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Ch V: The Chinese

"their patience & care in this pursuit (mining)
renders the work profitable where the white man & all
his machinery prove an utter failure" p 74.

"the same may be said for market gardening. A C man
rents a piece of waste ground for which no one
else has any use, & under his careful hands it becomes
a veritable Eden." They "work sunrise to sunset, 7 days
a week."

"the Chinaman's power is his patient industry
and immense economy" p 75

Mentions Br. unemployment but claims "neither Br
men nor women emigrants are desired in B.C. - of the
working class". "as for your servant girls," said
one Victorian lady, "I would not employ them
if they worked for nothing!" another: "if I could
not keep a Chinaman I would rather be without
servants" He concurs p 75-6. They are gentle

simply better.

The Stereotype: p 76-9 patient, docile, fidelity to master,
romantically untruthful, "can learn cleanliness" astonishing
memory, and with each other. all look the same, can't tell
time. "theatrical display" "extraordinary superstition"
"extremely vague notion of duty" p 80. Absolutely no sporting
instinct p 81: "p envious, mean, commercial & enterprising
the dupes, hale, & I believe, fear the ~~white~~ Red Man." p 83: no courage

p. 84 "It is the working class who are afraid of the Chinese competition"

p 84. in 1897 farmers offered \$ 3.50/day for white labor in vain.

\$ 3.00 is paid in the mines

Whites object to lower winter wages

p 87 "most C's are ag. laborers. but law forbids them owning the land."

p 88. Some whites paid C's to go underground in the Coal Mines for them. paying them 1/2 of their own wages.