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Sir Richard McBride would like very much to get out from under the provincial guarantees of the Canadian Northern and have these guarantees taken over by the Dominion government. Mr. Borden does not quite see the point and before very long this province will be called upon to pay the piper.

Sir Richard does not at all relish the prospect of having to face the music and there is little wonder that he doesn't. The music is of his own composition and its strident tones accompanied by the execrations of the people of British Columbia will ring in Sir Richard's ears for many a year to come.

It seems that the local member, Wm. Manson, has been having some correspondence with the attorney-general of the province relative to the application of the Hydro-Electric company for approval of their plans.

Some years ago William was loud in his protestations that the hydro company could not enter the city under any circumstance without the consent of the city. Indeed he made this argument the basis of his reason for not opposing the hydro company at the time of the incorporation of the city. Now he tells us that the council had better get busy if they wish to be heard in the matter, and there is no sug-

gestion that the company cannot come into the city.

It might well be asked why the city was not advised by the attorney-general's department the moment the company made application for approval of its plans.

At the time of the incorporation of the city when representatives of the city were in Victoria fighting for the rights of the city and trying to get a recission of the hydro company's charter, Wm. Manson, our local member, quietly submitted before the executive council to a rebuke from the premier, then plain Dick McBride, that no man of spirit or tenacity of purpose would submit to for a single instant.

Sir Richard was trying to deceive the delegates from Prince Rupert. In this he did not succeed, but he did succeed in deceiving Mr. Manson, who ventured a suggestion which brought upon him a scornful rebuke from Sir Richard, and Mr. Manson, instead of standing to his opinion for what he believed to be right, remained squelched during all subsequent proceedings, with the result that today we have the same hydro electric company forcing themselves upon the helpless citizens.

Wm. Manson, the local

member, is the man who failed to fight the Timpsean Power company when a fight would have been effective; he involved the city in the Woodworth lake scheme, and for the complications now about to arise he must be held to strict account.

At the bottom of the whole thing is politics. Politics has been the curse of the city to date, and unless the majority of the citizens make up their minds that from now on the interests of the city must come before the interests of a gang of party heeled, they cannot expect this city to progress in the manner that its resources warrant.

The morning trombone gives great credit to the local member for having succeeded in collecting this municipal tax from the provincial government. Why not extend a vote of thanks to us all? We paid our taxes without coercion.

CITIZENS MAKE VIGOROUS PROTEST AGAINST REDECKING PLANK ROADS

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property owners into their confidence concerning the city's financing.

John Buckley protested against the Sixth avenue redecking. He had presented a petition of 60 names against it. A contractor offered to grade Sixth from Fulton to Bowser for \$12,000 and take a third of it in debentures, or he would grade a 20-foot roadway for \$6,000.

W. M. Law—We want to help the council spend the money where it will be of most benefit. Let us get together and see if we cannot finance it. Give the contract for permanent grading to the lowest tenderer and we will get it done cheaply.

Ald. Morrissey said sections six, seven and two had been built on stilts and where did this sudden wisdom come from that plank roads were not in the best interests of the city? These people who are protesting had their plank roads built by the Grand Trunk and now that they are worn out it is coming home to them. "I am not afraid of their criticism. I will do my duty and force these bylaws through. We have already let the contractors for the lumber and the nails. Why is this protest only the past few days? The roads are dangerous. Why is this outrageous protest just raised?"

John Buckley—The citizens were not taken into the confidence of the council.

T. D. Pattullo—The plank roads in sections six, seven and two were built because the property owners asked for them and paid for them. The property owners do not want these roads and the council is forcing them to pay for them.

The mayor—The citizens have known for weeks of these bylaws. Why is the protest only being made now?

M. M. Stephens—It was not our fault. The advertisements of the bylaw said petitions were of no avail and we could not present our case until the court of revision today. He was sorry to hear Ald. Morrissey say he was prepared to go through with them whether the people like it or not. He did not like that spirit. He was not fighting the council. He had voted for most of them at the last election.

Ald. Maitland favored holding the bylaw over as requested by the citizens. "We are elected by them and should work with them."

