

TITLE (1.) The Economic and Social Status of Chinese in the British Empire.

DATE (2.) July 25th, 1927

DEFINITION OF TOPIC (3) An investigation into the present distribution and original migration of persons of Chinese origin in the various parts of the British Commonwealth of Nations (specifically - (a) Great Britain (b) Canada (c) Australia (d) New Zealand (e) Straits Settlements & British Malaya (f) Hongkong (g) other colonies and mandated territories) - the respective rates of these respective migrations - degrees of social and economic stratification or assimilation - sources of friction - legal status including naturalization, discriminatory legislation, etc. - evolution of public policy with respect to resident Chinese, immigration and residence of Chinese in ^{the} several self-governing dominions and of the Colonial Office. - immediate and ultimate results of such Chinese migrations on the economic structure, ^{labour markets} industrial development, foreign trade and communications of ^{the} respective regions of settlement.

PURPOSE & NEED (4.) While many isolated studies on local conditions in various parts of the British Commonwealth are available, yet most of these are out of date and inadequate for ^{definite} thorough going conclusions regarding the ultimate criteria of immigration. There is no recent work which makes any attempt at collaboration and comparison of regional studies as mentioned above, while much yet remains which requires original investigation i.e. Straits Settlements, etc.

RELATION TO PURPOSES OF INSTITUTE
Apart from scientific and administrative interest, such research would undoubtedly serve two useful purposes of the Institute of Pacific Relations