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from fifteen years of age and upwards do not find such ready employment as elsewhere, and consequently are not so well trained in habits of industry. The manual (unskilled) labor that their fathers followed is looked upon as only fit for an inferior race, and there is growing up amongst us a class of idlers who will not conduce to the well-being of the state. We employ over 390 white miners and laborers, and about 150 Chinese. The latter earn from \$1 to \$1.25 per diem.

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TINDAL.

The following is a declaration by Mr. JOHN TINDAL, of Victoria, on the questions submitted to him:—

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Chinese miners take no risks but follow in the wake of the white miner.

I, John Tindal, came to British Columbia in 1862, and until 1876 I lived mostly on the mainland. A few Chinamen were in the country before I came; their occupation in early days being mostly in laundries and mining. As miners I never knew them to take any risk as prospectors, but, as jackals, would follow the white man and clean the country of everything they could turn to their benefit.

Bad results of Chinese immigration.

The bars and benches on Fraser River and its tributaries, which were left on account of the high rate of provisions, would now, with railway communication and cheaper transit, have furnished employment to a large number of white men, giving the farmers a market and the government a revenue. But by the Chinese system those are now left a barren waste, and the treasures they once contained are safe in China.

Chinese are monsters without morals.

At one time I felt disgusted to hear men speak so hard against the Chinese. I therefore tried to cultivate their acquaintance as much as possible to find out for myself, and had to come to the conclusion that they were monsters. As to morals, they have none. The honesty of the whites they look on as simplicity, and their virtue as imbecility. The Chinese have no respect for women. In fact they seem to think more of a prostitute than they do of a virtuous woman, the former coming nearer their own ideas. At dissimulation they are masters. On their first arrival here they are provided with books got up in admirable form to teach them English, which they can pronounce pretty well from their own characters. All their energies are exerted to gain a knowledge of our language, and after they have gained it they are equally careful not to let it be known. I have never known one who would explain a single word of Chinese to a white man. As to their habits of life, they are filthy in the extreme in their surroundings, the soil being saturated with filth for some distance around their dwellings; but they seem to keep themselves clean and comfortable in their clothing.

Masters of dissimulation.

Filthy in their habits.

Have loathsome diseases.

As to disease, I have been told by some that venereal was common and sometimes very serious amongst them; likewise that some very feeble-looking Chinamen I have seen sitting by the roadside were turned out by their countrymen and not allowed to come near them, that they were suffering from a dangerous and very infectious complaint; that if a person even sat on a chair they had occupied the disease would be transmitted; but on asking whether it was what we called leprosy, I got the usual "no sabe," as the moment they see a person wants information they are determined not to give it.