

Vices same as whites.

that I would. I would, however, prohibit all immorality. I do not think that they are worse than the laboring classes of other nationalities in other countries. They gamble, and have women of ill-fame, and all that sort of thing, the same as white people have.

Expense white labor living.

Q. What does it cost a white man to live in the province of Columbia?
—A. It costs them about fifty cents a day.

Ditto Chinese.

Q. Do you think that it costs a Chinese laborer fifty cents a day to live?—A. No; I do not think that it would cost them so much. I think that to live would cost them about half that sum per day; I fancy that this would be the case. I could not state positively the cost, but I think that a Chinaman could live on half of that sum per day.

Domestic services wages.

Q. Are you aware what amount Chinaman earn annually?—A. No; I could not say; Chinamen work in houses. They perform domestic services, and for doing that sort of work they get from \$20 to \$30 and \$35 a month in wages.

Q. And their board?—A. Yes; these men, I suppose, save nearly all their pay, and they make about \$300 a year—more or less.

Their increase detrimental.

Q. If the Chinese are not discouraged, what will be the probable result of the increased number of Chinamen in, regard to white labor?—A. I think that as they are driven out of the State of California their numbers in the Province of British Columbia would increase and this increase in their numbers would be undoubtedly detrimental to white labor.

Facilities for coming greater.

Q. Would they increase in greater ratio than would white men do you think?—A. Yes, they have more facilities for doing so than have white men. A ship comes from China to our Province, in five and thirty days, and the rates of freight are low, the passage money for Chinamen is very low. Passages for Chinamen are obtained at a very low rate.

Object to the local legislation on subject.

Q. Could you offer to the committee any suggestions as to the best means of discouraging Chinese immigration other than their non-employment on public works in the Dominion?—A. Well, I do not approve of the bill which was passed with regard to the Chinese population by the Local Assembly of the Province of British Columbia. I think that the Assembly has gone too far in this relation. I do not approve of that measure at all.

Buying dominion lands.

Q. Do you think that it is desirable to prohibit the Chinese from buying Dominion lands?—A. Well, I do not know whether it is desirable or not. I think that in a new country where there is lots of room, it might not be injurious were they allowed to occupy wild land. Were this the case, it might add to the productions of the country.

As market gardeners.

Q. Have they not almost driven the white gardeners and marketmen out of the market?—A. Well, I suppose that they have done so. Their prices are low, and white labor is very high, and Chinamen will be apt to come in and work under them. Certainly, the Chinese by entering into this business have cut down prices.

Market gardeners in 1875, \$3 per day.

Q. What is the feeling that exists among the gardeners and farmers with respect to the competition which prevails among the Chinese themselves?—A. I do not think that market gardeners' wages two years ago were more than \$3 a day.