

If they arrived in very large numbers regulation would be necessary. . . .

17. No, but if it should be found hereafter that they arrive in very large numbers, such numbers should be regulated; although I am of opinion that under any circumstances only unskilled laborers would come here.

It might be enough to regulate the numbers brought by any one vessel.

18. As already stated this should depend upon whether a sufficient number of white immigrants will be forthcoming to fill the demand for labor. If necessary to restrict Chinese immigration it would perhaps be advisable to regulate the numbers to come here by any one vessel, and this would surely check immigration.

Difficulty in procuring white immigrants.

19. I think not. In my opinion the difficulty in procuring a large immigration of suitable whites, is the heavy expense in reaching this province, and a sufficient number, therefore, is not obtainable to fill the requirements.

Whites, especially mechanics, can find employment

20. Yes; particularly mechanics.

21. So far it has not had a very material effect on immigration, certainly not to such an extent as might have been expected.

White immigration not retarded.

22. I think not, as the bulk of our Chinese population belongs to the unskilled laborers' class, and white laborers can always obtain at least fifty per cent. higher wages than the Chinaman. I might mention that many of those who publicly denounce the Chinese largely avail themselves of their labor.

Morals of whites not affected by Chinese.

23. I have not observed that the morals of the whites have been affected by the Chinese. I have no personal knowledge of the fact, although I have frequently heard it asserted that the whites have adopted the Chinese custom of opium-smoking, but the number of these must be very few.

No more immoral people among Chinese than among whites. Prostitutes.

24. I should think not.

25. No; one scarcely ever sees a Chinese woman on the streets.

26. None whatever.

On the completion of railway Chinese immigration will fall off.

27. I am of opinion that on completion of railway construction in the province, the immigration of Chinese will fall off considerably. The question generally to my mind is that of capital and labor, and however undesirable they might be as settlers, in comparison with the whites, they have, to a very great extent, been found useful in developing industries, which otherwise would have remained dormant; in the absence of suitable cheap white labor. It is not generally known that the climate of the interior of British Columbia is quite unsuitable to the Chinese, but such is the fact; the winters are more severe than they can stand, and the rate of mortality among them is very largely in excess of the whites.

Developed industries.

Winters in the interior too severe for the Chinamen