

[A. S. Munro, Immigration Agent, Vancouver, to William D. Scott, Superintendent of Immigration, Ottawa]

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2. A. S. Munro, Immigration Agent, Vancouver, B.C. to W.D. Scott, Superintendent of Immigration, Ottawa, 18 April 1906

In reply to your letter of the 14th inst. No. 558986 re-
ferring of Chinese into B.C. & beg to report as follows.

The first contingent of these people arrived in Canada about
two years ago. They had some difficulty in getting work at first,
owing to their lack of the knowledge of the language, the ways of
the country etc., & not having friends already established here.

They finally got work at clearing land, working on the streets &
hauling lumber in the saw mills. Their wages then averaged from
a dollar to a dollar & a quarter a day, which is about ten times
as much as they make in their own country.

As the head tax on the Chinese is practically prohibitive, & as
the Japanese Government since the time the Hon. Governor set raised
the Chinese act against Japanese have limited the number of
emigrants from their country to Canada, it has caused such a dearth
of labor that employers in every branch of industry were glad to
get the Chinese, although they are much inferior to the
either the Chinese or the Japanese.

As each succeeding batch of Chinese got work & became established
they sent for their friends & relations in increasing numbers,
until now they are coming at the rate of 40 to 50 on each C.P.R.
Hong Kong liner. The demand for labor is, however, so great that the
wages these people get at the saw-mills averages from \$1.75 to \$2.00
per day. Compared with the Japanese & Chinese they are much infer-

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