

lifted from the fair name of this Province, and to you, people of British Columbia, I look for help to sustain that appeal." Very high sounding language, but very extreme, and many will probably say totally unjustified; but apparently as a man of righteousness, he feels that he must do his duty in placing before the public the facts as he sees them. If he had done it on some other occasions, perhaps then we might have had more confidence in his sincerity, and not have doubted his honesty. From 1896 to 1911 the Liberal Party was in power in the Dominion of Canada, and the Rev. Mr. Cooke was residing in Elkhorn, Manitoba; and it would appear to me that if he was affected by such conscientious principles then as he is now, he might possibly have heard of the "Arctic" scandal, to which he might have given some public notice; the "Merwin contracts," the "Marine buoys," the "Saskatchewan land deal," the "timber limit scandals," the "Indian land scandals," the "Moncton station site" scandals, the "Halifax station" scandals, the "Winnipeg station site" scandals, "dredging rake-offs," the "Transcontinental Railway investigation," the "North Atlantic Transport" scandals, the "Yukon" scandals, and the "sawdust wharf" of Richibuctoo, my own native town. (Laughter and applause.) Now, where was our friend Cooke, where was he on those occasions?

A Voice—At the North Pole. (Laughter.)

Mr. Bowser—Where was he? My friend says he was at the North Pole. (Laughter.) That was Dr. Cooke, No. 1. (Laughter and applause.) I think we might well term this gentleman Dr. Cooke No. 2. He has been an explorer; he has gone forth into the Cotsworth Barren Lands and has discovered a mare's nest. (Laughter.)

Now, I just wish to say this of Mr. Cooke: Does the fact that you were engaged by the Liberal Government in 1904 and 1905 to lecture for them in Ireland, under the Interior Department, affect you to the extent that you did not see it was your righteous duty to expose these Liberal scandals? (Laughter.) He received from the Dominion Government the sum of \$1,089.38 for lecturing for the Interior Department in the Old Land; and whom do you suppose was the man that he was working under, and who appointed him? "Preston, of machine fame." (Applause.) Preston, the man who sent the celebrated wire: "Hug the machine for Auld Lang Syne," at the time of the election scandals in Ontario; and Mr. Preston has never been charged in my memory with ever having appointed a Conservative to lecture for him in Ireland, and if you take Mr. Cooke, and tear off the gown, you will find underneath a plain, ordinary Grit. (Laughter and applause.)