

A. I consider them a low class—certainly much lower than any white class of people I have ever come in contact with.

Demoralizing influence.

Q. Both male and female?—A. Both male and female. They have certainly a very demoralizing effect upon the white people of British Columbia, or any other country in which they have gained a permanent foothold.

Medical experience.

Q. Have you come among them much in your profession?—A. I have.

Habits filthy and immoral.

Q. Can you give us your experience of their habits?—A. Their habits are of a most filthy and immoral kind. Vices are very prevalent among them.

Licentious. Half a dozen in New Westminster all told.

Q. Of what nature?—A. Well, of a licentious nature. I think we have not over half a dozen Chinese women in New Westminster all told. They are all prostitutes, and it is a notorious fact that nearly all the Chinese women who come to British Columbia—and I believe to the Pacific Coast generally—are prostitutes.

Witness speak from actual experience.

Q. As to their habits of morality; have you professionally, or otherwise, any knowledge as to that, or do you speak from general impression of these moral habits?—A. From actual knowledge—actual experience.

All diseased.

Q. Are any matters of that kind brought up before the Courts?—A. No, I do not mean to say that their immorality is from seduction; but they are all diseased. There is scarcely a Chinaman who comes to British Columbia, but brings with him the most virulent form of syphilis. That syphilis is communicated to the Indians and the white population, and the consequence is that, I believe, in a quarter of a century, out of our present population of 30,000 or 40,000 Indians there will not be 5,000 of them alive. It is killing them off by hundreds every year.

Killing off Indians.

Q. Does that contamination spread from the Chinese?—A. Yes, principally from the Chinese. They appear to have a more virulent form of it than any people I know of.

Increased proportion.

Q. Is it not a fact that this disease has been carrying off the Indian tribes for the last 50 years—ever since they came in contact with the white people on the Pacific Coast?—A. To a more or less extent, I believe that is quite correct, but not in the same proportion that it has since the Chinese have gone to the Pacific Coast.

Q. You think it is much more prevalent now than formerly among the Indians?—A. I do.

Indians and Chinese dont mix.

Q. Do the Indians and Chinese mix very much?—A. Not a great deal.

Q. Then you speak from your professional knowledge?—A. Yes.

Q. Are they subject to scrofula or leprosy?—A. I have never seen a case of leprosy among them.

Q. I believe there are some cases of leprosy among them?—A. I believe so but I have not seen one.

Public Works.

Q. Do you think it is desirable to employ Chinamen on the public