

to profit as much by the disasters, as by your own atmosphere, tone to a place. A city has attained the full hood. No city in Canada for the acquisition of this power.

The Canadian city that has a support its own theatre. People about their Oriental it for a nuisance. Others a man is the bright particular industrial firmament. What is? What may he become? native of the races, alien in which, which also dwell on the an which penetrates British

I asked Sir Albert Hime development of the native be. "Heaven only knows," think about it." The color differently drawn from what drawn on the same difference. It is all very well for mis- all men are brothers, and that tinctious due to color and an may suit the philanthropist aim for a brother-in-law, and response.

ion to be friends with gentle- shades, and to feel that they de. There are Chinamen like make you feel that you are in give you glimpses of how nature in all its better guises ass English, with an accent ve Londoners emulate. They and a practice of honor which they are Chinese patriots and weightier affairs of character. y. The majority is alien in o remain so. Here, though, deceive.

five thousand Chinamen in ay seven. There are plenty, be more if the five hundred moved, and the advocates of their hearts' desire. A busi- cipe for shortage of labor was ear, so as to let all come who he market gate tight. Few lan. It is worth mentioning, e acute need that is felt for ment is appealing for re-elec- on against the incursion of tionality. The socialist and y potent in British Columbia, n declare for cheap labor hold

e Chinaman is two-fold—he is Arguments on either side are

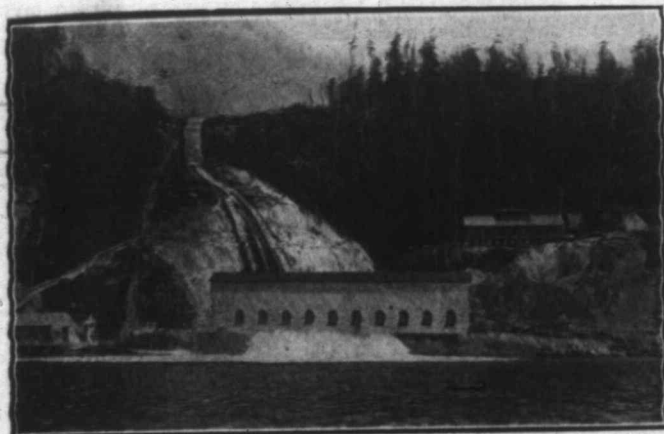
At the best you would like expedient. Even so, if he ex- es, is he of very much worth, Is he wanted as a permanent, a Canadian province? Does hich white folks cannot, or will evotion to toil is unequalled. d from the country to-morrow, ould be all but paralyzed. It is ver a formula that will har- actors of his case. He is pre- f, and a conundrum in the com-

parative. Find the indispensable element in his situa- tion, and mayhap you can discern some course along which public opinion and, if your ideas are fortunate, political action may be assisted.

There he is in Vancouver—enough of him to make a good-sized town. Nothing but an earthquake can dislodge him. He owns enough real estate to make him count formidably in half a dozen emergencies that might arise. As he is there, the philosophical thing to do—and the business thing also—surely must be to make the best of him, in the property he owns; property that is worth anything up to fifteen thousand dollars a twenty-five foot lot.

Scissors Versus Queue.

Do not shut your eyes to his vices. Do not be- come pharisaical towards them. When you can see white girls exposing themselves for sale behind the windows of his dirtiest tenements you may admit that



Vancouver's Electricity: B. C. Electric Company's Power Plant on the North Arm, Burrard Inlet.

white humanity also has something to learn. When you see sticky opium sold over a Chinese counter for use in a demoralising joint, your pity becomes associated with another feeling as soon as the gentle guide at your elbow reminds you that Great Britain introduced opium to China at the muzzles of death-dealing cannon. The place from which to view the Chinese problem is not over the body of the wretched victim of the pipe, or past the sad, brazen eyes of the denizen of the brothel in Shanghai alley. It is from alongside the better results of Chinese immigration. If there is an inevitability about this thing, what may it become if it can be Canadianized? The Chinaman is the subject of two contending forces. The emblem of the old is the pigtail. The sign manual of the other is a pair of scissors. When the scissors win the first snag of the problem will have been got over; and the future will be observable in a new perspective.

