Vote for Smith Curtis, the People's Candidate

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VOTE FOR CURTIS AND THE INTERESTS OF PRINCETON

A LIBERAL TRIUMPH

Thursday's Meeting Great Success--Shatford's Policy Shown Up.

Smith Curtis Scores Telling Points Backed by Facts--Opposition Speaker's Lame Defence.

The last shot in the campaign in Princeton was fired on Thursday by Smith Curtis, Liberal Candidate for Similkameen riding, before a large audience of electors. Mr. Curtis, although he has travelled night and day for the last few weeks, showed few signs of fatigue, and in the opinion of those who had the pleasure of hearing him on Thursday evening, he made one of the most telling and convincing speeches he has ever made. His handling of the charges of corruption and graft against the McBride Government, both of recent and later date, was masterly and backed up by undisputable facts, had a telling effect on his audience.

Owing to lack of space, just a few of the more telling points in the speeches of the evening will be touched on.

Mr. J. M. Wright occupied the chair, and in announcing the programme for the evening took the opportunity to touch on and dispute some remarks made by Mr. Shatford in his meeting on Monday night last, regarding appropriations for this section, showing that Mr. Shatford had misled the electors in that respect.

Mr W. C. McDougall was present on behalf of Mr. Shatford, and was invited to speak, one hour and a quarter being alloted to him. Mr. McDougall is becoming quite a platform orator, and were he fighting on the right side and had facts to support his arguments, would make a good showing. But unfortunately for him, he is bolstering up a cause that he must know is beyond redemption, and speaking not from facts, but evidently from hearsay. he lays himself open at every turn. It was plain to be seen that Mr. McDougall had received a few pointers from the "Rev." Mr. Rowe, evidenced by his attack on the Federal Government for trying, as he stated, to steal a large tract of land from this Province. The speaker quoted largely from the Star and endeavored to show that that paper did not know what it was talking about, in reference to the Kaien Island scandal, the Columbia & Western, B C. Southern, Midway & Vernon and Better Terms. He asserted that the Columbia & Western lands were not worth 5c. per acre, etc., etc. And referred to the latest scandal of Green's re Transcontinental Exploration Co., was the most dastardly thing he had ever heard for the Liberals to bring it up at this time. He closed in an appeal for support to L. W. Shatford, and the Conservative Government.

Mr. Curtis, on being called was received with prolonged cheers. He said that he had heard the Premier and other Conservative speakers during the present campaign, but Mr. McDougall's speech was the most extraordinary one he had ever heard. He took up point after point and literally tore them into shreds, showing conclusively that Mr. McDougall did not know what he was talking about. Mr. McDougall's statement that the Columbia & Western lands were not worth 5c. per acre was challenged and shown to be utterly false, Mr. Curtis showing that the timber alone was worth at least a cool million dollars. Coming to the B. C. Southern M:. Curtis demonstrated clearly that the statement contained in the Star were perfectly correct with regard to the arrears of taxes on these lands. He touched on the Midway & Vernon, better terms, and Green's latest deal, proving beyond the shadow of a doubt, that the McBride Government stood convicted of wholesale corruption. With reference to this latest scandal, Mr. Curtis pointed out that the particulars of this deal had emenated from the law office of Sir Chas. Hibbert Tupper, a Conservative in Vancouver, and therefore it was probably correct.

Coming nearer home, Mr. Curtis turned the searchlight on Shatford's graft in this constituency, showing how his lands had been favored by low taxation while adjacent lands had been compelled to pay a much higher rate. These and many other telling points were driven home and the speaker closed by appealing to the honesty and the common sense of those present to vote for him on Saturday, thereby assisting to secure a Government in British Columbia that would clean out the corruption that existed at Victoria, and give to the people a Government that would stand for the interests of the masses and not be at the dictation of the C. P. R. or any other corporation or band of adventurers.

Three rousing cheers were given for Mr. Curtis, the King, and, as usual, it fell to a Liberal to cheer the opposing speaker. But never a voice was raised for L. W. Shatford, strange to say.

Vote for Smith Curtis, the Liberal Candidate, and the best interests of Princeton and vicinity.

POLITICAL POINTERS.

Mr. Shatford is immaculate according to his boosters but he knows how to favor his interests and keep the assessment of land that he is interested in below normal. At Keremeos his land is assessed at $10 and his neighbor's at $30. Is it fair?

