

Chinese themselves without any suggestion from the Whites. Their League meetings last about two hours, the time being devoted to exhortation to give up the use of opium. The Leagues also supply medicinal help to the victims, and they will petition the Dominion Government to prevent the importation of the drug.

The Government of China has ordered that the cultivation of the opium poppy must cease in five years, but they have not as yet interfered with the manufacturing business. It is expected however that the Government will soon take charge of that branch.

Mr. T. T. York, B.A., lately a Professor in a Chinese College in Canton, now Editor of the Wa-Yink Yat-po, a Chinese daily newspaper published in Vancouver, is authority for most of the above statements. He was translated by Court Interpreter Peter Hong, student at law, who this year took the highest marks in the Faculty of Law of McGill University, British Columbia. Mr. York estimates that it costs each opium smoker \$30.00 per year and that about one third of the men smoke. Immoral white women smoke with them.

ACTION OF MUNICIPAL BODIES.

The city of Vancouver has power, under her special charter 1900, Chap. 54, Section 22, "For prohibiting or licensing and regulating the sale of opium except where same is sold in the preparation of prescriptions of duly qualified medical practitioners, by chemists and druggists." Under this section two licenses to sell were granted, but the licensees have been notified that after the expiry of the present licenses, no further licenses shall issue. A by-law ~~entirely~~ to prohibit the sale was introduced into the Council and referred to the City

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