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SMITH CURTIS, M.P.P.

A Short Character Sketch—An Aggressive Fighter in the Interests of the People.

The Victoria Times is running an excellent series of articles on the members of the British Columbia legislature.

In the issue of May 9th appears a likeness of Mr. Smith Curtis, together with a short account of his business and political life

Mr. Curtis is well known to many of the residents of this district, and the high estimate of his character and ability expressed by the Times, will receive the hearty endorsation of all those who know him best. He has especially earned our gratitude by his activity in pressing home the great necessity for a line of railway to develop this rich section, and furnish close connection between the Coast and the Kootenays. That his untiring advocacy of this project is bearing fruit, is evidenced by the recognition by all parties of the paramount importance to the province of the early construction of the road.

The STAR has great pleasure in reproducing the sketch mentioned in full:

"It is a free, and withal a wonderfully keen, lance which is wielded by the tireless member for Rossland, Smith Curtis. No man in the House more conscientiously follows every particle of business coming before the legislature than he. He seeks to compass the whole of the business, and this imposes on him a task which might well be borne by three or four members.

"The deplorable handicap under which Mr. Curtis labors, namely, partial deafness, seems only to have sharpened his other faculties, and it is rarely indeed that he is taken at a disadvantage. He is sleepless in his vigilance, and manages to sandwich an enormous amount of work in between the opening and closing of the session.

"Of his great ability, there is no doubt; of his courage and his sincerity, there is little question. Other members are often unable to follow him in his advanced themes of political economy and of government, but they cannot but admire his forcefulness and his untiring zeal in propagating his views.

"Mr. Curtis speaks for Liberalism and for Labor, and nowhere in British Columbia do those great factors in its affairs find an abler exponent and advocate.

"He is a native of Ontario, having been born in Leeds County. At the age of fifteen he began teaching school, eventually obtaining a first-class grade A certificate and the degree of B. A. In 1882 he left Ottawa, where he then was first assistant master in the Provincial Model school, attached to the Normal school there, and came to Portage la Prairie, Manitoba, and studied law in the office of Joseph Martin, whose law partner he became in 1885, and remained such until 1891, when ill-health caused his retirement, and for five years prevented his engaging in active business.

"When Mr. Joseph Martin resigned his seat in the provincial legislature of Manitoba in 1891 to contest Brandon with the Hon. T. Mayne Daly in the federal election of that year, Mr. Curtis was selected by the Liberals as candidate to succeed Mr. Martin; but upon the defeat of Mr. Martin by Mr. Daly Mr. Curtis retired from the local contest so as to enable Mr. Martin to run, and he was again returned to the local House.

"He came to Rossland in 1896, where he practiced law for some two years. He has devoted his time principally to mining for three years past. In 1900 he was returned for the legislature, having first been appointed Minister of Mines in Mr. Martin's cabinet. One of his great achievements during his brief tenure of office was the settlement of the Rossland strike by conciliatory measures.

"He was married in 1890 to Lilly E. Mills, daughter of the late Wm. Mills, of Ottawa.

"Mr. Curtis is perhaps unsurpassed as a debater in the present House, is remarkable for his readiness, and is prompt and incisive in repartee. He withdrew his support from his old leader last session when he discovered that Mr. Martin proposed to support the government."

An Old Timer.

Mr. A. R. Barrow, our local surveyor, kindly gave the STAR the following obituary notice which appeared in the London Times of April 25th:

"Colonel John Marshall Grant, Royal Engineers, third son of General Duncan Grant, Royal Artillery, died recently at Bournemouth in his 80th year. He joined the army in 1842, and on the taking over of the administration of British Columbia from the Hudson's Bay Company was selected to command the first troops sent out, a company of Royal Sappers and Miners. He carried out the trunk road from the coast to the Cariboo goldfields, and was employed for five years in the colony. He was gazetted lieutenant-colonel in 1865 and colonel in 1870, and afterwards served on the General Staff of the Army at Headquarters as Deputy-Assistant Quartermaster-General and as Assistant Quartermaster-General, and also as Deputy Adjutant-General of the Corps of Royal Engineers. Colonel Grant leaves three sons, two in the Royal Engineers and one in the Indian Staff Corps."

Mr. Barrow informs us that while Col. Grant was in the employ of the province he made a trip through the Similkameen taking degrees of latitude and longitude, being one of the first engineers to penetrate what was then an almost unknown wilderness.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

Mr. W. Murray left last Sunday morning for Aspen Grove.

Chinamen are making some good catches of trout in One Mile Creek.

T. Sloan left Friday for Aspen Grove to do assessment work on his claim, the Shamrock.

Mr. Lewis Marks, representing the Hamilton Powder Co., was a visitor to town last week.

Ben Baker leaves today for Aspen Grove, where he goes to do an assessment on the Royal Fraction.

The diamond drill belonging to the Similkameen Valley Coal Company is reported to be down over 100 feet.