Mr. McDougall s figures could not be verified as to expenditure of money in this vicinity during past year. Jugglers should not go into figures and Mr Curtis very properly rebuked him for so doing, besides correcting him in the amounts belonging to two year's appropriations.

A road up the Tulameen river to settlers is necessary to avoid an ugly climb over hills, and it is needed right away. Mr. Shatford, if returned, will not have it built until the next elections four or five years hence, if then. Settlers will have to take their choice between Curtis and Shatford as to which is most likely to procure that road. Vote for Curtis and see what he can do.

Mark Your Ballot as Below

SMITH CURTIS Mining Operator — ROSSLAND	X
L. W. SHATFORD Merchant — HEDLEY	
GEO. E. WINKLER Clerk — PENTICTON	

It is safe to say that there was not a person present at Thursday's meeting—Liberal, Conservative or otherwise—possessed of ordinary intelligence, but who was convinced that Smith Curtis was speaking facts, facts so uncontrovertable as to utterly condemn the McBride Government.

W. C. McDougall, a McBride and Shatford apologist, says the Government has no right to repair Bridge street, a continuation of the Copper Mountain road and thinks it "ridiculous" to suggest it He could not and did not deny, however, that in other towns the Government even built sidewalks and improved the streets. The secret of it all is that neither Mr. McDougall, Mr. Shatford nor the chief government official here have any interests, so far as known, in Princeton, and their opposition to any expenditure of money that should be properly made by the government, is thus easily accounted for. Maybe they have interests in Allison or a rival townsite.

RAILS TO KEREMEOS

By End of February, Says Cheief Engineer Kennedy of V. V. & E.

A Two Per Cent Grade Obtained on West Side of Hope Grade—Avoids Extensive Tunnelling.

Construction Engineer J. H. Kennedy, of the V. V. & E. was over from Midway on Tuesday for a few hours says a Grand Forks despatch. Mr Kennedy states that, though the work of construction has proceeded somewhat more slowly than anticipated, the track is now laid into Oro, and he believes they will get steel into Keremeos by the end of February or early in March. Engineer Milliken, who was formerly in charge of the survey up the North Fork, spent a long time endeavoring to obtain a better grade on the other side of the Hope divide. The former line entailed a grade of 2.5 per cent., and involved a very heavy amount of tunnelling. A line has now been run which, though considerably longer, will give a two per cent. grade, and not necessitate so much tunnel work. The whole matter is being considered at headquarters, and so far no word has been given out as to the final choice of routes.

DEATH OF MR. LAMBLY.

Chas. A. R. Lambly, Government Agent at Fairview, died at his home in that town on Tuesday last from pneumonia. Mr. Lambly had been a resident of this district for some 20 years being in the employ of the Provincial Government during that time and was a most efficient officer. Mr. Lambly was about fifty years of age. The late Mr. Lambly leaves a widow and family to mourn his loss, who have the heartfelt sympathy of the entire district in their bereavement.

BORN—HALL—Wife of E. Barr Hall, of a son, on the 30th inst.

E. Barr Hall is the happiest man in town. He is the proud father of a bouncing, 10 lb. baby boy. Mother and son are doing nicely.

The Phoenix Pioneer's fourth annual holiday is to hand and is a highly creditable number, containing 64 pages of the most interesting and instructive mining news pertaining to that camp, being profusely illustrated throughout The Pioneer is deserving of great credit for its enterprising and progressive spirit.

French & Day have installed an acetylene plant in their building and it is giving perfect satisfaction, the light being Ar. This firm are agents for the best aceteylene gas manufacturers in America and are prepared to fill all orders.

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WEDNESDAY, JAN. 30, 1906.

THE DUTY OF THE HOUR.

Never in the history of this Province have issues more vital to the prosperity and welfare of the people been discussed in a political campaign; certainly never has there been a docket of such indictments against any government as has been brought against the McBride ministry. The loud-smelling and crooked Kaien Island deal, by which the first rightful white owners of the land held by war scrip were dispossessed of their just honorable and genuine rights that an adventuress, her husband (known in an unsavory and notorious way to the people of the whole province and of Princeton in particular) and other professional robbers of the public might profit by the spoilation of these hard won scrip on the battlefields of South Africa—the Columbia & Western land give-away to the C. P. R. which was never earned and which could have been saved for the people but for the willing submission of a weak and dissolute premier—the wilful neglect of the McBride Government to collect taxes from their friend and ally, the C. P. R., while rigidly enforcing the law regarding taxes to be gathered on mining propositions, land and the personal property of the individual poor man—these and many other acts of the McBride administration condemn it so strongly that the people have arisen in their righteous vexation and cried, "Away with them."

