

United States. The firms "cooking" in Vancouver are Lee Yune Co and Hip Tuck Lung Co.

Alderman Gleason of Victoria, who has taken a deep interest in the subject, reported to me that there is a large factory on the corner of Pandora and Government Streets in that city, and that on the 1st of June last there were forty places where it was sold. In New Westminster at present there appears to be but one conspicuous place of sale.

Druggists and others affirm that in the form in which it is manufactured here it is not used for medicinal purposes. To prohibit the importation of opium in any form used for smoking would not affect the drug business. Druggists do not buy from Chinese. The preparations of opium used for medicinal purposes are imported from British India.

ATTITUDE OF THE CHINESE.

The Chinese Government has issued an edict to the effect that civil servants under sixty years of age must give up smoking opium at once. In view of the danger to health and life, of immediate and complete cessation, this provision is enforced considerably. Outside the civil service persons under forty must cease gradually, a time allowance of from six months to one year being granted. Persons over forty years are treated more leniently. In some cases very severe enforcement has been resorted to, but the spirit of obedience to authority, which characterizes the Chinese people, is leading many of them to do their utmost to abandon the habit without compulsion of law. Anti-opium League have been formed in Canton, San Francisco, Vancouver and New Westminster. Steps have been taken to form one in Victoria also. Those in Canada were formed upon the motion of the