Tony Christian wanted to see permanent work.

A Summit Avenue property owner protested against the proposed plank road on East Sum-

mit Avenue. The city should pay half the cost, as the Acropolis Park abuts this street.

E. A. Mann and Pat Phillipson also made vigorous protests against this road being charged up wholly to the property on one side.

M. M. Stephens protested against the 11th Avenue road from McBride to Conrad. There were few houses and only a few had petitioned for it. The road went through park property and the city did not pay for it.

The city clerk informed him that the city paid one-sixth of the total cost.

E. Mann—Then why shouldn't they pay a sixth of Summit Ave. road?

The mayor in reply said the 11th Avenue road was a main artery and served a great many citizens while the Summit Avenue road would only serve a few who lived along it.

A resident on 11th Avenue said he represented half the residents on the street—there were just two of them. The road was too expensive. It would take three months work to pay his taxes.

G. A. McNicholl protested against Fifth Avenue redecking. He thought it might be possible to finance a permanent road.

Ald. Montgomery—The roads demand repairs and the council is responsible. If the citizens can show us a better way of doing it, we had better drop in with them.

Ald. McClymont said the idea of a 20 foot permanent road appealed to him.

Ald. Morrissey—Why put in any plank roads? If they are too expensive, for one section of the city why load up another section. I believe there is a nigger in the fence. It is a principle of obstruction.

All the bylaws except the re-

decking bylaws and Summit Ave. East were put through their final reading and passed. Eleventh Ave. road was passed as there were only two protests against it and big petitions for it had been presented in 1911 and 1912. The city engineer was instructed to get out estimates on permanent work.

The other bylaws were laid over for ten days.

COST GAYNOR MONEY TO BE MAYOR

New York, June 4.—That the late Wm. J. Gaynor lost his money while mayor of New York City, his friends declare, is shown in reports that executors of his will have arranged to pay a state inheritance tax on only \$750,000, when it was generally thought that the estate would total a million dollars of more. A cheque for \$9,500 has been forwarded to the state comptroller in payment of the tax. Friends of Mr. Gaynor believe that his salary of \$15,000 a year was not sufficient to meet his expenditures.

