

ECO 523 Short Paper: The 1885 Chinese Head Tax and Immigration to Canada

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1 Introduction

2 Background and Historical Context

Although the history of Chinese immigration to North America reaches back to the 1700s, it was not until the Gold Rush of the 1850s that large numbers of Chinese immigrants began to settle along the West Coast. While initially concentrated in California, later discoveries of gold in British Columbia expanded Chinese immigration to Canada, and by 1860 there were an estimated 7,000 Chinese inhabitants of British Columbia. Following the Gold Rush, Chinese immigrants largely took on low-wage jobs in the manufacturing and service industries,

2.1 Chinese Immigration to Canada

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References