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Cheng Tien-Fang = correct name. 1931
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Carton = 1st commercial W-E relations.
Peking 1517. (Macao)

Kwangtung people = 1st to do business

15. wages in farm labor = 1520 cdn.

food & farm products = 4020

27. pengteli wages = 154 ("2 rupee") / day

85 Dominion Franchise Bill of:

Statutes of C, 1920, Chap 46, Sec 30, ss. G.

↓ (cont. the provincial province)

B.C. = Statutes of B.C., 1895, Chap 29,
Sec 2.

91. Merchants & students were allowed
in the 1923 Ban

157. Imperial Conference of 1921 passed
a resolution agreeing to the vote for H's
in the Dominions

Mengham, after defeat in 1922? claimed
that the agreement was not binding
on Canada

159. 1923 S.W. Jacobs introduces a Dominion
resolution to grant the vote. Defeated
elsewhere. Ref.

7 B Debate, H of C, 1923, pp 4073, 4640 -

164. ⁽⁵⁹⁾~~23~~ H mines of coal in 1923. None any other year. Why?

166. In Lumber industries.

	1921	1924
1421 Ch	3,376	3,778
J	1,843	2,290
H	695	900
W	9,576	19,055

" 9/10 H are involved in Lumber

¹⁶⁷ Oriental lumber mills have less than \$10,000 capital, 10-20 workers. run on a partnership basis. many workers are also part owners.

Wages: 40-50¢ / hour. for 9 hours
\$4.00 / day.

167. Wages: 35¢ - 55¢ (occ. 65¢)
Whites: 35¢ - 1.00

168. Chns gen. make 10-20% more than Asians
All skilled jobs go to whites.

Shingle workers worked piece rate ~ 30¢/1000
could make \$7-8 / day in a good year

175. In 1922 many Orientals working
for the CIVIL, CPR, were laid off

197. his estimate: 600 H lumber
30 Farmers
40 Other.

Average \$110

198. ^{2 all} Many H in mills make \$100/mo because of long service

This contrasts with an average about \$70/mo for (C+J). None make less. many make more

* = most economically successful workers.

149 Dining clubs made by H; 12-20 in each. live a cook, split expenses.

* spend \$27/mo on this. Demand good food
" \$60/year on clothing.

201 utterly no thought (H) to furnishings of their houses: beds + chairs only.

202 ~ no "recreational" expenses.

203 H can save 800/\$1320 total

X

C " " 550/1080

J " " 510/1080

203 H send back \$400/year.
They save the rest to return to India

205. Age: 0-20 60
20-40 - 40
41- 620 } (14)

208 KIDS in Van, Vic, Abbotsford, NW, West,
Fraser miles, Denman, Crows, Ocean Falls.

219 ~1924 614 students at UBC
2-3 elsewhere in P.

228. KIDS Charis \$295K to charity ^{to} 1921

* Sufferers of MASSACRES	4,330
Families of pol prisoners	2,100
Sufferers from Pol. Action	30,700
Congress, Sundry Fund	3,333
Rel + Ed (Census) and + Can	148,000
KM	50,000
Immigration cases	30,000
Deportations	12,000
Wander Press in P	15,000

preface

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Introduction; The Oriental Immigrants at Home.

I. Chinese

p3 { all from 8 districts of Kwangtung Province
all farm laboring class
province = $\frac{1}{100}$ total pop, $\frac{1}{100}$ total land area

p7 1st Chinese to do business w/ West.

p9 - long tradition of sea trade.

p11 reasons for immigration "purely economic"

p12 - Villages = clan residences.

p14 - a "farm" = 2-6 fams/acre.

one man c/n manage more than 2 acres.

15 - 1900 farm labor = 5¢/day, now (1930) 50-60¢

II. Japanese

20 from all over Japan.

23 1900 wages 15¢/day + board

1930 - " 40-100¢/day + "

26 - loyalty + patriotism make it difficult for J to migrate.

III. Hindus

p7 He notes that "Hindu" is a misnomer, as all are Sikh, but official documents use this term.

27. 9/10 Punjabi are farmers. Farm average 25-30 acres. Wages ~ 1/5 R (15¢) day.
villages 7-800 pop. extended family
29. 95% of Canadian immigrants are Sikh.

Part I: A Historical + Political Survey of Oriental migration

Ch I. Chinese.

- 1848 Gold rush → well treated
- 35 { 1858, 10000+, dispersed.
→ Gold Rush in B.C. loses Californian interest
- 36 By 1864 - 2000 B.C.
- 36. By this time a majority of miners were C.
37. Labor greatly in demand in other areas
- 37-8 Anti C feelings not v. high till 70's.
Due to competition for jobs - mining had decreased in significance. Also 1872 anti-C feelings in Californians.
- 39 But B.C. legislature did not reflect this.
But 1875 - Ch denied vote in B.C.
- 40 1878 - head tax voted for but declared unconstitutional. Alexander Mackenzie, B.C. prime minister, was still tolerant.
- 42-3 arguments that Chinese
1. set 8 out of the country
 2. refused to settle here.

