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GIRL SLAVERY IN HONG KONG

Viscountess Gladstone Tells of
System by Which Little
Chinese Girls Are Sold.

Is the adoption of little girls in Hong Kong under the system known as "Mui Tsai" merely adoption as we understand adoption, or is it really slavery, and something worse, with a pretty name? asks Viscountess Gladstone, in an article in the Manchester Guardian on "Mui Tsai, Adoption or Slavery."

As long ago as 1880 the Chief Justice of Hong Kong, Sir John Small, in a formal judgment, declared that Mui Tsai was slavery, and a violation of English law; yet for forty years it has continued unchecked under the British flag in a British colony. Briefly, Mui Tsai is an established system for the sale of little girls, by the aid of agents, for domestic and "other" purposes. Facts are coming to light, and there is a growing demand for an inquiry into the whole question. It was debated a few months ago at a public meeting held in Hong Kong, and it is evident from the press reports that the Chinese themselves are very uneasy, and that many of them would welcome a reform of the existing conditions. Indeed, extracts from the speeches of those who were defending the practice furnish the best arguments for its abolition.

Prices Paid.
Girls are generally bought at ages ranging from four to thirteen. Prices vary between \$10 and \$15 for every year of her age.

There are two distinct classes of people who buy young girls and keep them; one class buy and keep servant girls for domestic service, and the other for prostitution.

Young girls sold for domestic service cannot be made to pro-

SYNOPSIS OF LAND ACT AMENDMENTS

Minimum price of first-class and second-class land is \$250 an acre.

Pre-emption now confined to surveyed lands only.

Records will be granted covering only land suitable for agricultural purposes and which is non-timber land.

Partnership pre-emption abolished but parties of not more than four may arrange for adjacent pre-emption with joint decision, but each making necessary improvements on respective claims.

Pre-emptors must occupy claims for five years and make improvements to value of \$10 per acre, including clearing and cultivation of at least 5 acres before receiving Crown Grant.

Where pre-emptor in occupation less than 5 years and has made improvements, he may be required to make intermediate certificate of improvement and transfer his claim.

Records without permanent residence may be issued, provided applicant makes improvements to extent of \$250 per annum and records same each year. Failure to make improvements will result in forfeiture of claim.

Title cannot be obtained in less than 5 years, and improvements of \$19.90 per acre, including 5 acres cleared and cultivated, and residence of at least 2 years are required.

Pre-emptor holding Crown Grant may receive another pre-emption, if he requires land in conjunction with his farm, without actual occupation, provided satisfactory improvements made and residence maintained on Crown granted land.

Unsurveyed areas, not exceeding 20 acres, may be leased as homesteads, title to be obtained after fulfilling residential and improvement conditions.

For grazing and industrial purposes areas exceeding 60 acres may be leased by one person or company.

Mul, factory or industrial sites on timber land not exceeding 40 acres may be purchased; conditions include no stamp duty.

Natural hay meadows inaccessible by existing roads may be purchased on condition of constructing a road to them. Rebate of one-half of cost of road, not exceeding half of purchase price, is made.

PRE-EMPTORS' FREE GRANTS ACT.
The scope of this Act is enlarged to include all persons joining and serving with His Majesty's forces. This one within which the heirs or dependents of a deceased pre-emptor may apply for title under the Act is extended from one year from the death of such person, as formerly, until one year after the conclusion of the great war. This privilege is also made retroactive.

No fees relating to pre-emption are due or payable by soldiers on pre-emption records after June 25, 1918. Taxes are remitted for five years.

Provision for return of moneys accrued, due and been paid since August 4, 1914, on account of payments, fees or taxes on soldiers' pre-emption.

Interest on agreements to purchase town or city lots held by members of Allied forces, or dependents, acquired direct or indirect, remitted from enlistment to March 31, 1920.

SUB-PURCHASERS OF CROWN LANDS
Provision made for issuance of Crown grants to sub-purchasers of Crown lands, acquiring rights from purchasers who failed to complete purchase, involving forfeiture, on fulfillment of conditions of purchase, interest and taxes. Where sub-purchasers do not claim whole of original parcel, purchase price due taxes may be distributed proportionately over whole area. Applications must be made by May 1, 1920.

