

Civilisation and christianity have taught man to take a higher level in this life. They have taught him to have a home for himself, to have a wife you will brighten his struggle for existence, to have children perhaps who will fill his home with their merry prattle and songs, and wherever you have these, you have what indicates prosperity. The more white men are employed, the more white homes are in existence, the more is every industry benefited; and the fewer of these you have, the more will all legitimate business suffer. On the other hand, the more Chinamen you have, the fewer stores and industries will flourish; and the more you introduce these barbarians the more you introduce barbarianism and drive out christianity and civilisation. And so, in the name of my fellow citizens I appeal to this House that you, in your wisdom and righteousness, may help us in some way to get rid of this great evil, and that you will by your actions proclaim, so far as the future is concerned, that you are on the side of your Canadian brethren and are determined to give them all the facilities and advantages which this magnificent country can furnish them. Just one word more, and I have done. The United States have had to deal with this question. The legislatures of that country pool-pooled the agitation and the desire of the working classes, but

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in Nevada and Oregon and different other States and at last as the culminating act of the efforts of these statesmen the Geary Act was passed, which is simply an Act of prohibition. I may also refer to the struggle which took place in New South Wales on this question. But instead of wearying you with the Act which has been passed in connection with that struggle, I will simply say that the law is there that each Chinaman entering New South Wales has to pay a per capita tax of \$500. So far as British Columbia is concerned that is the demand that I have to make to-day, namely, that the per capita be raised from \$50 to \$500. With all due respect to Li Hung Chang that is our opinion and we ought to know the condition of the country a great deal better than that distinguished gentleman. You may ask why we demand an increase of this per capita tax. We ask it in the first place because the \$50 tax has proved insufficient to prevent this immigration and the influx of Chinese is going on as fast and as furious to-day as it ever did in the history of the country. The cause of this is chiefly, first, tyhees or Chinese bosses. These men are comparatively rich, and they make a profit on importing their fellow countrymen into this Dominion. They pay the \$50 tax and furnish all the necessaries required to these men, and they become their slaves until they have paid out in toil what the company exact from them. Any legislation, as far as the imposition of a per capitax is concerned, must be legislation which will prevent these tyhees bringing in their countrymen in order to make them slaves and at the same time fill up this country. Another thing which has been against us in this matter is the Canadian Pacific Railway line of steamships. I