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MAKING A NEW HOME
FAR FROM HOME

EARLY 1800s

THERE IS A STIR IN GUANGDONG, CHINA. PEOPLE ARE LEAVING FOR WORK AND NEW OPPORTUNITIES ACROSS THE PACIFIC IN BRITISH COLUMBIA. MANY MEN GO ALONE, LEAVING THEIR FAMILIES BEHIND.



Making a New Home Far From Home

17,000 CHINESE MEN WORKED ON THE CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY IN BRITISH COLUMBIA. LIFE WAS HARD AND CHINESE WORKERS WERE PAID MUCH LESS THAN WHITE LABOURERS.



**Comic by
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THE CPR IS COMPLETED ON NOVEMBER 7, 1885.

STARTING IN THE 1850s, CHINESE MIGRANTS CAME TO BRITISH COLUMBIA, DRAWN BY THE 1858 FRASER RIVER GOLD RUSH.



... AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY IN THE 1880s.



WHEN THE RAILWAY WAS FINISHED, THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT INTRODUCED THE

CHINESE HEAD TAX

IN 1885. IT DELIBERATELY MADE IT EXTREMELY EXPENSIVE FOR CHINESE PEOPLE TO ENTER CANADA.

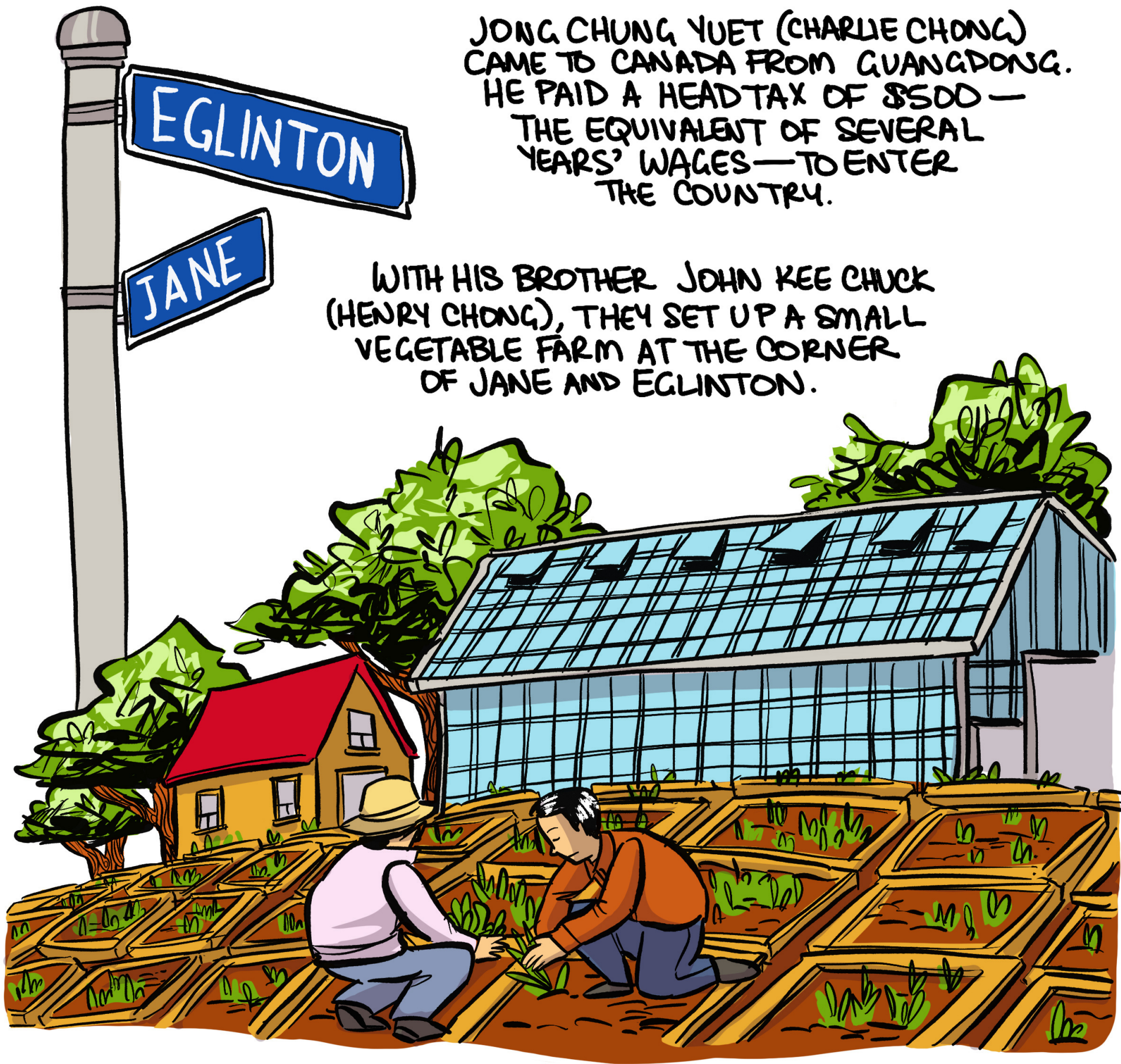
IN TORONTO, THE HEAD TAX LIMITED THE SIZE OF THE CHINESE COMMUNITY AND KEPT FAMILIES SEPARATED.