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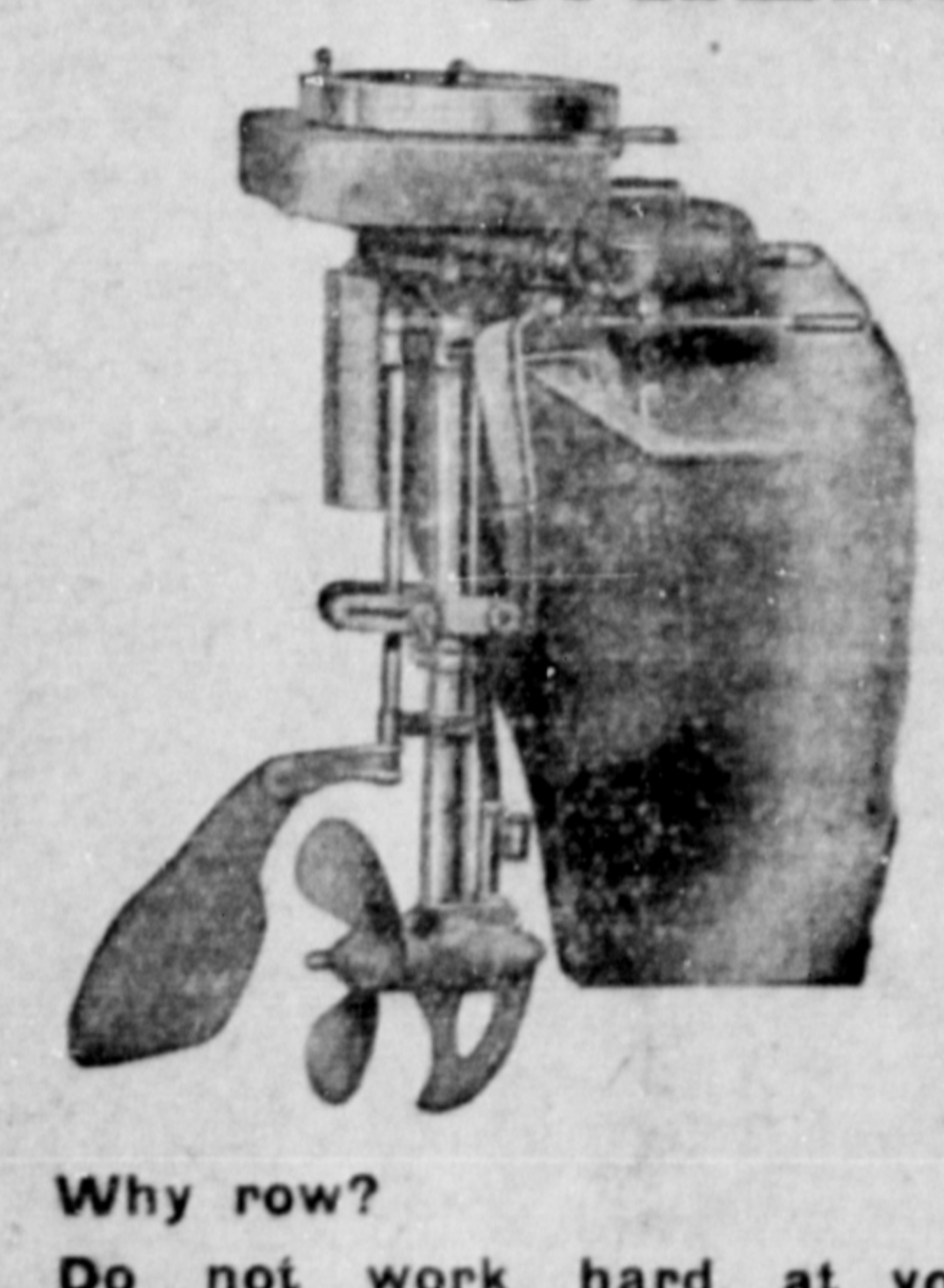
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WM. MCK. LOGAN.

March 7, 1914.

Skeena Land District—District of Coast, Range Five.

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DAVID COOK STRANG.

William McK. Logan, Agent.

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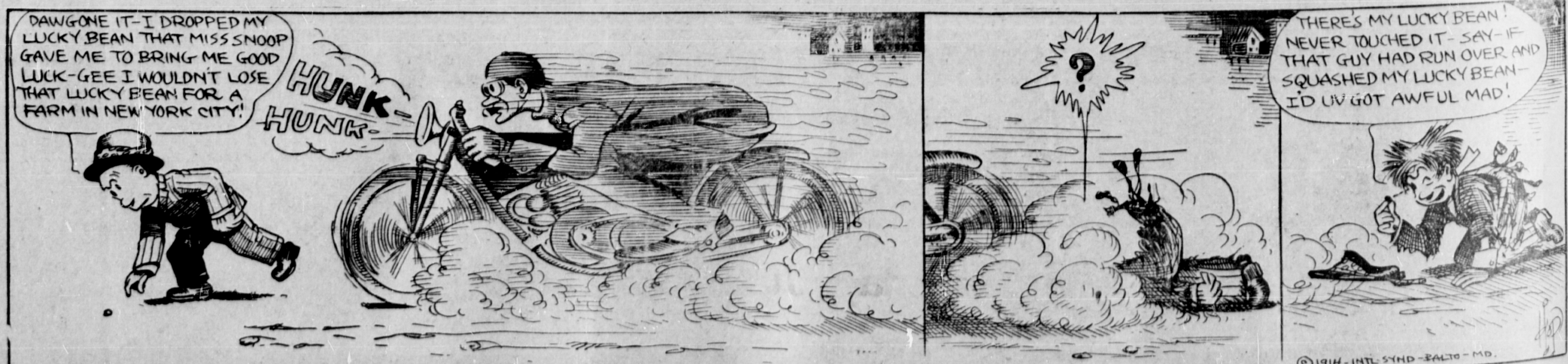
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