The duty of the hour for all those electors who desire to see a change from graft and plunder is to, at least, endeavor to remedy the evils which cluster around the present government as barnacles to a waterlogged ship. Some indifferent and careless electors say: "It is no use trying, one party is as bad as another." That is neither logical nor sensible. In every walk of life effort and sacrifice of time, money or talents must be made if any public or private good is to be attained. Adherence to a political party is very dear to some people. They stifle conscience and smother the impulse that must come to every honest and progressive man for betterment of conditions and the consequent suppression of political corruption and depravity. It is an old scientific axiom that: without change there must be decay or death. If a large majority of electors were unchangeable in their political opinions not only would there be decay but violent death and ending of the moral, social fabric would result—anarchy would reign, corruption would breed revolution from which life and blood would be poured out in rivulets as in all the insane civil wars of history. Hence it is that the decaying nations of the earth, through lack of energy or moral fibre, are unable to bring about those changes which are necessary for a healthy life—which, indeed, are life. Are the majority of electors of the Similkameen and of British Columbia possessed of that moral stamina and vitality which will enable them as free and intelligent electors, independent of party allegiance or tie, to go to the polls on Feb. 2nd and declare for a change which aims at the improvement of present government and political conditions? The Star believes that they are and that a good working majority in the House will follow the voice of the people echoed from the ballot box.

Let no man violate his conscience or stunt his manhood by allowing things to remain as they are at the capital. It may cost a twinge to get away from the old party but it can never cost a single regret to vote for the remedy of heinous evils or the removal of unfaithful and corrupt representatives in the legislature. With these and other good motives governing the action of voters on polling day the standard of political morality in B. C. cannot fail to be elevated—peace, prosperitp and contentment will be the resultant effects of the progressive change and men and women, young and old, will rejoice that their country and province have been rescued from the degrading influence of men high in position who are yet steeped in gross iniquities. Stand by the right, no matter what the cost—following such a principle the ultimate triumph of truth and honesty over the false and corrupt is but a question of the ballot in the hands of a voter of good judgment and common sense, and who is unblinded by the strong rays of partisanship. Having thus thrown off the mask of bigotry and prejudice let conscience have free course; vote out the weak and corrupt men, vote in the new who give just grounds for the expectation and hope of better legislation and purer politics—in this consists the highest and best citizenship and the duty of the hour.

Premier McBride is going through the country assuring the people that his Government has no connection with the C. P. R. How comes it that this Company are issuing free passes to electors supposed to be favorable to McBride's Government?

NOTES AND COMMENTS

Conservative papers and stump speakers are vainly endeavoring to make political capital out of an article that appeared recently in the London Financial News. The article in question praises the McBride Government for restoring the confidence of the financial world in British Columbia, and maintains that it would be a serious mistake to turn them out of power at the present time. At first glance it might seem that the News' statement carried weight, but when a little light is thrown on its attitude, the intelligent elector will be able to see behind the scenes. During the general election of 1898, Premier Turner speaking at Nelson said: "I could secure the insertion of an article favoring my policy in any London paper on paying £100." Mr. Turner probably knew what he was talking about. It is somewhat singular that this same Mr. Turner is now in London acting as Agent-General for British Columbia, being sustained in that position by the McBride Government. The public will have no trouble in figuring out how the article in question received its birth.

With the distinguished example of Sir John Thompson and Sir Oliver Mowat before him the public will see that Mr. Alex. Henderson's action in leaving the bench to reenter politics is not only precedented, but that it is meritorious. When those gentleman retired from their judicial positions they were plain "Misters." They were knigted after some years of subsequent energetic political life. Had they done what was deserving of censure would they have been honored by the Queen? But anything for an election cry, as Mr. McBride said when he closed the Better Terms conference door with a bang. The Tories are short of campaign literatury, and an attack on Mr. Henderson for doing what has been done before is as good as any other.

