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MR. SMITH CURTIS TO LA

A Magnificent Speech by the to grow cereals. Now, another party lands on the island, and we could fairly say to them you need not go to work Meeting in A.O.U.W. Eloquent Member From Rossland.

when the Boplant and answer to Mr. Eberts's state ments in the theatre is worthy of more space than could be given in these columns. But the fun began when Premier Dunsmuir attempted to explain his position to the meeting. He couldn't got on the right side of the audience, and they lost no opportunity to heekle him. The greater the interruption the more excited he became, and the crowd throughly not because the state of Liabama. In the more excited he became, and the crowd throughly and proposed that not him to be the state of Alabama in 1887. What hape good naturedly, and consequently got along better than his leader. Captil and was despited the state of public option in the state of the proposed of the state of public option in the state of pub

on Monday next between Mr. Bodwell and Col. Prior. In his long parliamentary career, if Col. Prior did anything in the interests of labor it certainly escaped the speaker's notice. (Hear, hear.) Mr. Bodwell was yet untried, but if he did no more for labor than did Col. Prior, the labor men would

Smith Curtis,
Smith Curtis, M. P. P., received a her little brother of six to help her. I flattering reception. The great audience have seen a boy under four beginning cheered him again and again, and it was his life of drudgery by pulling the yarn some time before he could proceed. He off bobbins to make bands. What do

poke as follows:

I am certainly thankful to the chaired a little girl, putting my mouth close man for the very kindly reference to to her ear to make myself heard. 'I cry,' myself, as being 'the friend of labor.' she said shyly. She would make no If I have failed to be so, I can say that reply when I asked her what happened it is not for want of intention. I have then; but another child, who had literpromised to-night to speak on the question of the labor record of the Dunstion, put in tersely, "The boss tells her muir government. I think I have a to go on with her work.' The total fair right to speak upon that subject, number of children (including the unbecause I stand in the House as a rep- paid 'helpers') in the mills of Alabama, resentative of the labor people of my I computed to be about 1,200. This district; as well as the Liberal people number is not stationary or diminished; of that district. I may say, during the on the contrary it is steadily increasing, New Westminster elections, at the time and the experience of the other Souththe different unions in ern States prove that it must be so, and (particularly the Miners' In one of the older mills, they told me

Union) were having trouble and were in that the children were younger and the midst of a strike, and when the more numerous than they had ever had unions were appealing to the Dunsmuir them before." government for fair play, and failing to Now aren't these things enough get it, they wrote me a letter, which I make angels weep, and you ask me why treasure very much, and which was un- I sympathise with labor. That is why der the seal of their union, stating that I sympathize with labor in things like they had come to the conclusion that I that. I canot forget what labor is. was about the last friend, the only friend that they had in the legislature of British Columbia I know that they labor. It is very important. I want went too far in making that assertion, to see all I can of it, provided it is for I know that labor has a great many fairly distributed, because our civilizafriends, and it has no better friend in tion depends on saved labor. Show me the legislature than my friend from Na- a race that has no saved labor, and I naimo, who is a representative of labor, will show you a race of savages. There-Mr. Hawthornthwaite. I believe on fore let us not forget the advantages of every question he and I have voted to-having saved labor or capital. I have gether. Yes, on every question; we stood up for capital in the House across have never differed in our votes. I can the Bay. One thing I have had against also say this. that I do not believe that the Dunsmuir government is that it is any man in the House, or out of it, can grossly unfair against the other kind of essfully challenge before any fair labor-living labor-that labor that has ody of workingmen-a body of the in- bodies to be clothed and housed and telligent electorate—any vote that I have stomachs to be fed. As between acever given on labor questions in the cumulated labor and living labor, my spmpathies must and do go with living