Reconciliation in Clothes.

The chance for scissors is not so small as it seems. The first branch on this continent of the Chinese Empire Reform Association was founded at Vancouver. It is a flourishing institution. I was taken through its quarters by Mr. Cumyow, a full-blooded Chinaman, native of British Columbia. Great stretches of photographs on the walls showed the extent to which European costume is being worn by the best of the race. As a primary move towards bringing the polity of the Celestial Empire in line with Occidental ideas, the shearing of the queue is recommended. Change of dress naturally follows change of head-dress.

Of course, the Chinaman who applies the scissors in this way may be received by his family in China as a distinguished foreigner, but not as an intimate member of the household. He has not permanently sacrificed his standing in Chinese society. A return of the pig-tail means a recovery of all domestic privileges. The motto of the Association, in

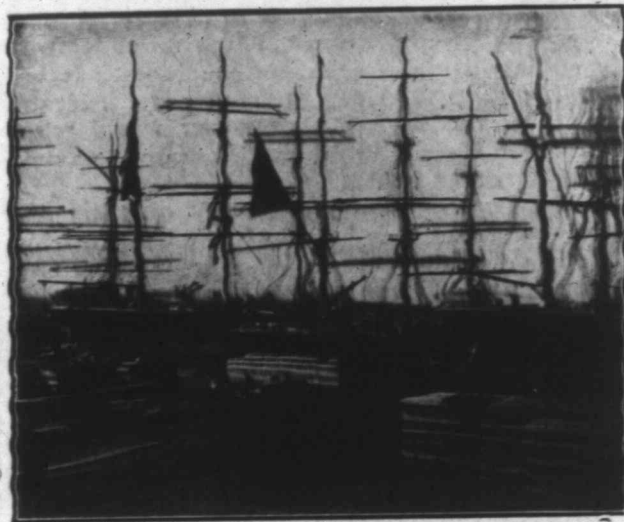
Europeans, might be "As the Romans do." The Association has 3,000 members in British Columbia, not all of whom have passed the scissors test of progress. It is surprising what a difference a bowler hat, short hair, collar, cuffs and pressed pants make to an Oriental. The injection of some of the philosophy of Sartor Resartus into whites and yellows of British Columbia would be good politically and commercially.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier has warned the British Columbians against intolerant exclusiveness, especially with regard to the Japanese, who are allies of the Empire, and will not stand to be branded with the badge of inferiority. What is true of Japan to-day may be true of China next week. The awakening of China may be more rapid than that of her neighbor. If you want trade you must be friendly. To develop overseas trade with the Chinaman you may be friendly more quickly by directing your missionary effort towards the elimination of the pigtail than towards the downing of Confucius and Buddha.

And the Hindoos.

If a lightening of the poll tax were accompanied by the establishment of schools on the Chinese coast, in which intending emigrants to Canada would be given some instruction in Canadian ways, including those of the barber and the tailor, and we were to receive the quiet, painstaking yellow man in hat and collar and trousers; and if he came intending to make the country his permanent home, the edge of antagonism to him might be considerably blunted. There is not room in these pages for an exhausted discussion of the Chinese situation. Just now it is in a state of drift, with a tendency in the Chinese to become more like ourselves, and a tendency in the British Columbians to meet the need for labor by turning to account the more agreeable signs of Chinese growth.

The situation is complicated by the advent of the Hindoos. It puzzles your Imperialistic soul to see a score of lean, lanky turbanned Sikhs trudging along the street with a gait that marks the physically feeble, and hunched shoulders which distinguish the unsufficiently clad. The Hindoo is hardly a derelict. He has at least had the courage to face the unknown on very small means. He is fairly good for labor, but not yet attractive for association. The labor unions are against him to the last gasp. Stories are told of mil-



Shipping From the Hastings Saw Mills.

men badly needing help, who dare not offer work to starving Hindoos, lest their white operatives should instantly close down the mill.

Here, also, if there is to be an extension of Asiatic immigration let it be, ab initio, on lines which will ensure an approximation to our own methods, and a permanent settlement in our territories. Immigrants who are good only for a passing need, who must not become a part of the body politic, are not ardently to be