

Opposed to Chinese Labor

I beg to differ with Mr. Hadwen regarding his article which appeared in your issue of May 1st, in which he states that the majority of farmers in British Columbia are opposed to the five hundred dollar tax on Chinese.

Now, sir, there may be a few narrow-minded "mossbacks" who are too mean to pay decent wages, that are opposed to the tax. But the majority of the more intelligent and liberal-minded farmers are, I believe, strongly in favor of it, as they consider it a mistake to fill the country with filthy Mongolians.

I think that Canada can get plenty of white labor without importing Chinese. But if Ontario thinks that she would like to have them, the majority of the people of British Columbia would be very glad to supply her from the overabundance of those already here.

It is an open question as to whether Chinese labor is cheaper in the end than white labor; as the majority of Chinese are as dear at one dollar per day as a white man would be at two dollars per day. Besides when Chinamen are in the country a little longer they will demand as high wages as white men.

In a recent issue of the New Westminster Columbian there appeared an article saying that four hundred Chinese laundrymen in Butte, Montana, went on a "strike" demanding four dollars per day. Do you call that cheap labor?

As to their ability as market gardeners, it is true that they practically control that industry in British Columbia. But a great many people are opposed to using Chinese vegetables as it is dangerous to do so on account of the filthy way in which they use fertilizers on them. In fact people have been poisoned in British Columbia from eating Chinese vegetables.

By all means let us try to preserve Canada for the white race. Let this be a country where the intelligent laborer can hold up his head with the best in the land. Not one in which labor and the laborer are held in contempt, as will be the case if Chinese are allowed to gain a much larger foothold in the country.

A British Columbia Farmer.

Prince Edward Island

We have had very little rain during the month of May. Weather very cool up to June 1st with the exception of a day or two. Vegetation is backward. Very little cheese has been made yet, as pasture is poor, and milk scarce. There was a fair attendance at the market on June 3rd. Not very much produce offered. Beef small, 8c. to 14c. per lb., by qr., 6c. to 8c. Chickens 65c. to 85c. per pair; butter 22c. to 23c.; eggs, 11c. to 12c.; pork, 7c. to 8c. per lb.; flour, per cwt. \$2.00; dressed cattle, 7c. to 8c.; hay, 50c. to 55c. per cwt.;

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oats, 38c. per bus.; potatoes, 48c. per bush.; rhubarb, 5c. per lb. The cattle market is reported dull, numbers of marketable stock remaining unsold in the country. Several fine horses were shipped on June 3rd. Horses are scarce and dear.

A cow owned by Frank Halliday, of Eldon, weighed 1,450 lbs. She was purchased by Blythe Bros.

On May 31st, Messrs. Saunders & Newsome brought to the city a very fine steer. He was led by Mr. W. Schurman Bedeque, and weighed 1,700 lbs. The price paid for him was \$85.

Mr. Murray Robertson, of Cavendish, shipped to Newcastle, N. B., two very fine colts. One of them weighed 1,450 lbs.

Mr. Alder Black, Seartown, recently sold his four-year-old Parkwood colt for the sum of \$250.

Mr. James McMahon had some very fine lobsters in the market recently. One weighing 5½ lbs. was said to be the biggest lobster ever offered here for sale.

A 60 lb. codfish has been caught at Tignish.

James Easory, Union Road, has planted about 600 apple trees this spring.

A barn belonging to James Lannigan, Souris, West, was destroyed by fire on May 24. Cause unknown. Loss about \$1,000, with \$200 insurance.

A city boy wrapped 3 dozen eggs in cotton wool, placed them on top of a hot water furnace and when the time was up, he had 13 active little chickens.

A refrigerator has been constructed on the steamer Princess. It has a large capacity, and the walls are thick and tight.

A. R.

How to Make a Cork Fit a Bottle

The problem of corks in the household and other places often becomes quite troublesome. In the limited supply of corks in the house there is never one which will fit the bottle to be corked, so the housekeeper whittles away at it with a dull knife and loses all her patience and energy. It is much easier to take a triangular piece lengthwise out of the cork. Then press the cork together. The cut edges meet and there is an easily accomplished reduction in size.

The Brandon Fair

The Western Agricultural and Arts Association will hold its annual fair at Brandon, Man., on July 28-31, 1903. The prize list is complete, no class being neglected. It is neatly gotten up and attractive. If you are in the West during July visit the Brandon Fair.

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