Now, it may be said, that although I vital labor. take that stand, that I take it from some other motive than a sincere motive, proceed to the real matter on hand to-end not because I have been in sympa-night—the labor record of the governthy with labor; for the reason that all ment. I find that in May, 1900, Hon. my business connections are allied with Jas. Dunsmuir issued an address, and capital, as distinguished from labor— he stated this: "As far as I am conalways. But I think in a few words I can further explain to you why I do labor in the coal mines under my con take the stand that I do-not being un-trol, just as soon as I am able to get friendly to capital and being friendly to labor. If you will permit me to illustrate my idea of capital and labor. I proper feeling between capital and labor. sider them different things at | bor, so they will work harmoniously to They are really one and the same gether." te and the same gether." Very proper sentiments.
in different (Cheers.) Very proper sentiments. forms. Let me illustrate, Supposing five (Continued cheers and loud applause) of us all went to some desert island in Let me say to whateextent the Premier the Pacific Ocean, where nobody lived, of this country has carried out these and we find there large deposits of pledges. We know when the acciden placer gold. At least it seems to be a occurred at Union that there were valuable deposit of placer, and we de-number of Japanese and Chinese that termine to work it. We knew that word were killed, working underground. I had some out and other placer miners know from looking up the record of July would come there with the intention of to Japanery 1st, 1900, some months after working this gold. Now, we could either that pledge was given, that of the acciwork this placer property, or we could dents at the Comox mines 44 per cent. go to work and greet a number of cot- were to Chinese-a proof that his pledge tages-cottages for ourselves and cot- was unkept. tages we did not need. We could also | Take the record on the Oriental ques-

Meeting in A.O.U.W. and build houses; you give us a fair share of the placer gold that you take Hall. in and you can go and occupy our houses. Now, the moment we have

built the houses we are capitalist Every laboring man, if he owns anything Victoria has had numerous election at all that he does not need himself, is meetings in the past two years, but pos- a capitalist. Even if he does use the

of a common sight in the mill cottages— islation passed with regard to Orientals children lying face downward on the bed we would re-enact it. The Dunsmuir them on the platform, and would explain his views. He then called on Mr. jectionable in the speech from the

> Mr. McInnes: That is not so. Mr. Smith Curtis: Well, he said so the interview in Vancouver. speech.

ly. He said there was nothing in the in his of speech from the throne objectionable to friends. him. What he said was there was a number of subjects which he would like o see in the speech from the throne. Mr. Smith Curtis: He said in the first part of the interview that on the 21st day of February, in the World at Vancouver, he said that he expected the government would be supported all through the session, and then at the end of the interview (all in keeping with is character) he said that he 'might not." But Mr. Martin will be on record in that House (cheers) because Mr. Tatcw has given notice of a reintroduction of his bill, and these flopping gentlemer will have to toe the mark. (Prolonged cheers.) I will tell you how they will do it. If by their vote they are going to put out the Dunsmuir government they will not vote for the bill, but if the Dunsmuir government can by some hook or crook stay where they are, then they will vote for it. (Cheers.) Then there was another bill brought in by Mr. was chartered to build a railway etc. the Natal test of being able to read was that to make it apply to mines and to companies getting charters under the general company act by which most Now, having said so much, let me companies are formed, but the Dunsmuir covernment voted my amendment down. the government and his followers? It

Let us see what capital and labor are

Capital is an accumulated labor-saved

cerned I will do away with all Chinese

to be knocked out of many employments be unfairly treated, and if it ever is under the Natal plan, and the Premier under an act of that kind, and I am in jumped on that and had the bill thrown the House, I will be the first man 1 out; yet Mr. McInnes in the present ses- hope to get up and say that that act sion and part of last session has been must be amended to give absolute fai one of the most subservient followers, play between capital and labor. Premier Dunsmuir has had in that Take the strikes that have appeared put the ground into a state of cultiva- tion—and what more important question. House, There was a tilt between Capt, in this province. I have read you what tion, so as to grow cereals, and things is there to Victoria? Is it right and Tatlow and Premier Dunsmuir has got to say retion. so as to grow cereals, and things is there to Victoria? Is it right and those extra houses; we do not proper that all the truck farming in need those extra houses; we do not need and around Victoria should be carried all the land that we have put in shape on by Chinese labor instead of white sworn in by the Lieutenant-Governor af-could to foment trouble at New West-

