

preventing the employment of Chinese labour in railway construction. A Royal Commission was appointed by the Dominion Government in 1884 to investigate the question of Chinese immigration and this Commission recommended the imposition of a head tax of \$10 upon Chinese entering Canada, together with registration and special legislation regulating Chinese domestic servants. This led to the passage of legislation in 1885 (48-49 Vict., c. 71), providing that thereafter Chinese of the labouring class should be required, as a condition of entering into Canada, to pay a head tax of \$50 each. On Jan. 1, 1901 (63-64 Vict., c. 32) this tax was increased to \$100, and on Jan. 1, 1904 (3 Edw. VII, c. 8), after another Royal Commission had reported upon this matter, the head tax was further increased to \$500. This tax was paid by all Chinese immigrants except consular officers, merchants and clergymen and their families, tourists, men of science, students and teachers. In spite of this restrictive legislation, the number of Chinese enumerated at the censuses has risen from 4,383 in 1881 to 17,312 in 1901, to 27,774 in 1911 and to 39,587 in 1921. Of this latter number, 37,163 are males and only 2,424 females. Some 60 p.c. of all the Chinese in Canada, *viz.*, 23,533, were residents of British Columbia.

16.—Record of Chinese Immigrants, fiscal years ended 1886-1929.

Fiscal Years.	Paying tax.	Exempt from tax.	Percentage of total arrivals admitted exempt from tax.	Registrations for leave.	Total Revenue.
	No.	No.	p.c.	No.	\$
1886-91.....	4,590	222	4.61	7,041	239,664
1892.....	3,276	6	0.18	2,168	166,503
1893.....	2,244	14	0.62	1,277	113,491
1894.....	2,087	22	1.04	666	105,021
1895.....	1,440	22	1.50	473	72,475
1896.....	1,762	24	1.34	697	88,800
1897.....	2,447	24	0.97	768	123,119
1898.....	2,175	17	0.78	802	109,754
1899.....	4,385	17	0.39	859	220,310
1900.....	4,231	26	0.61	1,102	215,102
1901.....	2,518	26	1.02	1,204	178,704
1902.....	3,535	62	1.73	1,922	364,972
1903.....	5,245	84	1.58	2,044	526,744
1904.....	4,719	128	2.64	1,920	474,420
1905.....	8	69	89.61	2,080	6,080
1906.....	22	146	86.90	2,421	13,521
1907 ¹	91	200	68.73	2,594	48,094
1908.....	1,482	752	33.67	3,535	746,535
1909.....	1,411	695	33.00	3,731	713,131
1910.....	1,614	688	29.89	4,002	813,003
1911.....	4,515	805	15.13	3,956	2,262,056
1912.....	6,083	498	7.57	4,322	3,049,722
1913.....	7,078	367	4.93	3,742	3,549,242
1914.....	5,274	238	4.32	3,450	2,644,593
1915.....	1,155	103	8.19	4,373	588,124
1916.....	20	69	77.53	4,064	19,389
1917.....	272	121	30.78	3,312	140,487
1918.....	650	119	15.47	2,907	336,757
1919.....	4,066	267	6.16	3,244	2,069,669
1920.....	363	181	33.27	5,529	538,479
1921.....	885	1,550	63.66	6,807	474,332
1922.....	1,459	287	16.44	7,532	743,032
1923.....	652	59	8.30	6,682	434,557
1924.....	625	51	7.54	5,661	334,039
1925.....	-	-	-	5,992	308,659
1926.....	-	-	-	3,947	25,969
1927.....	-	-	-	5,987	14,844
1928.....	2	1	33.33	5,087	25,679
1929.....	-	1	100.00	5,480	30,795
Total.....	82,371	7,961	8.81	133,330	22,929,867

¹ Nine months.

The Chinese Immigration Act of 1923 (13-14 Geo. V, c. 38), restricts the entry to or landing in Canada of persons of Chinese origin or descent, irrespective of