

Discriminatory Legislation affecting Japanese Canadians in British Columbia 1895-1936 (Partial Listing)

Legislation	Year	Details
Provincial Voters Act Amendment, 1895	1895	No Chinese, Japanese or Indian to vote
An Act to amend the law relating to Electors and Elections in Municipalities	1896	Chinese, Japanese and Indians disqualified from voting in Municipal elections
The Antler Creek's Mining Company's Act, 1896	1896	Chinese and Japanese persons prohibited from being employed directly or indirectly by the company or its contractors
Alien Labour Act, 1897	1897	Banned the hiring of Chinese and Japanese workers by companies created by private bills
Inspection of Metaliferous Mines Act, 1897	1897	Prohibited the employment of Chinese and Japanese underground in mines and operating machinery for raising or lowering men
Labour Regulations Act, 1898	1898	Prohibited employment of Chinese and Japanese persons in any activity covered by the Act
British Columbia Public Works Loan Act (1897) Amendment Act, 1898	1898	"No Chinese or Japanese persons shall be employed to work in the construction or operation of any undertaking hereby subsidized ..."
An Act to amend the Coal Mines Regulation Act	1899	"Japanese" added to the list of people banned from working in coal mines underground
Midway-Penticton Railway Subsidy Act, 1899	1899	"No Chinese or Japanese person shall be employed or permitted to work in the construction or operation of any railway subsidized under this Act..."
An Act to incorporate the Ashcroft Water, Electric and Improvement Company	1899	"No Chinese or Japanese persons shall be employed in the construction of the undertaking or the working of the same..."
An Act to incorporate the Kamloops and Atlin Railway Company	1899	"No Chinese or Japanese persons shall be employed in the construction of the undertaking or the working of the railway"
Liquor Licences Act, 1899	1899	No license shall be issued or transferred to any Indian, Chinese or Japanese person
Vancouver Incorporation Act	1900	No Chinaman, Japanese or Indian shall be entitled to vote at any municipal election for the election of a Mayor or Alderman
An Act empowering the Corporation of the City of Victoria to lease the Market Building Premises and otherwise carry into effect the Victoria Terminal Railway By-Law, 1900	1901	"No Chinese or Japanese person shall be employed in any of the works or undertakings hereby agreed to be carried out by the Company..."
Provincial Elections Act	1903-1904	"No Chinaman, Japanese or Indian shall have his name placed on the Register of Voters for any Electoral District, or be entitled to vote at any election."
Municipal Elections Act	1908	Chinese, Japanese, "other Asiatics" and Indians disqualified from voting at any municipal election
Public Schools Act	1911	Asians and First Nations people denied the right to vote in school trustee elections
Provincial Elections Act	1936	"Every Chinaman, Japanese, Hindu or Indian" disqualified from voting in provincial elections unless they have served in the armed forces or fought in the Great War

For a full listing of discriminatory legislation in British Columbia 1872-1948, see Government of BC website at https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/british-columbians-our-governments/our-history/historic-places/documents/heritage/chinese-legacy/discriminatory_legislation_in_bc_1872_1948.pdf