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INVADING ASIATICS MUST PAY POLL TAX

As Soon As They Land They Are Subject to Call for Three Dollars
Each on This Account.

The poll tax for the Hindus and the Japanese! That is now the cry; and on the arrival of the Canadian Pacific steamship Athenian from the Orient to-night or tomorrow, the experiment of making the new arrivals shoulder part of the white man's burden of taxation in this country will be tried.

According to the law relating to poll tax, it is payable annually by residents of this province. It is due any time after January 1; and as all Asiatics landing on these shores come to stay, they are properly subject to this taxation the moment they set foot on the wharf in Vancouver.

Had the tax been imposed on the twelve hundred Japanese who landed...(illegible words) a few weeks ago, the sum of \$3600 would have been netted by the provincial Government, and at least that amount of the famous \$30,000 endless-chain money in the possession of the Japanese would have remained in the country. When the steamship Indiana arrives here on August 16 from Honolulu, the Japanese she is bringing will be made to pay the poll tax. The Athenian has on board one hundred and fifty-five Hindus direct from Hongkong.