

supporting a large white population with a family, is so completely in the hands of these Orientals that it is impossible to secure any domestic help, because of these conditions.

It should be remembered that this is not the result of any immediate change, socially or industrially, but has been an evolutionary process, so gradual and subtle that it has scarcely been noticed, except by those who have been close students of economic conditions. In fact, many do not even yet realize the conditions which actually obtain, but imagine that we may continue this policy indefinitely and still retain our race supremacy.

The Chinese are also very good business men and have extensive commercial interests, operate many laundries, conduct extensive market gardens (practically control that industry), have an extensive share of the restaurant trade and own a large amount of real estate, so it will be observed that he is no small factor in the economic life of the community.

At this point the question naturally arises, if all this be true, why should we interfere with the Chinese immigration or restrict his operations? First, because he has not, and will not assimilate. In spite of the fact that thousands of these Chinese have been in British Columbia for upwards of twenty years, they still **remain Chinese in every respect**. They live together in their own Chinese districts, in their own Oriental way, wearing their native dress, and import their own food, supplied from their own stores, they save their money and send it to China and usually return there for their old age. They are inveterate gamblers and in this respect corrupt a large proportion of our young people by inducing them to play their games. In Vancouver alone, from actual personal observation of the writer, upwards of three hundred of young men under twenty were nightly in these Chinese gambling dens. Not only are they morally corrupt in this way, but as opium fiends and white slave traders they are still more guilty and a serious menace to the country. From a sanitary standpoint they are altogether undesirable, as it is extremely difficult to make them observe the average sanitary laws, and their houses are usually a breeding place for all manner of dirt diseases.

Like all other Orientals they will not pioneer, but congregate in the large centres and operate from there. Most of the unskilled laboring element are slaves, who are owned and controlled by