

out. Of course, the people prefer to purchase their vegetables from the Italians, when they can get these things at a reasonable rate. Whites have preference when reasonable.

Q. Are the Chinamen, generally speaking, a sober people?—A. They are generally sober. They do drink liquors, as I say, but it is very rarely that you see them intoxicated. If they do get intoxicated, they have sense enough to stay in the house. Chinese sober.

DR. McINNIS, says:—I reside in the city of New Westminster, on the mainland of British Columbia. We have here, I suppose, about 300 permanent Chinese settlers, and during the salmon fishing season we have from 1,200 to 1,500. They are used here largely in making fish cans, and in various ways in connection with the salmon canneries. New Westminster. Salmon canneries.

Q. Where do they come from?—A. From various parts; from Oregon, Washington territory and California. I believe some come from Victoria, Whence from. too.

Q. How long do they remain with you in your fishing season?—A. They generally remain two or three months. We have, besides, always from 200 to 300 permanent Chinese settlers in the city. Chinese settlers.

Q. By permanent settlers, do you mean those who remain a life time?—A. No, I mean those who make it their permanent home for a number of years.

Q. How long do they remain?—A. They generally remain from five to ten years. Whenever they save from \$500 to \$1,000, which they consider enough to enable them to go back to China and live like princes to the end of their days. I have been told that they can live on from one to two cents a day in China, so that when they accumulate that amount, they can go back to China and buy half a dozen wives.

Q. Please state your views on the subject of Chinese labor, and the desirability of encouraging Chinese immigration?—A. I think there was a time in British Columbia, when Chinese labor was really a necessity, but certainly that time has gone by, and we have now more white labor in British Columbia than can find profitable employment. Chinese labor once a necessity. Superabundance of white labor at present.

Q. So long as the Chinese remained there?—A. So long as the Chinese remained there. We pay Chinamen in the canneries, from \$25. to \$35 a month. They are all bondsmen. In canneries, Chinese wages.

Q. What do you pay white labor at the same time?—A. From about \$30 to \$40 a month. White wages.

Q. What do you mean by bondsmen?—A. I have been informed by Chinamen themselves that they give bonds, before leaving China, to Chinese companies, to work for them for a term of from five to ten years, and all that the Company have to do in order to carry out their part of the contract, is to furnish them with the bare necessities of life and their clothing, and the company have all their earnings. After they serve their time, of course they go then and work for themselves and make as much money as they possible can and go back to China as quickly as possible. Chinese are bondsmen.

Q. Do you consider Chinese as a high or a low class of immigrants?— Low class immigrants.