DEAR AH BA,
WHEN WILL I GET TO
SEE YOU AGAIN? AH MA
AND I MISS YOU VERY
MUCH.

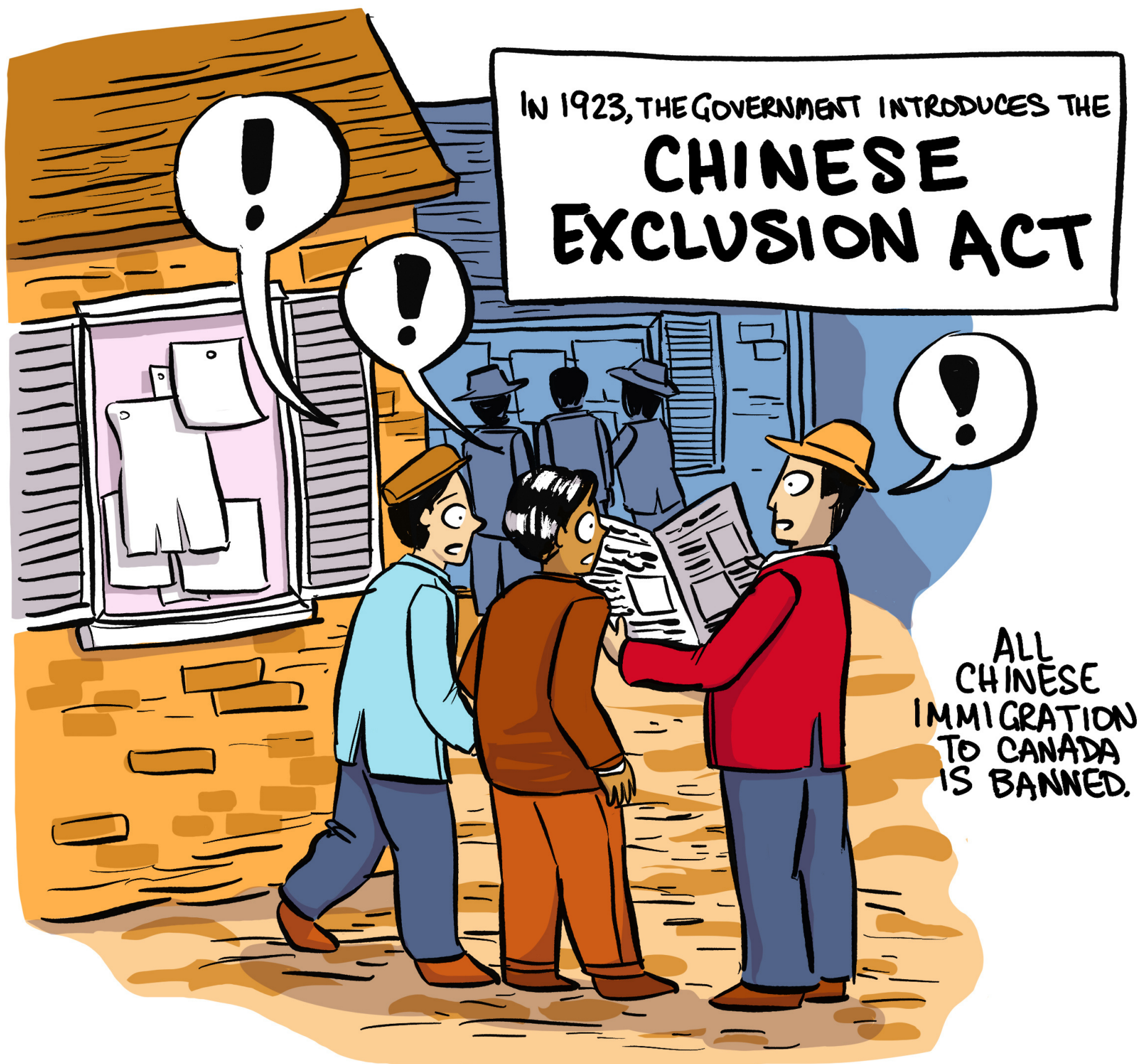
JONG CHUNG YUET (CHARLIE CHONG)
CAME TO CANADA FROM GUANGDONG.
HE PAID A HEADTAX OF \$500 —
THE EQUIVALENT OF SEVERAL
YEARS' WAGES — TO ENTER
THE COUNTRY.