45 1881 - CPR begun, soliciting cheap labor.
3000 + came in 1881 alone.

But John A. Macdonald, prime minister of C.,
could not yet be convinced

1884 - annual tax on males \$10 / yr.

Ch 2 Chinese Restriction.

1884 ~ 10,500 C's, 9870 males.
66 1885 - \$50 head tax on immigrants

63 1891 - 9129 C's in Canada, 8910 in B.C.
[with B.C. pop.]

63-66 Constant pattern of B.C. gov being
more reactionary than federal gov.

66 1902 \$100 head tax

67 1901 - Commission - 16000 C here 1901
177,272 total B.C. Pop.

1903 - \$500 head tax.

Ch III C Restriction Continued

1907 → 8, return of immigration.

13 { (wages rose as a result of restriction:
new Chinese could come - MacKenzie King)

74 - Great flux of 1907 back + forth to Amer.

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Sept 1907 - Anti Asiatic Riots in Vancouver.
75/ Asiatic Exclusion League formed
[Aug 12, '07. Inspired by Seattle
Anti-Asiatic League.

Sequence:

Rumor that Sept 8 many 1000 of Japs
would arrive. On the steamer 'Chambers'

76. { Riots of 1000 plus agns t Chinese + Japanese
areas. Sept 7, 07. Sept 8 - police
stop (Cit J's also armed by this
point in time).

McKinnis appointed by Dominion govt to
look into subject of Chinese losses.

\$26,990 paid by parliament to Chinese.

p 97 Asiatic Exclusion League still flourishing
in 1922. (membership claimed at 40,000)
Ch. IV Year of 1923.

Bill introduced by Charles Stewart, acting
minister of immigration

p 91-2 | Total exclusion - even claiming Chinese who
were not citizens had no recourse in the
courts

Ch V Japanese < 1908

- 106 | 1881 begins (from Calif)
1891 - 1st Anti J measure.
107 By 1901 - total ~ 14,000 came in, but only
108 ~ 5000 stayed - the rest went to the U.S.
110. many moved into Fishing industry
licences required naturalization + 20% margin.
1900 Japanese gov restricts immigration
112 Boat building also went to Japanese
also shingles, cordwood + men's timber
113 Japanese "more western", more dangerous
1902 - 7 sequence of B.C. gov. Anti J motion

→ 120 while in Vancouver to investigate
damage of Sept 7 riot M King assigned
to inquire into why oriental immigrants
come to Canada.

Ch VI J. I after 1908.

- p 131 - all 1901 C J's male.
132-3 J's taking up small farming.
p 137 1925 - continuing agitation for complete
ban on J's.
138 only 862 in 1921 outside B.C.

Ch VII

Hindu Immigration.

138 B.S. 1897 & Vio Jubilee argument.

138 Beginnings ~ 1900

139 From onset was strangled from the village.

139 - June 1 to July 30 records: → false

1904-5	45
5-6	587
6-7	2,124
7-8	<u>2623</u>
	5379

many in transit to
the U.S.
But ~ 4000 + stayed.

Reasons: 1. Steamship Solicitation

2. Newspaper articles.

3. solicitation by Hindu entrepreneurs here.

140 Non-competitive w/ J's + C's.

Unskilled traditionally.

non-flexible - wanted steady work.

caste problems w/OT eating

would not prepare meat $\therefore$ no cooks.

"aloofness + lack of wit", would not

140-1 serve as domestic

141 caste w/OT factory hiring

curious & urban & their practices

very wretched condition here.

Jobs in railway, lumber + ship mills etc.

The big incident

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initiated passage on BC Sup. Court's
decision.

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276 total.

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156. 300,000 'Hindus' fighting w/ Canadians during WWI.
155 Canadian Hindu Imperial committee formed 1915 ~~and~~
to give info on Hindus.

"more than a million Hindus were engaged
in the battle fields of Mesopotamia + E Africa."

May 1917 - Imperial Conference held; Canada India
League petitioned Mr Roche, minister of
interior for 1.

156 1918. resolution at Imperial Conference
that 1. each Br country could regulate
its borders 2. but wife + children could
go to where husband was.

157 1920 - barriers to women + children lifted

1914-19 - 1 in 23-24 - 40.

20-21 - 10

21-22 - 12

22-23 - 21

157 Total population 2 342 / 1911
1016 / 1921 . 61% total population
951 / in SW BC.
65 in 6 other provinces.

157 1930 - thinks only 720 Hindus in Canada

Part II

Ch VIII Econ + S Conditions

a. In industry,

Mining.

1. Chinese in decreasing # @ mines the 20's. Wages far less than whites (lumber + wood).

Quite high participation for all 3 groups. Hindu ~ all population.

$\frac{1}{5}$ Chinese, $\frac{1}{3}$ Jap, $\frac{9}{10}$ Hindu.

again, wages ~ 60% white.

~ $\frac{1}{6}$ doz. mills owned by each nationality - generally small ones.

Farming

P 169 Chinese control market garden, w/ Japs next.