The Premier and his organs, both great and small, are endeavoring to detract attention from the C. P. R. graft in this Province by attempting to prove that the Dominion Government has been guilty of some awful misdeed in assisting the G. T. P. in every legitimate way to build their transcontinental line. The Provincial Government's opposition to this line is well known and understood, and if McBride had his way there would be only one railway doing business in this Province. The Provincial Government did everything in their power to prevent the building of the V. V. & E. although that road was not costing the Province one cent. Word now comes from Victoria that the Provincial Government has declined to relinquish its revisionery interest in reserve lands purchased from the Indians by the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway through the Federal authorities, some months ago. The despatch says: "The policy of Premier McBride is to retain as much as possible of these valuable lands for the people in order that they may benefit to some extent, through the predestined growth of that northerly section." The policy of Premier McBride is to reserve these lands for the C. P. R. and if his Government is returned to power it is pretty well understood that this corporation will be assisted by the Government to get control of these lands.

NOTICE.

Chicago mineral claim, situate in the Similkameen Mining Division of Yale District. Where located: On Bear Creek.

Take notice that I, F. W. Groves, acting as agent for William Henry Armstrong Free Miner's Certificate No. B2805, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for a cert ficate of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a Crown Grant of the above claim.

And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements.

Dated this 29th day of December, 1906. 2-10

TIMBER NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that 30 days from date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a special licence to cut and carry away timber from the following described lands situated in the Similkameen District:

1. Commencing at a post planted on the north side of the Nicola wagon road, about six miles from Princeton, and marked "Adelmer Snyder's north-east corner," thence west 80 chains, south 80 chains east 80 chains along bank of the Tulameen river, north 80 chains to point of commencement. ADELMER SNYDER,
Dec. 13, 1906. J. M. Wright, Agent.

2. Commencing at a post planted near the S.E. corner of lot 151, marked "Electa Snyder's south-west corner," thence east 80 chains, north 80 chains, west 80 chains, south 80 chains to point of commencement. ELECTA SNYDER,
Dec 13 1906. [38—47] J. M. Wright, Agent.

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"After the licenses in the Telqua valley were granted and before the applications for licenses in the Pine river district were before the department, Caron, whom I knew very well, wrote me, saying he desired to allot me a few shares of stock in a company to be organized. I did not wish any of the stock. Mr. Mackay, then secretary to the premier, was in my office when I received the letter. I showed it to him, saying that I did not want the stock and that if he cared to take it he could have it, remarking that while I did not consider it of much value that it possibly might be worth something to him some day. He signified his willingness to take the stock and I notified Caron to issue it to him."—R. F. Green.

Speaking at Armstrong on the 24th Premier McBride said there was not a word of truth in the charge published in The World Tuesday in connection with coal licenses to Sir Adolph Caron and associates. He positively stated that not one license had been issued in the district mentioned to any one.

On top of this denial from Mr. Green, a denial which is virtually an admission, comes Premier McBride's second statement. On Friday, in a wire to the Vancouver Province, the premier admitted that Green had taken stock from Caron, not as a bribe, but "as a friend." Speaking at Central Park on Friday night, he emphasized the remark, and removed all doubt as to whether or not he was misquoted when the above statement was credited to him, by saying that, from his point of view, there was "nothing what ever questionable in Green's accepting a present of stock from his friend, Sir Adolph Caron." This puts McBride's meaning beyond all question. He frankly admits what Green denies—namely, that Green accepted stock. Tatlow and Cotton, too, while not expressly admitting the truth of the charge, refuse to deny that Green took the stock, and Cotton even goes so far as to say that the matter "is a cabinet secret." If it were absolutely false, there would be no secret about it, nor would there be any necessitn of hedging in making denials. But whether the stock actually passed to Mr. Green or not, the fact is not denied that it was given him for what the company considered his administration of the provincial land assets in their favor; that he acknowledged it not with stern indignation, but with thanks; that his letter accepting the equivalent of $37,000 for a betrayal of the public trust was exhibited to Premier McBride and his colleagues in council; and that they condoned the minister's course and endorsed it by his retention in the government.

A prominent Conservative expressed it when he remarked: "Taken in conjunction with the Kittimat land matter, the Kaien Island deal and several other transactions in which the present government has been concerned, this last revelation renders ample and unhampered investigation of the lands and works department a mere necessity. That is why I'm going to support Mr. Macdonald at the approaching election."

LOCAL AND GENERAL

The total immigration into Canada during the calendar year 1906 was 215,-915. For the calendar year 1905 it was 144,618, an increase of 71,284, or 49 per cent. Immigration was made up as follows: British, 88,257; continental, 53,-874; United States, 63,781.

