

CHINESE BRITISH COLUMBIA

How Their Presence Affects the Industrial Progress of the Country.

HABITS OF THE PEOPLE IN THEIR OWN LAND.

They Live Lives of Lawlessness, Immorality, Crime and Wretchedness.

Powerful and Original Descriptions of the Flowery Kingdom—Our Trade With China and Japan—Terrible Effects of the Opium Trade—Japanese Miners at Nanaimo—Some Black Historical Facts—The Chinese Coming Race—Battles in China.

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There probably is no to-day a man in British Columbia or on the Pacific coast better qualified to discuss upon the Chinese question than Capt. Robertson of Moresby Island. The major portion of Capt. Robertson's long, stirring and wonderfully varied life was spent among the people of the Flowery Kingdom. He has seen them in every conceivable phase of life, and no man gifts more keenly with observation and retentive memory of the captain can pass through such awful scenes as he describes without forming very strong opinions. Indeed, the history of Capt. Robertson's life if published would throw into the shade the most powerful efforts of fancy and imaginative genius even penned. Knowing what he does about the Chinese, Capt. Robertson fully realizes the tremendous importance of the question, and although his forebodings of coming evil to the white race may not be fully shared by all, the intelligent readers cannot fail to recognize in the warnings given by the talented writer matter for careful consideration. The captain's remarks upon the missionaries and their labors among the Chinese will come as a revelation to many who have been led to understand that those gentlemen are leading a far different life; who believe that the missionaries among the Chinese are making vast strides, and are living lives of Christian abnegation and toiling for the advancement of the Christian faith. The remaining part of the Chinese question will be published in a few days.

THE GREAT CHINESE QUESTION

The historian Robertson says: "There are few nations that are more deserving of a quarter—Hypocrisy, Pluralism and tyranny." Editor Times: A Victoria correspondent writes the Vancouver World on Feb. 17th writes: "This afternoon was spent in discussing the threadbare subject, 'The Chinese Question'." It is evident that this writer, like many others, unfortunately for British Columbia, thinks that any time spent in discussing any measure brought up for the protection or welfare of the working class and the helpless poor is simply a waste of time. He is, however, directed to attend strictly to business; i. e., forward the chimerical schemes of their party, and to leave the Chinese question to the white race, morally, physically and intellectually. It is, I believe, utterly impossible for the white race to withdraw from the Chinese question, and to leave the white race, morally, physically and intellectually. It is, I believe, utterly impossible for the white race to withdraw from the Chinese question, and to leave the white race, morally, physically and intellectually.

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their surplus millions will be our allies should we have any trouble with the Russian Bear. It is therefore pharisee our duty to propitiate this great nation, our homage, humiliate ourselves, make burnt offerings, allow them to demoralize our people, for it may come to pass that some warrior may arise and overthrow us. From my experience, I think we should (it is our bounden duty) sacrifice our people now. It rests with our people, not with their paid servants, to decide whether the price is worth the cost. It also rests with our people to judge whether this child-like trust in the Chinese is quite disinterested, or intended to gull and intimidate the credulous and ignorant.

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Fully understanding that any writings on this subject will have to undergo a searching criticism, not only by those in favor of but those who are against Chinese slave labor, and having had considerable practical experience in China and with the Chinese, and with the firm belief that some of this experience may be useful to my fellow-men, I venture to address them on this question, Chinese slave labor, from the standpoint of humanity, proving that the dire effects of "Heaven's light" on the Chinese will in fact react on the white race in the Pacific coast, as it has in other parts of the world, where it has been introduced by the Chinese. Our safety lies in stopping Chinese immigration now and forever. It is quite true that they may not realize such large profits, but they will simply have to try and live with less in order to get on. They live, not in luxury, but in the actual necessities of civilization.

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brother, as occasion requires. If he or she can be sold into bondage for certain works, or for the vilest purposes, for a term of years or forever. The unborn child is sold in chains. If it turns out a boy the purchaser rejoices; if a girl he curses, and if the girl cannot be sold again she is very small sum purchase human beings for the vilest purposes without let or hindrance from the authorities. Men are sometimes sold as substitutes for execution, and go willingly and suffer death with stolid indifference. Men are sometimes sold as substitutes for execution, and go willingly and suffer death with stolid indifference. Men are sometimes sold as substitutes for execution, and go willingly and suffer death with stolid indifference.

