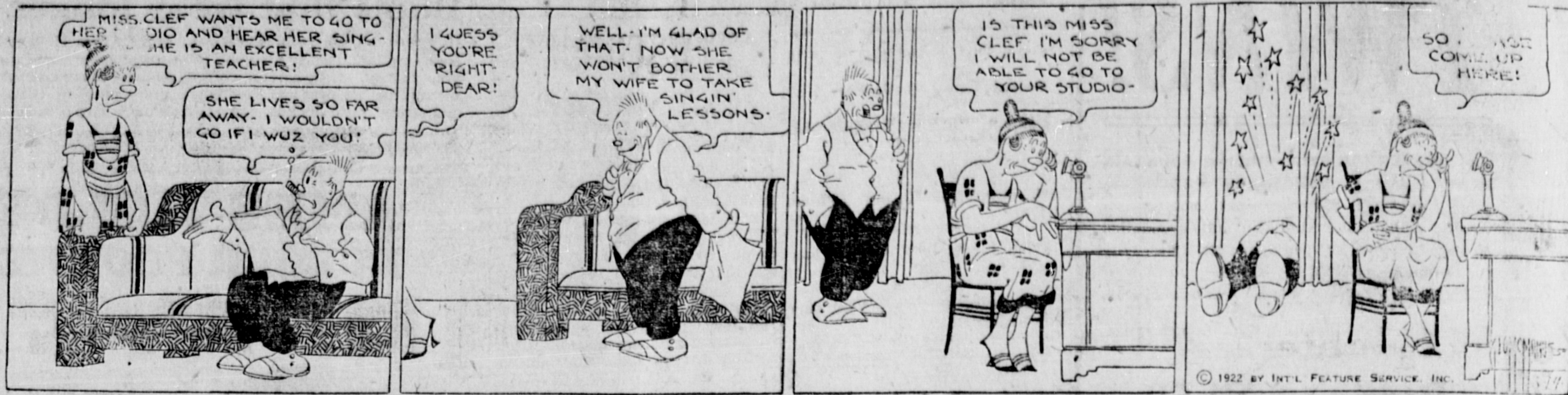


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The Queen Charlotte Islands.

By Thomas Deasy
 One would imagine, from the mass of correspondence passing between the chairman of the Overseas Settlement Board and Charles Harrison, that we are about to have another influx of "Pilgrim Fathers," or men of such ilk, in the thirty settlers proposing settlement on Graham Island, jutting out on the westernmost limits of the Dominion, where men and women will become "uncongenial and unfitted to earn a livelihood."

Some bright morning in the month of May we will look for the landing of a "junk" on the shores of Massett Inlet, from which men and women will emerge, prepared to dispense the Gospel, and worldly goods to the benighted natives of the "white" and "aboriginal tribes" in their lined cabins, scattered here and there, living on fish and codchaw grease. A boy of doctors will accompany them, to bind up the scarp locks when the Indians are forced to remove them from their belts, and Canada will become a prosperous nation, with the prospect of outclassing the one hundred millions of "Americans" in the neighboring republic.

Prospect Bright.
 The prospect certainly looks bright and we may look forward to the landing of the followers of Robin Hood from the green fields of Lincolnshire, with their "bows and arrows," prepared to bring us to a realization of all that goes towards making our islands a land of peace and plenty. It certainly looks good for those who have spent their lives with the "unso-phisticated wards of the British government." They will emerge into a world free from turmoil and strife, prepared to meet the "Pilgrim" is a spirit of friendliness, casting aside their superstitions and totem poles for the golden opportunities presented to become "commercialized."

Truly the residents of "Merrie England" must have a queer idea of the condition of the people on the Pacific Coast, according to the information gleaned from the column after column of correspondence with which they are straining their eyes and puzzling their brains. They take little thought of the sniping in Ireland or the holdups in England when they worry over the condition of things in this far away land.

Natives and Savages.
 It might enlighten them some, and also those who live within a few miles of the islands, to understand that the original settlers of the continent landed on these shores and spread out over the mountains and prairies before the Pilgrim Fathers ever thought of sailing for America. Where they may look for war canoes and tribes of benighted savages, they will find towns peopled by natives who are able to hold their own with any other race in the civilized world. Their Christian churches are duplicates of some of the best in the old country and the most modern in build and equipment to be found on the Pacific Coast. Their schools are the best in the northern country, and each family is the possessor of a modern home, with a gasoline launch lying in front of each residence, fully equipped for producing a means of catching and shipping the food necessary for the markets of the world and for themselves. Crime is unknown, and the annals of the police will not show where one crime has been committed in the past twenty years. In fact, their

towns are free from debt and are governed by chief councillors and councillors, elected by ballot annually, and working under bylaws approved by the Dominion Government.