The jury in the Penticton murder case has returned a verdict that the late Mr. Zimmerman met his death at the nands of some unknown party or parties. To date nothing new has transpired in regard to the identity of the murderer, although a force of police and detectives are working on the case.

Mr. Carrington, of Nicola, had a narrow escape from being blown up by a gasoline plant in the basement of his store on Wednesday last. The plant was not giving satisfaction and Mr. Carrington went to investigate the cause, and in trying to remedy the defect an explosion took place, blowing the roof off the building and otherwise shaking things up.

Reports received estimate the casualties at Kingston, Jamaica, on account of the recent earthquake there, at about 1,000 killed and some 9000 persons homeless, and places the damage done at ten million dollars. Concerning the latter London fire insurance companies repudiate all liability under the earthquake clause in their policies.

Mr. A. G. Blair, ex-Minister of Railways, dropped dead at Fredericton N.B., on Friday, Jan. 25, where he was on a business visit. He was present at the functions given in Ottawa for Mr. Root, and left to visit his native province in the best of health.

Canada's aggregate trade for the past six months was $321,000,000, an increase of $43,000,000 over last year. Fisheries show an increase of $2,000,000; agriculture, $5,000,000; the mines the same as last year, and the forest wealth an increase of $7,000,000.

Mr. Shatford controls the Gazette and, no doubt, inspires much of its contents. That paper is very jealous of any credit that Princeton may be entitled to whether of postal returns or as a centre. To account for it one has only to know that Mr. Shatford is the chief stockholder in the Hedley townsite and all his interests in corporations and lands are in the central part of Similkameen riding. Yet, stranger than fiction, persons deeply interested in Princeton townsite are boosting Shatford all they can. It is an unclean bird that fouls its own nest. Vote for Smith Curtis and we will get back a proper proportion of our taxes and revenue in improved roads.

STRAYED

ONE BAY HORSE, branded with two bars within a horseshoe, on to my place November last. Owner can have same by proving property and paying expenses. Unless redeemed within thirty days from date of this notice, the horse will be sold. The above mentioned brand is on the right shoulder. J. D. McDONALD
Princeton, Dec. 29th, 1906. 49-3

THE BURNING QUESTION

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Commencing at N. W. cor. of Lot 43 and running 80 chains south; 80 chains west; 80 chains north; and 80 chains east, back to post; 640 acres.
W. J VAN HOUTEN,
S. Spencer, agt.

And 80 chains east; 80 chains north; 80 chains west; and 80 chains south, back to post; 640 acres.
W. G. BREEZE,
S. Spencer, Agt.

And 80 chains west; 80 chains north; 80 chains east; and 80 chains south, back to post; 640 acres.
T. C. KYLE,
S. Spencer, Agt.

And from N.E. cor of Kyle's location 80 chains W; 80 chains north; 80 chains east; and 80 chains south, back to post; 640 acres.
J. S. LOUGHNAN,
S. Spencer, Agt.

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[L.S.] S.Y. WOOTTON,
Registrar of Joint Stock Companies.

The following are the restricted objects for which the Company has been incorporated:—

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(b.) All other powers rights and capacities as set out in Section 59 of the "Companies Act, 1897," and Section 6 of the "Companies Act, 1897, amendment Act, 1900," or other amendments thereto.

Princeton Jan. 5, 1907. 1-4

STRAYED

ON to these premises on or about Dec. 15 one light buckskin colt, branded G [squire] on left shoulder; one sorrel colt, branded double OO (the letters being on top of one another) on right hip; one dark buckskin mare, with colt, no brands visible. Owner may have same by proving property and paying expenses. If not removed within 30 days will be sold.

GIBSON BROS.,
Gold Bank Farm
January 15, 1907. 3-7

POLITICAL ADDRESS

Of Smith Curtis' to the Electors of Similkameen Riding.

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE SIMILKAMEEN DISTRICT :—

GENTLEMEN :

Having been unanimously nominated by the Liberal convention held at Keremeos on the 8th inst. to contest this Riding at the general provincial elections to be held on the 2nd February next I ask your votes and active support. In accepting the nomination I stipulated that I must be permitted to run as a Labor-Liberal. My claim to run as a Labor candidate is founded on my standing for Labor in the House in 1900-3 when I initiated or aided in passing far more beneficial measures for Labor than all the labor legislation previously or since enacted in British Columbia, and is also founded on the many labor planks contained in my platform, which is as follows :

No boodling or grafting. An Anti-Lobbying Act. Making it a criminal offence for corporations to contribute to election funds or give free transport to the polls.

