



Great Fortune Dream: The Struggles Triumphs of Chinese Settlers in Canada, 1858-1966 (Paperback)

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Caitlin Press, Canada, 2016. Paperback. Condition: New. UK. Language: English . Brand New Book. In 1858, gold was discovered in the Fraser River. News of this discovery travelled to the Pearl River Delta, where, in the aftermath of the Opium Wars, many Chinese sought to escape the poverty, overcrowding, political unrest and even slavery-invaders from western Asia captured and shipped many Chinese to South America as piglets. This tumultuous period marked the beginning of Chinese migration to Canada. At first, white settlers welcomed the cheap labour provided by these coolie labourers, but as the gold rushes came to an end, so did this period of relative peace. Soon, white settlers viewed the Chinese settlers acceptance of lower wages for longer hours of work as a threat to their livelihoods. Anti-Chinese organizations formed and pressed politicians to exclude Chinese from government work and restrict Chinese immigration. After British Columbia entered confederation in 1871, politicians would not receive support from white settlers unless they condemned Chinese migrants as the grasshoppers of BC, a plague that would eventually devour the province. For the century that followed, segregation and discrimination against the Chinese would be a hallmark of white citizens of Canada. GREAT FORTUNE...



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