W. Lawrence and M. Cruickshanks left for Keremeos Thursday morning, to take in the Victoria Day celebration.

W. Wilson started for Sterling Creek on Wednesday, where he has gone to get samples from his property the Golden Lion.

D. R. Young and W. Blakemore, M. E., left Thursday morning for Nelson. They expect to return in about a month's time.

Prospectors killing grouse on the hills at this time of the year should be careful to select the males. Every hen killed at this season means a dozen less next fall.

M. Silverthorne, proprietor of the Hotel Jackson, and Chas. Revely, drove to Keremeos Thursday. We will bet dollars to doughnuts that Charlie cleans up everything in sight on the 100 yard dash.

A Better Offer.

It is reported that the Olalla Company now offer to build the railway to Kootenay with a Dominion subsidy, commencing work on both ends at once, and placing a forfeit of a million dollars in the banks. They also agree to commence construction within a month of being assured of the subsidy. The president of the Olalla Company is said to be on his way to Victoria.

CHURCH NOTICE.

Service will be held in Mr. McLean's dining room, Ashnola, at 1:30 p. m., and in Mr. Mason's house, Princeton, at 7:30 p.m Sunday school at 6:30 p.m. Everybody heartily invited.

TWO CLAIMS SOLD.

The Copper Cliff and Copper Bluff on Copper Mountain—D. R. Young Purchaser.

On Wednesday the 20th, two claims, the Copper Cliff and Copper Bluff, situated on the Copper Mountain side of the Similkameen, were sold to D. R. Young of the Ashnola Smelter Company.

Van Mills, J. H. Jackson, and Geo. W. Aldous were the owners of the two properties. Ten per cent. of the purchase price was paid, the balance being payable in three and six months.

A 30 foot tunnel has been driven on the Copper Cliff on a 3 foot lead, carrying bornite and copper pyrites, average assays giving 12 per cent. copper and $2.75 in gold.

On the Copper Bluff, a 20 foot cut has been made. The lead on this claim is between 30 and 40 feet wide. Very rich specimens of bornite were found in running the open cut, some of which gave assays of 56 per cent. copper and $5.00 in gold.

The claims are well situated for development by tunneling, and the new owner is already arranging for the driving of another 50 feet on the Copper Cliff.

HOTEL ARRIVALS.

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HOTEL JACKSON.

H E Poulinier, Greenwood; Geo McCoskery, Otter Flat; R S Hall, Fairview; L Marks, Victoria; J H Jackson, Otter Flat; W D Young, Allison; A L Smith, Nine Mile; F Revely, Bromley Creek; Peter Johnson, C Willarson, B Bryant, Copper Mountain.

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A STATESMANLIKE STAND.

Mr. A. E. McPhillips is receiving great credit from many divergent sources for his refusal to be coerced by the packed deputation organized by the Government for the purpose of compelling him to support its iniquitous railway policy.

The selfish plea was advanced that the railway would help Victoria, and therefore must be supported even if the terms on which it was to be built were detrimental to the best interests of the province as a whole.

This is the style of argument that has tended in the past to create and keep alive the fires of sectional prejudice, and to make discord between the Island and the Mainland.

All praise is due Mr. McPhillips for his ability to rise above such narrow considerations and to view the matter in its true light. He recognises that the interests of the province are above that of any particular city or section, and we believe the best people of Victoria will emphatically endorse the stand he has taken.

The people can forgive a great deal in a public man if he but rings true at a critical point where great public interests are at stake.

GOVERNMENT OWNERSHIP.

British Columbia is not the only province in which the government ownership idea has taken root, judging from the following item which is taken from a Manitoba paper:—

"A correspondent has asked us what is this theory of government ownership of railways, of which, he says, he has heard considerable in the last few years. According to our light, government ownership is a theory which is much in favor by the heads of the great railway corporations. When railway companies commence operations, their first ambition is to own a government, and as they get older and more affluent they acquire more property of this kind. Take McKenzie and Mann, for instance. They last year acquired our provincial government, and were this year desirous of adding the Dominion government to the list of trophies. They were not altogether successful, but the reason might have been that another railroad was there first. Yes, the railroads believe in government ownership."

EDITORIAL NOTES.

We cannot help expressing surprise that the Inland Sentinel of Kamloops, the great champion of labor and all things good, has not a word to say in praise of Smith Curtis, the truest friend of labor, and the masses, in all Canada.

One in four is fair fishing. That is the phrase Victorians can use when they talk of honesty among their representatives in the local house. McPhillips stands alone for Victoria and the province.

Hair on you; McPhillips. However one may disagree with your opinions on public questions or your long-winded speeches, you had the nerve and the honor to refuse to be coerced into voting for one of the worst swindles ever perpetrated in Canada. Helmcken—with a sunny smile and a yellow streak—submitted.—Vancouver Independent.

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Size of tunnel to be 4 feet by 6 feet 6 inches in the clear, with sufficient rise for drainage. All ore must be piled separate. Work to begin at once, and completed by August 1st. The right is reserved to reject any or all tenders.

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Aspen Grove, Nicola, May 5, 1902. m-17

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A Bad Mix Up.