GRAZING
Grazing Act, 1919, for systematic development of livestock industry provides for grazing districts and range administration under Commissioner. Annual grazing permits issued based on numbers ranged, priority for established owners.

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titae themselves without their own consent and that of their parents.

Those who buy and keep girls for prostitution generally make special arrangements with the girls' parents and pay a higher price for them.

These are the admitted facts. Every day in Hong Kong little girls are bought and sold. Sometimes the children are kept as domestic drudges; sometimes they are resold for prostitution; sometimes they become the concubines of the buyers. In the recognized form of contract between the parents and the buyer, onerous clauses occur such as "to be disposed of as the payer thinks fit" and "no inquiry of her whereabouts or in the event of her death is permitted."

50,000 Slaves.

What can be said in favor of allowing a state of things like this to continue? It is estimated that the number of these slave children, deprived of their liberty and forced to work without wages, amount to about 50,000. Can such a system be tolerated in a British colony? The official attitude bears a sinister and striking resemblance to the old arguments that were used to defend slavery. For example, it is said that the parents are so poor that if they were not allowed to sell their baby girls they would drown them; that in any case those who "adopt" them give them far better homes than the parents could provide; that cases of cruelty are rare, can be and have been punished by law—and so forth.

The final argument is that the enlightened Chinese, who have lately formed a society for the protection of the Mui Tsai, would resent any further action being taken. One may be permitted to wonder what degree of enlightenment it can be that allows the enlightened to support a system that is open to such terrible abuses. That there are truly enlightened Chinese in Hong Kong is clear from the fact that the Society for the Suppression of Mui Tsai has lately been formed. They base their objections to this so-called "adoption" on the grounds that it is injurious to public morality, subversive of righteousness, injurious to national prestige, and economically unsound.

Domestic Customs.

That the suppression of the Mui Tsai would necessitate a change in the domestic arrangements of the Chinese is not to be denied. Already there are many families where domestic servants are engaged and paid wages in the ordinary way. If Mui Tsai were abolished there seems no reason why this should not become the rule instead of the exception.

It cannot be that the freedom-loving British, with their proud boast that under the Union Jack liberty and justice are ever to be found, will allow a state of things to continue which lays us open to the charge of countenancing slavery within the Empire.

ALICE ARM.

Word has been received that the Homestake Mining Co. intends to spend \$36,000 in development work on its property in the Kootenai Valley this season. A compressor and machinery is ready in Vancouver to be shipped north.

George Matheson and A. D. York have been repairing the government telegraph line between here and Anyox.

It is understood that any work the Taylor Mining Co. may do in the district this summer will be concentrated on the development of the Wolf mine. No ore will be shipped from the Dolly Varden.

Rev. J. B. Gibson, of Anyox, held divine service here last evening. The Anglican Church has just undergone considerable repairs and cleaning.

NEWSPAPERMEN ARE MEMBERS OF LEARNED PROFESSION IS RULING

Newspaper men and newspaper women are members of a "learned profession." This has been decided by the authority of the United States Government.

The American Federal authorities' announcement in this connection will serve to settle a long-standing question and definitely fix the status of the great body of men and women who write and edit the daily newspapers. For years there has been confusion as to the newspaper man's status but the new decision by the United States Government authorities should end all this.

All uncertainty is now happily resolved, notes The Christian Science Monitor, of Boston. The other day a newspaper man, native of England, resident for years in Canada, left the Dominion for the United States, there to pursue his occupation. Late at night he was roused from his berth by a courteous but determined immigration officer, who told him he must leave the train. Protests proving of no avail, the newspaper man obeyed, and later submitted himself to further examination by a "board."

He was quizzed as to his antecedents, his occupation, the number of years he had followed it, which were many; the conditions under which he purposed going to the United States, the extent of his resources, the size of his family.

At last it developed that the official, were trying to determine whether the newspaper man fell under the ban of the law which prohibits bringing labor into this country under contract. The issue, proving too big for determination by the officials at the border, was referred at last to the American immigration authorities at Washington and after some delay came the decision:

"We find that a newspaper man is a member of a learned profession, and as such is not subject to the provisions of the contract labor law."

