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EDITOR'S NOTE BOOK.

Some one has been pulling the wool over the eyes of Henry Labouchere, the editor and proprietor of Truth, in regard to British Columbia affairs, but I would not care to stand in the shoes of the individual who made the misrepresentations.

"Labby," as he is familiarly known, is a dangerous man to trifle with, and when he discovers that he has been befooled he will be apt to make it very hot for the party who deceived him.

Truth, as a rule, is pretty sure of its ground before it makes an assertion or commences an attack, but in the case of British Columbia when it took it for granted that the separation of the Mainland from the Island was a vital issue with the people of the province, it allowed some one to mislead it woefully.

The statements published by Truth in connection with the subject contained a whole bushel of lies, as was clearly shown by our local newspapers, but after all there is really so very little known about British Columbia in England that there is some excuse for the untruthfulness of Truth's remarks on that occasion.

The person who imparted the false information to Labouchere is the one to blame. Who is he? I have no doubt Truth will inform us one of these days.

I happened to be standing on the wharf the other day when the Queen arrived from Alaska and I observed that very few of the tourists engaged the hacks to drive into the city. Most of the visitors piled into the tramcar and enjoyed a five cent ride, while a number walked.

I wondered at the time whether this was due to a spirit of economy on the part of the tourists, or to attempted overcharging on the part of the hackmen. I found out afterwards that the latter were not to blame, and then I wondered how much tourists of that description would benefit the city.

As a fact the Alaska excursions, the way they are now managed, do very little good to Victoria. The excursionists are allowed only a very limited time to visit the city and have no opportunity to form any correct impression in regard to it. Some of the party I mentioned took the tramcar at the outer wharf rode to the end of the track and back to the boat without alighting. This was all they saw of Victoria, as the steamer remained only a few hours in port.

Victoria has reason to complain of the action of the American authorities in stopping the Islander's Alaska excursions, especially as it was probably caused by the representations of interested parties.