

Prostitution is regarded in China very much as it is here. In Hong Kong all the brothels require a license; how it is under the Chinese Government I do not know. Prostitution.

The immigrants who are here mainly come from Kwang Tung province—some merchants, some laborers, and some artisans, the larger proportion of them agricultural laborers. There is nothing that is degrading in labor in China or elsewhere that I am aware of. I think immigration will keep pace with the demand. When the demand ceases the influx will cease. Chinese immigration up to the present time, I think, has been beneficial to the state. I think our trade with China is increasing. Source of Chinese immigration.

A Chinaman earning \$4 a month at home, and who could get here for \$25, I think, would not come and work here for \$12 a month. Up to this time beneficial.

The Chinese can labor here cheaper than the white laborer who has to maintain a family. At the same time I think a great many whites can labor here vastly cheaper than they are doing. I think that a great many employ white labor when they could employ Chinese, and pay more for white labor, in order to obtain a better remuneration for the product of that labor.

There is a large floating population in Canton. I think there are very few of those Canton boatmen who come here. I have observed the Chinaman in my ordinary every-day walks, and I do not think they are any more immoral than the whites. I have heard of their being addicted to sodomy, having communication with animals, geese, etc., but I have never heard cases stated by any one who was in possession of facts. Merchants, and people with whom I was in the habit of communicating, have stated it. Chinamen not more immoral than the whites.

As to cheap labor and low-priced labor being synonymous I do not know. Labor may be cheap, and yet it may not be low-priced; it may be low-priced, and yet it may be very dear. A Chinaman is not equal to an American, nor will he ever be able to command the same wages that an American will. A Chinaman not equal to an American and can never command the same wages.

It takes a Chinaman some time to acquire our language. Still a great many of them pick it up very readily. They compete with Americans under the management of foremen just the same as a foreign vessel trading in China will employ Chinese crews with an interpreter.

The most of the Chinamen who come here return in a few years. They may come back, but they go home to visit their families. I never knew of any of the Six Companies being engaged in any mercantile operations. I think the Chinese are very prone to resent any offence offered to them. Six Companies.

I have one employed as a domestic, and I find him as honest and as faithful a servant as a man could wish for. I frequently leave the house in his charge, my silver and all quite under his control. He is neat and truthful. I have had several in my employ and I find them all more or less truthful. I generally have found them very faithful and attentive to their duties; and as to their honesty it is unquestioned. As to my personal knowledge I have nothing to say against them to their disadvantage. As domestic servants witness found them all that could be desired.