

The amount paid annually to revenue and city taxes by merchants and employees...	1,100
The amount paid annually for rents to white people.....	27,000
The amount paid annually for rents on 750 acres of cultivated grounds and charcoal places by Chinese merchants to white people	6,180
The amount paid annually for city water by Chinese merchants and workmen.....	4,400
For gas	1,770
For insurance of buildings and merchandise.....	2,560
For interest paid to white people for borrowed cash.....	8,400
For postage and telegraph.....	3,000
[The above ten sums are paid out only by the Chinese merchants in Victoria, and not by those in other parts of the province.]	
The amount of real estate owned by Chinese in British Columbia is about.....	100,000
The value of brick and frame buildings owned by Chinese is.....	81,000
[Seventy thousand dollars of this amount was expended within the last fourteen months]	

The kind of merchandise imported from China, Japan and United States by Chinese merchants as follows :—

Rice, tea, oil, liquors, tobacco, dry goods, chinaware, drugs, silk goods, paperware, books and stationery, matting, clothes, shoes, opium, Joss-paper and sticks.

The goods purchased by Chinese merchants in British Columbia and sold to the Chinese in this province, as follows :—

Cloth goods, woollen and linen cloth, caps, boots, stockings, furs, kerosene oil, candles, matches, papers, soaps, tobacco, cigars, sugar, flour, rice, sweetmeats, salt, pigs, lard, beef, butter, fish, fowls, wines, ducks, nails, tools, plates, horses, carriages, wagons, watches, rope and twines, lamps, fuel, coal, hardware, ironware, glass and crockery ware, woodenware, etc.

There are in the province of British Columbia nine thousand six hundred and twenty-nine Chinese laborers :

A laborer's wages will average \$25 per month; per year.....	\$300 00
Deduct three months wages for winter.....	75 00
Provisions and clothing, per year.....	130 00
Room rent.....	24 00
Tools, fares, in British Columbia.....	10 00
Revenue and road taxes.....	5 00
Religious fees.....	5 00
Doctor, for drugs.....	3 00
Oil, light, water and tobacco.....	5 00
	————— \$257 00
Balance in favor of laborer.....	\$43 00

Respectfully submitted,

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APPENDIX D.

At San Francisco it was arranged that on the 25th of July we should, in company with the Chinese Consul, visit Chinatown. Before making the visit to Chinatown His Excellency the Consul-General for China, Huang Tsun Hsien, Colonel Bee, the Consul, and Mr. Tsang Hoy, the interpreter to the consulate called on Mr. Chapleau at the Palace Hotel. In the course of conversation he enquired particularly respecting the veto power of the Dominion and Imperial Governments, and expressed the hope that the enquiry to be instituted by the Chinese Commission would be an impartial one.

Led by Colonel Bee and the official interpreter we went round Chinatown. The traveller who had visited China, or anybody who has once explored Chinatown, were he blind, would know he was in the midst of a bit of far Cathay, which had been transported to the Pacific coast. In addition to the ethnic smell which, as all Eastern travellers assure us, would have been pronounced enough, there are the odors of opium, of cigars, of dried fish and dried vegetables; an odor such as one gets in the engine-room of a