WITH HIS BROTHER JOHN KEE CHUCK
(HENRY CHONG), THEY SET UP A SMALL
VEGETABLE FARM AT THE CORNER
OF JANE AND EGLINTON.



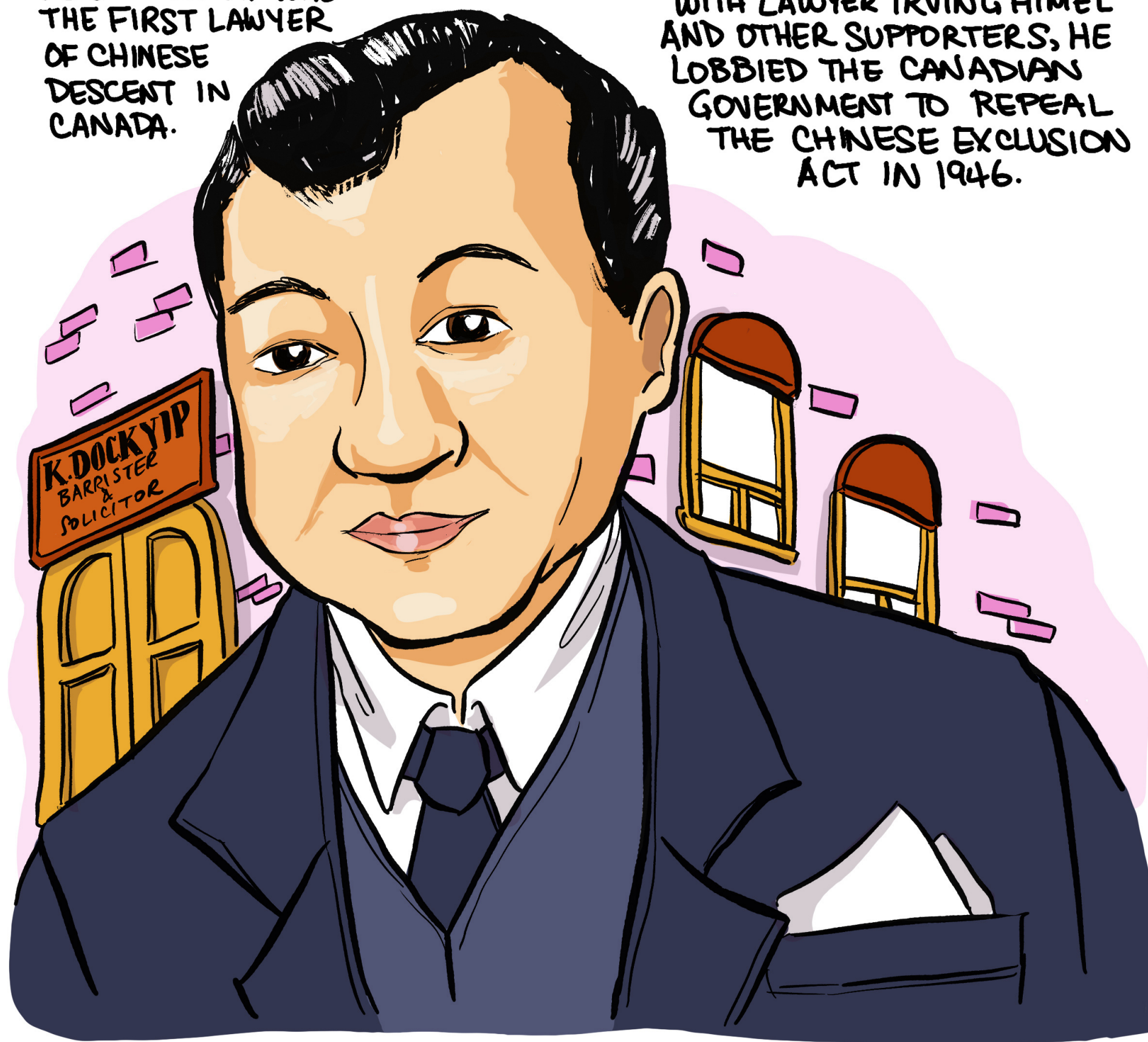
IN 1923, THE GOVERNMENT INTRODUCES THE
**CHINESE
EXCLUSION ACT**

ALL
CHINESE
IMMIGRATION
TO CANADA
IS BANNED.



