

able factor in the making of the bad boy. The firm of Street & Smith, of New York, appears to be very enterprising in the production of reading matter of this kind. The illustrations are made very attractive for the small boy. There is invariably the flourishing of revolvers, the shooting of the sheriffs and the thrilling escape of the outlaw. I will read the titles of a few of these weeklies :

'Hold out Johnson, the Hustler from Beaver Head.
'The Second Jesse James.'
'Wild West Weekly'.
'Gentleman Joe's Bravery or the Sheriff shot in the nick of time.'
'Gentleman Joe's leading card, or the Pistol Picnic at Paradise Peak.'

But these publications, hon. gentlemen, do not represent the worst class of immoral wares imported into the Dominion. We must also take into account the abominable immoral prints produced in the United States, to the suppression of which Anthony Comstock of New York is devoting all his energies. Would we had an Anthony Comstock in Canada. There would be much work for him even at the present time. May it be that machinery to purge be set in motion. We have an Act on our statute books which calls for severe punishment of those who traffic in immoral publications. I ask enforcement of this Act in the name especially of the children whose surroundings are girded with temptations to wrong doing, and whose footsteps are tending towards the raffish class. I ask enforcement of this Act so that the contagion of a vicious literature, the product of the Bohemian penny-a-liners of New York, may be turned back at the boundary line. I ask enforcement of this Act so that the splendid work awaiting our juvenile courts may not be rendered fruitless. I ask that punishment swift and sure and severe may be the portion of those whose wares would foster immorality amongst our youth. I ask for punishment of those who would glorify crime by depicting criminals as heroes, thus sowing the seed of lawlessness amongst our Canadian boys; and as there is nothing so sweet in the city as the patient lives of the poor, should we not throw about the children especially of the unfortunate poor a guardianship that will enable them to march in line with those who are seeking

the noblest ideals; and they will become Canada's stay and Canada's pride and Canada's honour and Canada's glory in a time not far away when our young Dominion will proudly take its place amongst the great civilized nations of the world.

Hon. Mr. MACDONALD (B.C.)—A law such as is provided by the Bill before us is a great necessity. We read and hear every day of boys and girls committing offences and doing all kinds of evil things. If a Bill like this can in any way make better men and women of such children it will be going a great way. I shall not discuss the Bill clause by clause, but I want to refer briefly to clause 28 which calls for the punishment of parents. That is a most difficult matter to deal with. We know that the majority of juvenile offenders come from poor families. A family consisting of the father and mother and four or five children, may occupy only three rooms, and when the father goes to his work, the children are turned into the streets because there is no room for them in the house, and they go about breaking windows and committing other depredations. Parents ought to be punished to a certain extent, but the trouble is how to punish them. The provision in this Bill is too extreme—too drastic. It provides for imprisonment or a fine of fifty dollars. Of course the judge would have a certain amount of discretion in the infliction of such a punishment. I mention this in order that the subject may be considered in committee, and the clause modified. Some punishment should be inflicted. They go scot-free at present.

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—My hon. friend from De Salaberry is to be commended for introducing this Bill. Nevertheless, it seems ominous and rather foreboding that it should fall to the lot of my hon. friend to assume the responsibility. It is equivalent to the government attempting to evade the responsibility which devolves upon it to bring in this class of criminal legislation. I cannot but recall the fact that, at the last session of parliament, my hon. friend the leader of the House, on behalf of the government introduced a similar Bill which met with an unfortunate fate at the hands of this govern-