

part we were now in has been colonized by pure Chinese, who are taking the place of the original Manchus. These latter were few in number, and had been drafted off with their families to garrison the towns of China proper, and now the Chinese immigrants from the overpopulated or famine-stricken districts of China were flowing into the Manchurian valleys, clearing away the forests, and bringing year by year more land under cultivation. They were, in fact, doing here exactly what our colonists have been working at for so many years in Canada. The amount of work they got through was marvellous. At the first streak of dawn they rose, had a good meal, and then set to at that heart-breaking labour, clearing the ground of the stumps of trees which they had felled. Hour after hour they would toil away, hacking and hewing, and some of them digging up the ground and preparing it for a crop, and at midday they would stop and have another square meal; then return to the same old wearing task till darkness set in when they would come trooping in for their evening repast. They were for the most part strong, hard men, with enormous appetites. Millet