171 significant # in Alberta too

Fishing

~ 90% Japanese.

V. high # Japanese fish canning plants.

175 Railway decrease in Chinese V great.

Ch + Japs are coolies + domestics, NO Hindus

p 178 - Claims well known 1. to fill undesirable economies

179 - Tricked work + patriotism.

→ see example of fishing ~~and~~ industry

IX Trade.

+ 81

down into because of job unavailability

"In prairie & Eastern provinces, 20/23,000
Chinese are in trades. moved from
labouring occupations because Banti Chinese feel
Hindus - only one store in Vancouver.

Trades dealing w/ White People

Crozier Post 1900 phenomenon 193. Now 200
Oriental groceries, 9/10 white only.

↳ garden products from same ethnic
∴ 189 "5 percent to 10 percent cheaper"
than those in white stores

+ 192 open till 10-11 o'clock.

∴ "despite the strong anti Oriental
feeling in B.C., such stores have always
had good business."

A boycott by Oriental Exclusion League
"failed completely."

Tailors ∴ 184 - "10 to 15% cheaper clothes."

~~~~~ one two five

Chinese exploited the prairie small city  
trade in logs but excluded  
from Big cities.

restaurants 186 ~ at least 2000  
only a very small # serve Chinese  
food. 187- 10% cheaper than white  
equivalent p192- restaurant houses v. late

187 Sandaries 450 Montreal, 300 Toronto  
etc. Chinese. Hence Sandaries  
v. small capital but v. stable w/ r  
economic fluctuations.  
But limits - \$150 worth land r/person

### — Trades Dealing w/ Orientals.

- 189 1. Chinese things from overseas.  
190 2. Occidental things for those who do  
like to deal w/ whites. price "a little  
higher"

General: 1. small scale business -  
2. kin or sm-group based.

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## MEMORANDUM

To H.F. Angus: More Than  
a Tumbler of B.C. is Creeks  
Subject and there's the problem!

From .....

Date .....

V. Province Sept 1, p3, 1939. 2 p1x (set paper.)

plump up natural increase: may be "next generation constitute  
as much as a quarter of the total population"

point 2: they cannot be removed

point 3: therefore - must give vote. would break up imposed  
occupational + social solidarity. would lead to Canadianization.

Bump up ~~international~~ point w/rt Hindu vote  
uses "East Indian".

## Ch X: Living Conditions of the Orphans

196 Chinese : ~ NO women work  
(100 each Servants + selling veg. & fruit)  
(~ NO women, though)

43,700 Males : 14,000 Yama Day.  
5,500 Factory + Mill  
9000 Restaurant  
2000 Farm  
2000 Rail & shipping  
4000 servants.

197 Japanese total male 8 149

Fishery 1162

Log & Sawmill 2733

Agr. 560

Business 568

rail 611

Domestic 491

Hindus 650 workers - 600 mullumb  
+ saw mills

198 Hindus get higher pay in mills due to  
longer period of employ + there,  
skills

199 Food - still edible

200 clothing completely white / except  
turban.

200 . Hindu's do not know how to look  
tidy.

Note: very few women means average  
man supports only himself.

203. Net result: Hindu overage can save \$500  
5 mylk Chinese 550, single Japanese 570.

Japanese w/ family can save nothing.

average Hindu sends back 400/yr.

205. Family life for Chinese +  
~~V~~ Hindu does not exist

Chinese: 50,000 pop, 3000 <sup>women</sup> ~~males~~  
Hindis 720 pop. 50 women  
Japs 17,470 pop, 5785 women

Ratio adult women/men: Chinese 1/30

Hindu 1/21

$$\begin{array}{r} 15 \\ 3 \overline{) 47} \end{array}$$

$$\frac{50}{3}$$

208 social intercourse (between the 20,000 Orientals & whites) is non-existent

210 many organizations. Khalsa Diwan Society. Hindustan Swaraj Sabha

Chinese & Jap many associations

212 "the very fact that the Trade & Labor Council refused to recognize the Japanese Union tells the Orientals clearly that they cannot fight w the Canadian laborers against the employers as laborers but they have to fight against the Canadians as Orientals".

## Ch XI Education + Religious Life.

I.Q. Verb show BC Chinese 107.9 / Jap 113

"Hindu" very religious. none convert to X family

226. 2 NO Orientals on public jobs. relative + associate support.

228. Up to 1921 the Khalsa Diwan Members had contributed 295,965 to various political + social programs.

## Crime

230 "prostitution is non-existent"

Vancouver police: Hindus + Jap the  
most law abiding.

Sept 1922-3] 126 cases murder + manslaughter  
1 oriental / 1609 robbery - none oriental

Chinese do gambling; also opium.

## Ch XII Assimilation

Intermarriage small - seldom "where  
racial prejudice is not quite so  
strong as in BC"

But French + Anglo have not "assimilated"

242 Japanese most patriotic + quick to take  
offense against violations of rights

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Appendixes Chinese never more  
than 8% of B.C. pop.

or .75% of Canada pop

Japanese never more than 3% B.C. pop