

works of the Dominion?—A. I believe it is very undesirable and I think it will be a great misfortune if they are employed on the Canadian Pacific Railway. If they are employed on that work after the road is built they will have a large percentage of the money expended in the construction of that road; they will leave the country and the country will be poorer by the amount of money they take out of it; where if white laborers are employed they will settle down and make homes for themselves in the country, and in a very short time be the means of yielding a considerable revenue to the country.

Q. Do you think it would be desirable to allow Chinese to purchase Dominion Lands?—A. No, I would be decidedly against it.

Q. Or lease?—A. No neither to purchase nor lease.

Q. Do you think it would be desirable to allow Chinese to take up fishing stations?—A. No, I would regret very much to see that. By the last mail I received a petition from the canning proprietors in my district and they complain now that they have to compete with the Japanese in the salmon canning business, and I have no doubt that the Chinese will be into it in a very short time, and they are afraid it will be impossible for them to compete with the Chinese.

Q. Do you think there could be an introduction of white immigrants who would settle along the banks of the Fraser River and utilize the land, and at the same time employ themselves in the fisheries during the fishing season?—A. Yes. The Chinese are very apt and handy, and the canning proprietors out there prefer them to any other class for making tins and for any light work. But for heavy manual labor, for instance, as farming hands, they are not employed in my district but to very limited extent. If employers can get white labor, they employ it in preference to the Chinese labor, considerably cheaper.

Fishing.
Canning proprietors prefer Chinese.

Not employed as farming hands.

White labor preferred.

Q. Have you any Chinese engaged in cultivating gardens?—A. We have quite a number.

Vegetable gardeners.

Q. Will you state the effect of their competition with white settlers?—A. Well nearly all of the white gardeners have given up their occupation altogether.

Q. They furnish vegetables much cheaper than white gardeners?—A. Yes, much cheaper.

Q. They have driven the white gardeners out of the business?—A. Yes.

SENATOR MACDONALD, says:

Q. Will you state to the Committee your opinion as to the moral character of the Chinese who come to the Province of British Columbia?—From personal experience, I cannot say anything on that subject, but judging from the police reports, I do not think that they are any more immoral than is the general class of laboring people in any country.

Not more immoral than other general laboring classes.

Q. On moral grounds, then, you would not be in favor of prohibiting the immigration of these people into this country?—A. I do not think

Not worse than other nationalities.