

JAPANESE CUNNING

Their Tricks Outwit the White Fishermen at Steveston.

Special Dispatch.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Monday, July 2.—The New Westminster Columbian's Steveston correspondent states that the Steveston Japanese are arming themselves with rifles, fearing trouble of some kind. This is alarming news, as there are now more than 3000 Japs in Steveston, and this season they have practically replaced all the white fishermen. They arrived early in the season, rented all the available houses and literally took possession of the town.

The report states that 250 rifles have been purchased at Vancouver alone and taken to Steveston for future use. If anything the Japs have reason to feel alarmed for the white fishermen have been boiling over with wrath at the dark ways and trickery of the wily Mongol.

As all Japs look alike to the authorities, and as the former cannot understand English, before a fishery license is granted, they take the oath readily, not knowing, of course, what is said to them, and as this is the reason that thousands of Japs have crowded out the white fishermen on the Fraser this year.

Another trick is utilized by the Japs who have no license. An incoming boat that is provided with a license, transfers the same to an outgoing boat, and owing to the similarity in appearance of the Orientals, the government fishery detector rarely discovers the trick.