DESERTED.

"Cheese sandwich" ordered a customer in the rapid-fire restaurant.

"Sorry," answered Heloise, the waitress, "but the cheese has just run out."

"Well, why didn't you chase it?" piped the customer.—Kansas City Star.

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LAND ACT.

Notice of Intention to Apply to Lease Land.

In Queen Charlotte Islands Land District, Recording District of Prince Rupert, and situated in front of Block "A" in Lot 6, Langara Island.

Take notice Canadian Fish & Cold Storage Company Limited of Prince Rupert, B. C., occupation fish-dealer, intend to apply for permission to lease the following described lands commencing at a post planted one foot in a southwesterly direction from the northwesterly corner of Lot 6, Range 5, Coast District, thence north 150 feet more or less, in a southwesterly direction to low water mark, thence 700 feet westerly to low water mark, thence 100 feet westerly to high water mark, thence 800 feet easterly along high water mark to point of commencement, and containing two (2) acres or less.

By Duncan Kennedy, Agent.
CANADIAN FISH & COLD STORAGE COMPANY LTD., Applicant.
Dated February 16, 1922.

LAND ACT.

Notice of Intention to Apply to Lease Land.

In Prince Rupert Land District, Recording District of Coast Range 5, and situated in vicinity of Port Essington, B. C.

Take notice that we, Julius Johnson and Walter Niemi, of Port Essington, B. C., occupation fishermen, intend to apply for permission to lease the following described lands commencing at a post planted at southeast corner of Lot 15, Range 5, Coast District, thence north 4 chains to low water mark, thence south 5 chains along low water mark, thence west 3 chains to high water mark, thence 5 chains along high water mark to point of commencement, and containing 3 1/2 acres, more or less.

By Julius Johnson, Applicant.
JULIUS JOHNSON, Applicant.
WALTER NIEMI, Applicant.
Dated February 28, 1922.

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In the Estate of THE SKEENA RIVER CO-OPERATIVE ASSOCIATION, LIMITED, authorized assignor.

NOTICE is hereby given that The Skeena River Co-operative Association, Ltd. of Terrace, B. C., did on the sixteenth day of March, 1922, make an authorized assignment to the undersigned.

NOTICE is further given that the First Meeting of Creditors of the above estate will be held in the office of Messrs. Horrie & Small, Chartered Accountants, Federal Building, Prince Rupert, B. C., on the 29th day of March, 1922, at 3 p.m.

To entitle you to vote thereat proof of your claim must be lodged with me before the meeting is held.

Proxies to be used at the meeting must be lodged with me prior thereto.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that if you have any claim against the debtor for which you are entitled to rank, proof of such claim must be filed with me within thirty days from the date of this notice, for from and after the expiration of the time fixed by Subsection 8 of Section 37 of the said Act I shall distribute the proceeds of the debtor's estate among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which I have then notice.

Dated at Prince Rupert, B. C., this 20th day of March, 1922.
GEORGE ROBE, C. A.,
Authorized Trustee,
Prince Rupert, B. C.

TIMBER SALE X-3546.

Sealed tenders will be received by the Minister of Lands at Victoria not later than noon on the 31st day of April, 1922, for the purchase of License X-3546, to cut 1,000 cords of cordwood, on an area situated near Ocean Falls Township, Range 3, Coast Land District.

Four (4) years will be allowed for removal of timber.

Further particulars of the Chief Forester, Victoria, B. C., or District Forester, Prince Rupert, B. C.

PRINCE RUPERT LAND DISTRICT—DISTRICT OF COAST, RANGE 5.

Take notice that I, P. M. Monckton, of Terrace, B. C., occupation land surveyor, intend to apply for a license to prospect for coal, natural gas and petroleum on the following described lands: Commencing at a post planted one mile west of the north-west corner of Lot 1428, thence north 80 chains, thence west 80 chains, thence south 80 chains, thence east 80 chains to point of commencement, containing 640 acres.

Located January 23, 1922.
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