

JAMES YOUNG, of Nanaimo, returned the following answers :-

1. So far as my observation goes, chiefly laborers. Laborers.
2. Generally they are healthy, or seem so. Healthy.
3. None that I know of; nor do I know of their becoming a burden upon the charity of whites. Do not burden charities.
4. They generally work steady when well supervised, or when working for themselves, but when working for wages and left alone they are not very pushing, and a job generally lasts with them. So far as I have observed they are sober, though considerable quantities of their own intoxicants are used, such as Chinese brandy, opium, etc. They are not generally law breakers, in fact they do not seem to generally understand our laws; but they seem to be under the control of some superior power amongst themselves, which prevents them openly defying our laws, while their docile cowardly disposition renders them easily controlled by a show of superior force. Moreover they seem to have a system of laws, and means of enforcing them, outside of and independent of our laws. They do not seem to be improvident, though many of them are inveterate gamblers. I have myself known instances where they have gambled away their month's wages and starved through the next month. But I do not know of their being very turbulent. However it is not very safe to run counter to them where they are very strong. Work steady when well supervised - sober.
Not law-breakers.
Under the control of some secret power.
5. In general, yes, though in a great many cases fear of the consequences prevents them doing otherwise. Not safe to run counter to them when they are strong.
Respect their engagements.
6. They are entering into every branch of industry and actually crowding white people out. Crowding out white people.
7. I was not in the province then.
8. I cannot say.
9. It began, I learn by the public prints, about the year 1865. Some few intelligent men of the middle-class began it; but at present all classes are carrying on the agitation, all save a few wealthy employers and their satellites. Agitation against them began in 1865.
10. Assuredly there is. Crime amongst them is very difficult to punish, for the reason that criminals cannot be discovered; while their presence is a constant cause of irritation to the white laborers, and a conflict between the two races is liable to break out at any moment. Then, their habitations are generally wretched hovels, and they are generally crowded into them in such numbers, and live amongst so much filth and neglect of sanitary arrangements, that there cannot but be danger to the public health. Their quarters would be centres from which contagion would spread all around, and thus diseases not otherwise dangerous might readily become epidemic. Difficulty in punishing crime.
Bad sanitary condition.
11. Yes. All labor contributes to develop any country, but the Chinese carry all the wealth they obtain out of the country, whereas white men nearly always invest their earnings in it, and thus further develop it. Moreover, in the gold fields, Chinese hinder the development of the country and prevent it being settled, and in this way: In the first rush of people Contributed to develop the country.