A good joke is related at the expense of a modest young newspaper man, which is going the rounds simply credited to an exchange. It is to the effect that the pusher of the pencil went out to report a party the other evening where the home had been recently blessed with a new baby. Accompanied by his best girl he met the hostess at the door, and after the usual salutation asked after the baby's health. The lady, who was quite deaf and suffering from the grippe, thought he was asking about her cold and told him though she had one every winter this was the worst one she ever had; it kept her awake at night a good deal at first and confined her to her bed. Then noticing the scribe was getting pale and nervous, she said she could tell by his looks that he was going to have one just like hers, and asked him to go and lie down. The paper was out as usual next week, but the local editor had quit enquiring about babies.

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How Fortunes Are Made.

About thirty years ago the Ontario government sold to William Mackay of Ottawa, timber limits on one of the tributaries of the Mattawa, in Ontario. These limits comprised 130 square miles, equivalent to 83,200 acres, more than an ordinary township, and enough to make upwards of 800 farms. The price was $1,800. Mackay then took off square timber to the value of $3,000,000, and subsequently sell the limits for $655,000, thus realizing in all $3,655,000, for which he originally paid $1,800. And that is a mere drop in the bucket of the terrible recklessness with which the resources of the nation have been squandered. Then when we point to the enormous wealth of such men as the Millionaire Mackay, we are told of the thrift of his youth or the survival of the fittest.

A Kentucky parson bet on a horse race, and the church fired him. Then he got a job preaching in Chicago for $15,000 a year, which leads us to believe that the wicked sometimes prosper or else it is no real sin to gamble in Kentucky.

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A Good Move.

Hon. Smith Curtis, member for the Rossland riding, has introduced an act which provides that every railway company operating a railway for the transportation of passengers within British Columbia shall issue and give free transportation within the limits of the province, as first class passengers, on all cars and trains carrying passengers, to the following persons :—To every member of the legislative assembly, and, in case of dissolution, for three months thereafter, to every one who was a member at the time of dissolution, to every judge of the supreme and county courts of the province, to the surveyor of taxes and inspector of revenue, and to the assessor of taxes of the province. It further provides that where a railway company owns, operates or controls steamboats or steamships, plying within the waters of British Columbia, or waters adjacent thereto, it shall give transportation to all of the aforesaid classes of persons on such vessels.

Another provision provides that each company shall on or before February 1st of each year hereafter cause to be delivered to the provincial secretary a statement of the list of names, with places of residence, of all persons, not officials of the railway company, residing in the province to whom during the preceding year a railway pass or free transportation was given, stating also the reason in each case why such pass or transportation was given. Failure upon request to issue or give the aforesaid transportation to any of the persons mentioned, or to make the return to the provincial secretary shall render the company in each case liable to a penalty of $500 to be recoverable under the provisions of the act respecting summary convictions.

Mr. Curtis' object in introducing this act is to make law what has long been a custom, and thereby do away with the evil of placing legislators under obligation to the transportation companies, who in return for the courtesy extended expect legislators to look favorably upon any bills coming before the house that are beneficial to them. There is little doubt but the giving of these passes has in the past had evil effects, and if the act introduced be adopted, those entitled to such free transportation will assume no obligations and will therefore feel more free to oppose matters that are hostile to the interests of the transportation companies but favorable to the public.—Midway Advance.

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Nature of Wyoming Platinum Ores.

The finding of platinum in the copper ores of the Rambler Mine, about 50 miles southwest of Laramie, Wyo., caused considerable comment in the mining world a few months ago, and there was considerable speculation as to how the metal occurred. In a recent number of the American Journal of Science, H. L. Wells and S. L. Penfield state that by alternate treatment of covellite ore from the mine with strong boiling nitric acid and caustic soda solution, a concentrate was obtained from which a few glittering, highly modified crystals were isolated, weighing approximately 0.00004 gram. These fused on heating gave a sublimate of crystalline arsenious oxide, and the residue when dissolved in aqua regia gave, on evaporation with ammonium chloride, yellow octahedral crystals of ammonium platinic chloride. The crystals, therefore, were doubtless sperrylite, $PtAs_2$, but the authors do not assert that platinum may not occur in some other form in the ore. Professor Wilbur C. Knight has published in the Engineering and Mining Journal and elsewhere reports showing that the Rambler ore is generally platiniferous, running from 0.06 ounce to 1.4 ounces per ton (0.0002 to 0.0048 per cent), and that it may prove of commercial importance. The authors express the hope that copper ores will hereafter be carefully examined for platinum, since the occurrences of sperrylite seem to show its association chiefly with ores of copper.—Engineering and Mining Journal.

Want the Earth.

Below is a rough calculation of what the present provincial government intend giving away to the promoters of the Canadian Northern railway :

Land at 20,000 acres per mile, (900 miles) acres	18,000,000
Land at $3 per acre (18,000,000 acres)	$54,000,000
Bonus of $4,800 per mile, (50 miles)	240,000
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A. E. LEWIS.

Princeton, April 28, 1902.

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