

be remembered that women are constantly entered as "exempts" as wives of merchants, and this traffic was prosecuted with the assistance of the officials.

In another place the learned judge recommends "the prosecution of Yip On and Yip Sue, interpreters," but nothing was done and these Chinese criminals were allowed to escape in order to protect other criminals higher up, whose infamy would have been revealed had these Chinese been faced with a penitentiary sentence. All this goes to prove two things, first, the moral depravity of the Chinese and the still more disgusting guilt of many white men who are willing to prostitute their sense of honor for gain.

Had it not been for the desperate and persistent objections of the Government and white people of British Columbia, the Grand Trunk Pacific would have imported thousands of these Orientals to work on the construction of their road. The Chinese are willing and anxious to come, and the "boss element," or Chinese merchants, are prepared to finance them and to hire them out to companies and large employers of labor like cattle. This is a violation of our principles of immigration, which seeks only such as are able to come of their own volition and with money in their pockets. The slightest relaxation in our regulations would result in an immediate influx of the poorest type of Chinese, under this system of slavery. This, we maintain, would be inimical to the development of the country, and a serious blow to our standard of citizenship.

It is not a question of assimilating a few choice merchant Chinese (although this is impossible), but it is a question of admitting hordes of the lowest class of Oriental coolies. In spite of the most strenuous efforts and constant opposition of the Government of British Columbia, backed up by the strongest possible public sentiment, we have been unable to keep out this class of immigration, and in all fairness we ask, what would be the result if the regulations were to be relaxed? We protest most strongly that the effect would be appalling, and rather than entertain for a moment any suggestion to relax, we should face the problem squarely and decide the point of, do we favor **Oriental immigration?** If not, then make such regulations as will exclude them effectually.