

SAN FRANCISCO, November 17th, 1876.

FRANCIS AVERY, a resident in California for eight years, sworn and examined :

Have employed Chinese as servants and found them trustworthy and competent. To some extent they displace white girls.

The witness thinks it is not policy to restrict the Chinese immigration at the present time. The necessities of the people require the gradual increase in the same proportion with the increase of whites. In favor of unrestricted immigration if the Chinese do not get control of the country. Should have some hesitation in saying that they were as good as Germans.

In favor of unrestricted immigration provided the Chinese do not get control of country.

MACONDRAY. FREDERICK W. MACONDRAY, engaged in the China trade, and a resident of San Francisco for twenty-four years, sworn and examined :

High commercial character of the Chinese.

Quite enough of them here now.

Sober and industrious.

Better for the civilization of the state that it should be settled up with white people.

The immigrants not all of the Cantonese boatmen class.

The merchants are honest, upright and have a good reputation for integrity; never lost a dollar by them in twenty-six years. Contracts made with the Chinese are verbal. Those who emigrate here are of the mercantile, laboring and artisan classes. Their physical condition is healthy and strong. They come here voluntarily; some have come under contracts but not of a servile nature. Those who have come here have certainly added to the material prosperity of the state; but there are quite enough of them here now. If the people did not employ Chinese they would not come here. The Chinese merchants are satisfied there are enough Chinamen here now, and are not anxious that any more should come at the present time. They are generally an educated class, all being able to read and write. They are sober and industrious. It is owing to public opinion that their presence is not desirable. There are not as many white people here as it is desirable to have. It is better for the civilization of the state that it should be settled up by white people. If more white people came here there would be no harm in having a few more Chinese.

The Cantonese boatmen are of the lower classes. Those here are not all of that class; they come from different districts around Canton. The northern Chinese do not emigrate at all. The people who live in the boats are poor and honest, and do not belong to the class called river pirates.

CASTLE.

FREDERICK L. CASTLE, merchant, and a resident in California for twenty-six years, sworn and examined :

In agricultural pursuits Chinese a benefit; but they have tended to interfere with female labor.

In some vocations the Chinese are a benefit and in others they are a detriment. As workers in agricultural pursuits they have been a benefit to the community. They have tended somewhat to interfere with female labor here, and no doubt the mechanics have suffered somewhat from their presence. White boys are employed in my business packing teas. They make an excellent substitute for the Chinese. If the white boys of this town imitated the Chinese, they could supplement them.