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A few days ago one of the city aldermen wanted to stop the system of fines in connection with the denizens of the underworld. This is but the occasional attempt to reform a great evil without getting at the root of it. Why not dispense with the whole system? It is foolish to say that an energetic police force could not expel them. It is equally foolish to say that such conditions are a necessity. Other cities are dispensing with these segregated districts and the commissions appointed to study the question have reported that the system is wrong. It is now up to the city council to cleanse the city from its notorious condition and make it a place where a man can bring up his family in decency and self respect.

There seems to be no doubt that Sir Richard McBride is planning to make a quick getaway from British Columbia. Sir Richard has always had a keen scent for public opinion, and nobody realizes better than he does that public opinion is running strongly against his administration. He knows, too, that his administration has gambled recklessly with the resources of the province and that the debts which his administration has so rashly contracted will soon be presented for payment.

Sir Richard is essentially a fair weather fighter, and the prospect of several millions of annual obligations to meet and an empty treasury to meet them has no allurements for the doughty knight. Then, too, life in London with the dazzling dream of a peerage must appeal very strongly to one of Sir Richard's superficialities.

When the people of British Columbia are sweating blood to meet the annual interest charges upon the enormous interest charges to which Sir Richard has committed this province, he himself will be enjoying the sights of old London, while old London will have the extreme pleasure of gazing upon our Dick and thinking what a wonderful province we must have to produce such a magnificent specimen as he is. At the same time London will be calling for the interest on payments due, and if the province happened not to be overly prompt, possibly Dick's billet might not be so comfortable in London as he imagines it will.

At all events, it seems that we are about to part with a very expensive luxury in Dick, and it is not likely that we shall do so with reluctance. In fact, it seems certain that the hills and valleys which have reverberated with laudations

of this great native son for the past ten years will resound with execrations of himself and his associates for the manner in which the public resources have been prostituted for personal gain.

The Bowser-McBride administration at the last session of the legislature arranged a schedule of charges upon raw and dressed lumber that is going to put a great burden upon the people of this province for the next forty years.

This humbuck of an administration forgets that it is the people who have to pay any penalties upon the lumber industry and not the lumbermen.

Besides, the heavy burden placed upon dressed lumber will result in all lumber sold for consumption outside of British Columbia being sent out in the raw instead of being manufactured in British Columbia.

Instead, therefore, of the provincial exchequer being full to overflowing with "profits shared with the lumbermen," as Billy Ross would say, none of this profit will go into the treasury as the lumber will not be manufactured in the province, the province will lose just that much industry, the people in the province will have to pay more for their lumber, and the people outside of the province who buy our lumber will profit at our expense. As a political economist Billy Ross is a wonder. He knows as much about the lumber business as Balaam's ass knew of Hebrew grammar.

LAKELSE VALLEY HAS FINEST SOIL IN COUNTRY

Fruit Trees at Terrace Looking Very Healthy—Country Rich in Promise

"The Lakelse valley has the finest soil I have seen anywhere in this country," remarked E. C. Gibbons, who has just returned from another trip into that country. Mr. Gibbons takes a keen interest in the farm and fruit properties of the interior and he is quite enthusiastic over the possibilities of Lakelse valley. There is ten feet of good loam on the surface with a sandy subsoil. The land will grow anything. Mr. Gibbons says the fruit trees around Terrace are looking healthy and show every indication of bearing big crops when they mature. This district is particularly adapted for fruit and is very promising.

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"ANY ARMS, REVOLVERS, AMMUNITION?" A NEW CUSTOMS QUESTION IN SEARCH OF WEAPONS DESTINED FOR THE ULSTER VOLUNTEERS

It has been a matter of common knowledge for a while past that the authorities have been doing everything possible to prevent the importation into Ireland of arms and ammunition which might come into the hands of the Ulster volunteer force. Such a scene as here illustrated brings this fact home with special force. Greenore, on the coast of Louth, is the packet station for the London and Northwestern railway steamers from Holyhead to Ireland.

From the South

The Prince Rupert brought 87 first-class passengers from the south this morning and 78 deck. She had 175 tons of freight and reports weather fine until near this port.

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A clean swell eating place. The London Cafe. 81-1f

SCIENTIFIC NOTES

A stove for camp cooking invented by a Colorado man folds into a compact bundle of rods when not in use.

All of the Australian states are well supplied with iron ore, New South Wales having the richest deposits.

Mercurial ointment not only will prevent firearm barrels from rusting but also will loosen any lead deposits.

A method has been invented in Germany for spinning kapok fibre into yarn so that it can be woven into textiles.

Hollowed heels for women's shoes to hold money and jewelry, the opening being inside the shoe, have been patented.

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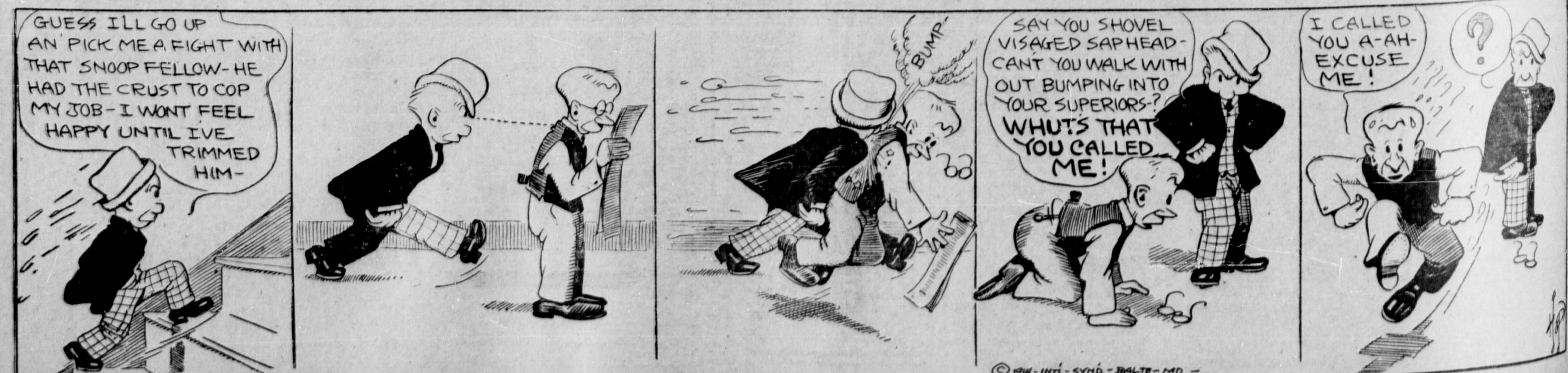
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