Congenial Spirits.
 With reference to the so-called "uncongenial" spirit of those who have spent many years on the Queen Charlotte Islands it appears to me that the overcrowded cities of Europe and America produce many thousands of people who require the simple life in order to again become normal. No doubt people would leave the pavements and the slums if in a position to change their environment for something "uncongenial" in a land where Dame Nature provides health and happiness, far removed from the sights of men and women starving while the granaries are filled with food and profiteering is rampant.

Our giant spruce grows from the smallest of seeds. Towns and cities spring up from the clearing of the lonely settlers. Vancouver was "Gastown" in my early experience. Little specks of gold brought the early settlers to this province. Victoria was an outpost of Empire in my young days. The Queen Charlotte Islands are the Heligoland of the Pacific Coast, and will one day prove the barrier which will prevent the Asiatics from entering our portals, as a glance at the map of Canada will show. Japan is prepared to settle millions of her surplus population on these islands. We have natural wealth that must be developed, and it behooves us to produce the food and other natural products required by the world. We can not find the means of livelihood in the cities where men and women are walking the pavements crying for bread and for their children.

Poor Policy.
 It is all very well to say that "isolation" and hard work will make men and women "uncongenial," as the chairman of the Overseas Settlement Committee states, but where does the food come from, and who will produce the necessities of life, if all remain in the cities and our fish and forest wealth neglected? The revenue from our forest and stream may now be spent in the building of automobile roads for the wealthy tourist, going from place to place, seeking that "congenial" atmosphere known only to those who exploit mankind, instead of taking off their coats and indulging in "manual labor." Let the government spend on these islands the billions produced in revenue from even one industry—the production of timber—and we would have everything the most optimistic requires. Building up cities at the expense of the country is a poor policy. People can not eat the bricks and stones in the skyscrapers of "modern" places, where jazz dancing and holdups are the order of the day.

Wealth Is There.
 We have the land which will produce food. We have the sea, with its wealth of fish. We have mineral resources which require development. We have no starving millions crying for bread. Sixty-two years of experience in this country should be a criterion. With no axe to grind, and after pioneering in all portions of British Columbia, one is in a position to tell the prospective settler that it would be useless to take up a home on these islands without the necessary capital. It is no country for a man with only a "shoe-string." The prospective settlers

mentioned by the correspondents have each a supply of capital. So I am informed. Let them come to the islands. If they are not satisfied they will have sufficient funds to carry themselves away again. Others should visit the islands before making up their minds to become "uncongenial." A summer excursion, even from Prince Rupert, might enlighten many located there. Our "isolation" might be easily remedied, and will be when the knockers and axe grinders are all killed off.

UNIVERSITIES IN BRITAIN

President Klinek Tells of Evolution of Higher Education Across Seas.

What might have been entitled "the evolution of the university" but which was a report on the Congress of Universities at Oxford last year proved an interesting topic for President Klinek of the University of British Columbia at the Canadian Club luncheon yesterday, president Patmore in the chair.

President Klinek showed that the universities of the Empire were gradually changing their methods and outlook. Their view of what constituted education was undergoing modification. The attitude toward the classics, the sciences and professional and technical training was changing. While they refused to abandon for any student the teaching of Latin and higher mathematics, they were looking with greater favor on science and its adaptation technically. Science was now being discussed in its relation to life as a whole with the main end human welfare.

Two Dangers
 There were two dangers in education. One was that abstract teaching should prevail at the expense of the concrete and the other that education should be too concrete. As a writer had said true education was the humanistic spirit as applied to utilitarian subjects.

Introduced by President
 The speaker introduced by the president of the club who in presiding for the first time since his election to the position explained that the chief aim of the Canadian Club was to foster a spirit of patriotism and love of country by studying Canadian institutions. The universities, more than any other institution, fostered this spirit. Just as did Oxford and Cambridge in England, Harvard and Yale in America so the University of British Columbia fostered the spirit here.

President Klinek told of his visit to England to attend the conference of the universities of the empire. Such outstanding men as Curzon, Balfour and others had presided at the meetings and there were 35 addresses given on eleven subjects. The most important phase of the conference was the discussion on the relation of the university to secondary education. In the Old Country they had difficulties just as in this country. The universities demanded a good academic education with a grounding in Latin and mathematics in order to maintain their standing.

Different Standards
 Unlike the systems in force in this country, he found in Britain different standards to meet different courses. They were making an honest attempt to get away from the deadening effect of the written examination and were basing their standings not only on it but also on the reports of the headmasters and the inspectors. The whole aim of the modern movement was to open up a few avenues of education. The question of the training of school teachers professionally was a new one and was taken

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