

Chinese Enterprise In Canada

VICTORIA FAST BECOMING A CHINESE CITY

"Victoria is fast becoming a Chinese city," declared Ald. Albion Johns in the City Council of Victoria, B. C. He claimed that the advocates of early store closing were unconsciously playing into the hands of Chinese.

In spite of the alderman's statements, the Council passed by-laws providing for the closing of hardware, sporting goods, fish and meat stores on Saturdays at 6 p. m. There was no alternative, the petitions being signed by the necessary percentage of dealers. The law goes into effect January 2.

"I only hope that the Government gives us power to put Chinese stores under restrictions and make them do business solely with their own people," said Ald. Johns. "The white merchants and consumers don't seem to realize what we are up against. Every month we see a new Chinese store established in Victoria."

Ald. Sargent said it would be better for Ald. Johns to make such statements at times when they would have the greatest effect. He told him that he should have interviewed the merchants before they signed the petition.

"It will not be long before we have white men working for Chinese," continued Ald. Johns. "Last year we had to pass a by-law forbidding the employment of white girls by Chinese. We probably will have to pass a by-law forbidding employment of white men by Chinese."