KEW DOCK YIP WAS THE FIRST LAWYER OF CHINESE DESCENT IN CANADA.

WITH LAWYER IRVING HIMEL AND OTHER SUPPORTERS, HE LOBBIED THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT TO REPEAL THE CHINESE EXCLUSION ACT IN 1946.



AH BA!

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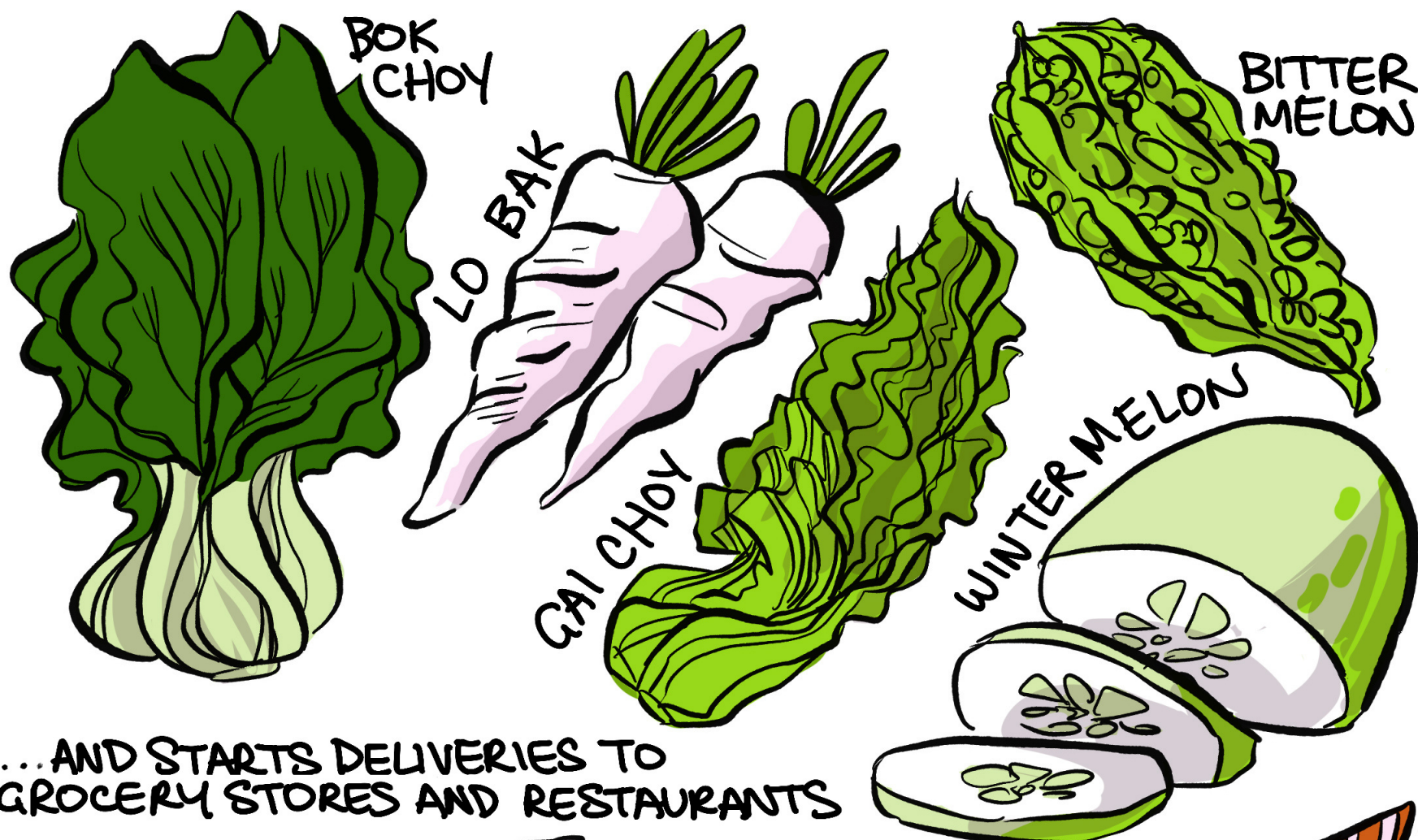


THE END OF THE EXCLUSION ACT DOES NOT END DISCRIMINATORY IMMIGRATION POLICIES IN CANADA, BUT AT LAST, FAMILIES REUNITE.