New voters' lists within six months previous to a general election. New stringent provisions against personation at the polls and bribery.

No member to be interested financially in any charter or subsidy he proposes or votes for, or to furnish large supplies to the government through any trading company he controls or is largely interested in.

Crown lands for the settler, i.e., for use, not for the speculator.

No cash bonuses or land grants to railways.

Exploit our natural resources to produce largest revenue and so greatly reduce taxation on farmers and industry.

Assess wild lands at the price asked for them by their speculator-owners.

Assess railways five years after construction at their fair value

Protect, examine and map forests. Publicly sell timber as needed by mill men, the main idea being sale to offerer of largest stumpage royalty, thus eliminating the speculator and obtaining millions of dollars lost to the people by the stupid system now in vogue. Reforesting timber lands unfit for agricultural use.

More equitable taxation and insisting on all corporations paying their full proportion. Putting the ore tax on the net profits.

Repeal of the recent School Amendments, which put taxation on rural communities.

Relieving bona fide prospectors who are free miners from poll tax and protecting their claims from lapse during serious illness.

Amending laws as to contributory negligence and common employment so as to make them fair to injured workmen as well as to employers.

Establishing a Labor Arbitration Act on the lines of the New Zealand Act, thus doing away with strikes and lockouts, enabling a living white man's wage o be established, thus driving out Chinese, Hindus, &c., and encouraging without peril to labor the immigration of desirable white settlers; enabling shorter hours to be got when right, in any trade, and tending to unionize all wage earners and make them the political power their numbers entitle them to be.

Enact the Initiative and Referendum.

Amend the Interpretation Act by declaring that no exemption of taxation or gift of privilege given by any Legislature shall be binding after the lapse of a generation.

Public ownership of public utilities where possible. The telephone system to be acquired immediately.

The immediate reservation of a portion of every Crown coal area to enable when necessary state-owned coal mines to be operated.

Providing that in all future grants of coal lands that the maximum price to be charged for coal to B. C. purchasers shall be fixed by the Government.

The immediate setting aside of a large area of Crown lands to aid public schools, establish technical and mining schools with cheap correspondence courses for all citizens and to establish experimental farm and other stations.

Free compulsory education for all children under 14 years. Free school books.

The immediate setting aside of a sufficient area of Crown lands to provide insurance against illness, accident and old age in the case of the deserving poor.

Reorganization of the moribund Mines Department with a capable staff large enough to make it a real aid to prospectors and mine owners.

Appoint an Irrigation Expert and revise the Water Acts Foster irrigation.

Immediately survey and describe Crown lands easily accessible to settlers.

Simplification of Supreme and County Courts, greatly reducing costs of litigation.

Establishment of a Provincial Exchequer Court, enabling Provincial Government to be sued without first getting its consent by fiat.

Establish a Board of Fire Insurance Underwriters that will fix maximum rates to be charged insurers.

Appoint a Railway Rate Expert to examine into the excessive rates charged in this Province and to get redress if necessary by contesting the rates before the Railway Commission at the expense of the Province.

Open Indian Reserves to mining and have portions of reserves not used or needed by Indians open to settlement.

Provide needed bridges, roads and trails impartially.

Leaving nothing undone to secure Better Terms for the Province.

The McBride Government has never initiated a single progressive measure, and the recent lengthy written appeal of the Premier for support is very barren in this respect. The length of the platform given above, most of whose planks will I believe appeal strongly to most electors, indicates the opportunity the Government has had to pass reform measures and proves its sluggish incapacity in that direction.

I am in entire accord with the terse and progressive platform enunciated by the Liberal leader, Mr. J. A. Macdonald, who has my hearty support. He is an able, energetic man, whose private and public record is without a stain. I honestly believe that when he becomes Premier he will give the Province an honest, capable, sane and progressive Government. The suggestion that the Liberals desire to change the leadership is foundationless

Yours faithfully,

SMITH CURTIS.

10th January, 1907.

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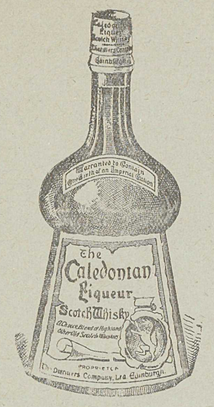

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