

- Francophones worried about the population shift
 - if Montreal used to have 200,000 people (mostly Canadien) and 50,000 British immigrants get off the boats in one year and stay, soon the French will be a minority
- question of “melting pot” vs. pluralism

- in British Columbia:
 - increasing Chinese head tax (S.S.10...)
 - eventually turns into the Chinese Exclusion Act where all Chinese immigrants were denied
 - Japanese immigration severely restricted after 1907 race riots in Vancouver
 - **Asiatic Exclusion League** organized a 30,000 person “meeting” (lynch mob?)
 - feared Asians were taking jobs and destroying morals
 - total ban on East Indian immigration was imposed
 - created a law for immigration known as “**Continuous Passage**”
 - said that any immigrants from India had to come to Canada non-stop from Japan to be allowed in
 - simply a law to exclude – they honestly believed that no one could do it... well...
 - Sikhs on the **Komagata Maru** left India and followed the rules for continuous passage
 - arrived in Vancouver and was surrounded by police boats
 - stayed in Vancouver’s harbour for two months and was forced to turn around and go back to Asia
 - why?
 - simply, a “white Canada” did not want minorities in their country