IN 1950, HENRY CHONG'S SON OYE SUEY CHONG (HARRY CHONG) IS ABLE TO COME TO CANADA. HE BECOMES A PARTNER IN THE FARM.

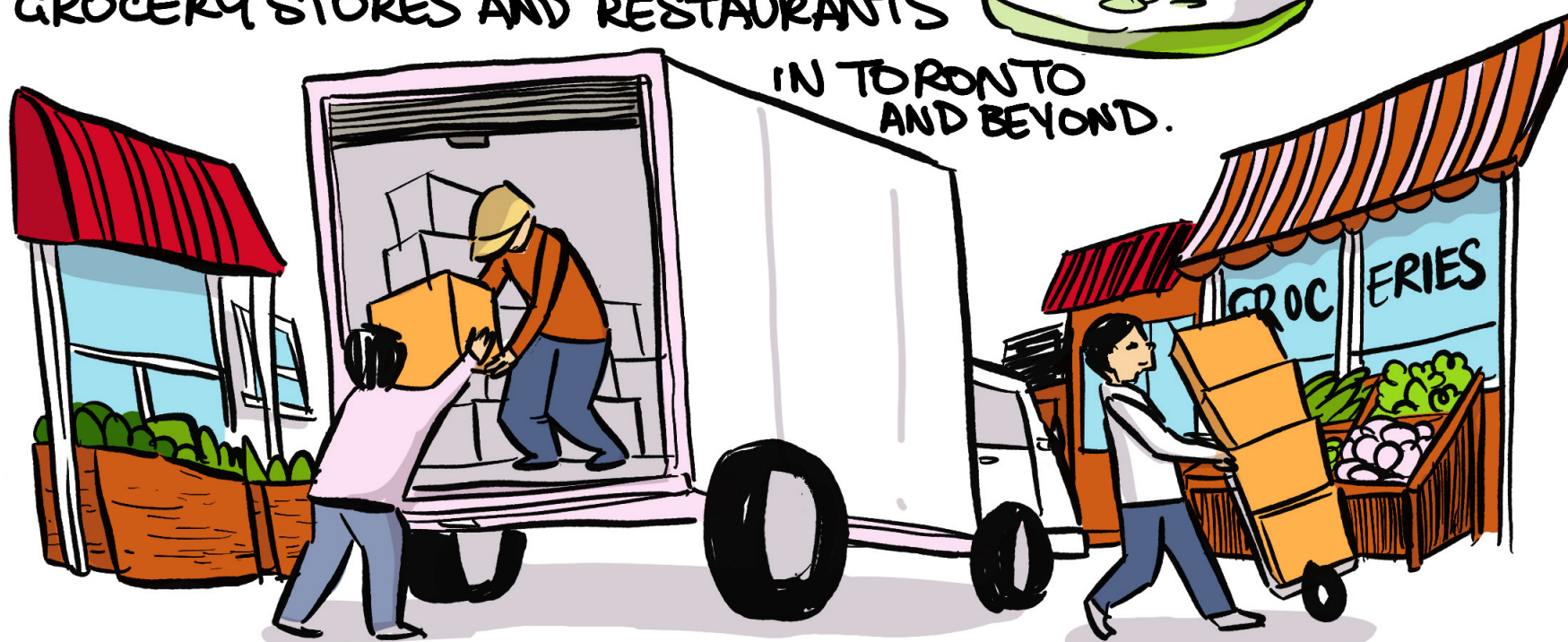


THE CHONG FARM STARTS TO INTRODUCE NEW KINDS OF PRODUCE FOR THE GROWING CHINESE COMMUNITY.



... AND STARTS DELIVERIES TO GROCERY STORES AND RESTAURANTS

IN TORONTO AND BEYOND.



FROM SEEDS SOWN BY THE CHONG FAMILY AND MANY OTHERS LIKE THEM, TORONTO CHINESE COMMUNITIES BLOSSOM.

