICTORIA, B. C., Jan. 13.—Recently there arrived 100 Japs to work in the Union coal mines at Comox above and below ground, a similar number of whites and Chinamen having already been discharged. Two hundred Japs are expected on the steamship Zambesi on her next trip. This importation of these Japs is in anticipation of probable anti-Chinese legislation at the next session of the provincial assembly, for which there was vigorous contention at the last session.

Great indignation is felt among the miners of the province, who propose vigorous action in connection with the other labor organizations, feeling that this is but the entering wedge of an element inimical to white labor. Japanese labor being cheaper than white, it is feared that the latter will be altogether excluded. The poll tax paid by Chinese is not charged to Japs, hence the influx is expected to be great now that an opening has been provided. It is feared they will get into every other industry and prove as dangerous to white labor as the Chinese.

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