

In trade honorable and straightforward.

Q. Are they honorable in their dealings with the white people?—A. As a general think in the way of trade they are. The Chinese store-keepers are generally very straightforward, at least, when you do business with them you can depend on getting what you agree for.

As witnesses not reliable.

Q. As witnesses are they reliable?—A. No they are not; it is just the contrary.

Not many Chinese female.

Q. Are there many Chinese females in the Province of British Columbia, in proportion of the number of males?—A. There are not many Chinese women in the Province in proportion of the males.

Prostitutes.

Q. What is the general character of the Chinese women who do live in the Province of British Columbia?—A. Well, they are nearly all of the lowest class of prostitutes, though some of the Chinese traders have their wives with them. There is a trader in my district who, I believe, has three wives. He is a rich trader. I know that when this proposed tax of \$40 a head was spoken of, he said it would come pretty hard on him as he would have to pay for his three wives.

Three wives.

Advisable to check immigration.

I think it would be advisable to check the immigration of Chinese to the Province of British Columbia, if that is possible.

Better for government to pay white men 50 per cent more.

This question has been brought under discussion a good deal; that is, as to whether it would be better for the Government of Canada to pay white men higher wages, or to employ Chinamen in the building of public works at a less rate of wages. My opinion is, that it would be better to pay white men at least 50 per cent more than Chinamen; even if they had to employ the white labor at a higher rate; this would be advisable, because the amount that would be contributed to the revenue of the country by white men would be so much larger than the sum which would be so contributed by Chinamen.

Chinese as market gardeners, driven out by Italians.

There is one thing which I may mention to the Committee: there has been a great deal said about the superiority of the Chinese over the whites as market gardeners. I believe, that they are very industrious indeed but when I was in the city of San Francisco, I was told that the Italians were there driving the Chinese out of the business of market gardening.

Reason why.

Q. Was this result being brought about by the superiority of the Italians over the Chinese in this respect, or by combination?—A. It was brought about by their hard work, and by the attention which they give to this same branch of agriculture which has been pursued by the Chinese. Such was the case to a great extent about the city of San Francisco.

English market

Q. What advantage would a Chinaman have over a practical English market gardener who understood his business professionally and thoroughly. Would not the English gardener under such circumstances do as well as the Chinaman?—A. A Chinaman will work overground while another man—a white man—would hardly think of touching. The Chinamen work so patiently and hard, they labor from early in the morning until late at night, and are content with such small returns that white men do not like to compete with them in this particular.

Chinese hard labor.

Italians.

Q. They sell the products of their labor at a cheaper rate than white men will, I presume?—A. Yes, they sell their vegetables cheaper, of course; as I was saying, in San Francisco the Italians have there gone into the market gardening business latterly, and are driving the Chinese