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the tortoise; he too much damn fool. They compare the white race of humanity with the writings of their great philosopher, Confucius, and say it is good; it is better than the golden rule. No doubt there are some who believe that Chinese who claim to be Christians; others, whose wish is father to the thought, and who believe that the moral progress they are making in China, there is one thing, that a Chinaman is anything you wish; the highest price always fetches him. There are thousands who claim to be Christians to get the protection of the foreigners. They are a source of much trouble to the missionaries. They are called the "missionaries" by their race, and they will carry on their racialities, and when caught will call on the missionaries to get their consuls to intercede, and they are persecuted because they are Christians, and not because they are Chinese Christians, but I do not think there are. Further, I think it is impossible to change the white race, the bias of this race except through fusion with the whites. If there is any man, woman or child that has a few cents saved, they are most hated. They are amongst our own poor, let them walk down, if not too far, and throw the money into the harbor; it will do equally well for their racialities, and to the poor (?) foreign missionary.

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portion of the violence to be seen in Chinese cities. Morals and crimes are relative. What is thought immoral in some parts of the world others think natural; some think it is right to kill and cut off the heads of others to torture them to death. The atrocities committed by the Chinese now, are, however, not worse than the atrocities committed by the Holy Office or the Inquisition, which commenced its work in the year 882, and only abolished in 1820-1838 years. I will close this part by pointing out the different means of extracting money in China and British Columbia. In the province of Fukien, Poochow, there is a man who wields great power. This man holds every beggar in the district in his power; the beggars obey him to the letter. He is called the "king" of the beggars. Each shop, large or small, is asked for so much cash per month, which is usually paid on call. Should any be foolish enough to object, he is said, but in a very short time a beggar comes along carrying another sufferer, and says, "I have a headache, and I dump this poor creature down on the counter. The Chinese are not afraid of smallpox or any other malign disease. The poor creature being taken away, the other person will have any truck with the filthy creature, while there are many others to be seen in the streets. The beggars will go near, some person is sent to find the king, usually not far away, and the king, wearing a good suit, the sickening object is taken away. The beggars are in a few hours being swarming with most filthy creatures.

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walking the streets crying out for work, while the men paid by our people are voting down resolutions restricting Chinese immigration. Not that they are so stupid as to believe that Chinese immigration, no matter what his trade, business or profession (lawyers excepted), who reads these lines, written on behalf of humanity, think over this proposition: Am I benefited by the Chinese? Can I run my business with the support received from them? Can I run my mill on the money they spend? Can the professional men who get employment desiring, on the press, or in the diverse other things that make and build up our industry and industries live on what they receive from the Chinese? If not, it is manifest that those who employ either one or one hundred Chinese are absolutely living on their industry, foundations of all trade and all prospect of improving morally and physically the white race. Our rulers, only those who are favorably circumstanced, are with scarce economy. Others who have to fight hard for a living, find that the only profit is in the slight improvement made in carrying a little more land. Money is being squandered by our executive without the slightest regard to the actual necessities of the farmers for roads, bridges, etc. The government is spending money on superfluous buildings, and suffering from the effects of land hoarding; trade at a standstill; millions of dollars worth of buildings lying idle and going to wreck and ruin through the loss of trade. The money brought into the province by immigrants and other settlers has been drained out of the Chinese and gone forever. The Chinese in British Columbia over 15,000,000 and over 1,000,000 Japanese; each of these sends out of the country at the lowest computation \$125 each year; nearly all their food and clothes are purchased outside of British Columbia.

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reactive tendency of misdeeds. If we deprive our people of the protection against competition with alien slave labor it is not the poor laboring class that will suffer. We can injure others without injuring ourselves; every one suffers, directly or indirectly, even the boot-lickers and philanthropists cannot find safe investments for their ill-gotten gains; trade in all its ramifications is now paralyzed in British Columbia. Our rulers are assigning one after another. Why? The laboring class, that earned the money to spend, no matter how, it was kept in the country very little was supported, is gone. Without white labor what is to support trade? No doubt the guidance of their very able tried their utmost, but had debts and stagnation of trade was too much, the struggle too great, and the end was only a few months to live. The white man does so hate to be beaten; it is the best part of our nature to excel and succeed in our undertakings. Every expedient is tried, but the end is inevitable collapse.

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