ter being constitutionally, as Mr. Hig-gins there knows, bound to defend every act of that Governor who signed the tel-egram as a result of which Governor Mc-Innes's head was cut off. Mr. Dunsmuir said he 'there was a public outery. These men were not allowed a trial at home

was loudly cheered by the audience. He expressed bis pleasure at meeting such a large gathering of laboring men. He until there was a public outery. These men were not allowed a trial at home

was loudly cheered by the audience. He expressed bis pleasure at meeting such a large gathering of laboring men. He until there was a public outery. These men were not allowed a trial at home said he "was sorry for it," and he knew by their fellow citizens, but the venue when he did it he "was doing wrong," was changed for no good reason. I product that it was a "mean, dirty trick."

Now, will you believe me, who was the best in which he could earn his living. He was not born and that it was a "mean, dirty trick."

Now, will you believe me, who was the best in which he could earn his living. He was not born and the necessary ingredients to properties. His people had to work for a living also. He believed he would be the same fair show in our courts that in public life in this province for many would have to be brought to the Bounds. man that got up and tried to ward off the assault of Capt. Tatlow? It was ter and continued applause.)

Now, Mr. Chairman, I know that a lot of people in Victoria do not agree

the same fair show in our courts that any body else have—treat rich and poor apples have—treat rich and poor apples. He didn't come into the great to come. He didn't come into the didn't come into the great to come. He didn't come into the contest to be defeated by Col. Prior or apples to come. He didn't come into the contest to be defeated by Col. Prior or apples to come. He didn't come into the contest to be defeated by Col. Prior or apples to come. He didn't intend to shirk any issue. He didn't intend to shirk any issue. He didn't pretend to know nearly as much as Smith Curtis about labor questions. The contest to be defeated by Col. Prior or apples to come. He didn't come into the contest to be defeated by Col. Prior or apples to come. He didn't intend to shirk any issue. He didn't pretend to know nearly as much as Smith Curtis about labor questions. And the contest to be defeated by Col. Prior or apples to come. He didn't come into the contest to be defeated by Col. Prior or apples to come. He didn't come into the contest to be defeated by Col. Prior or apples to come. He didn't intend to shirk any issue. He didn't pretend to know nearly as much as Smith Curtis about labor questions. And the contest to be defeated by Col. Prior or apples to come. He didn't come into the any country to be economically treated.

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lot of people in Victoria do not agree with me, but I have always thought myself that Governor McInnes was constitutionally right in what he did, and should not have had his head cut off. I was glad to agree with Premier Duns-

Dunsmuir had this bill thrown out. Do the debates, but when these votes came would be accept the bill?

We describe the such was arr, martin! He would be accept the bill?

Mr. Dunsmuir—"No, certa pressing surprise why I did not follow I must hasten on. The Coast Kootenay and work, or he would, if injoined and applause.)

Lim, why Mr. Gilmour did not follow railway was forced forward, and the persisting in it, be guilty of contempt of Col. Prior allens were to be excluded from working on the railway, unless it was proven ing on the railway, unless it was proven bill out all your unions in this city will in the Dunsmuir government throws that bill out all your unions in this city will in Mr. Bodwell then went on to explain

> in his own bill and the bills of his sense of the word. Every man who finds was the Crow's Nest Southern railway myself to him. I say this to you. At income from coal and other taxes where we now get nothing. What does that of this Dunsmuir government out of your \$15,000,000. He wanted to kill/that bill, brick—to make you support an utterly as he said the Dominion would disallow bad government, then I do not know and Japanese on his projected railway what is true and just how can you elect that he is not a friend of labor, but a (We won't.) very great friend of the Chinese and Japanese? However, the House deserted him and I got the alien clause put form. into every railway bill and his fake Railway Aid bill, too, though he and Mr. Prentice and Mr. Eberts voted against mier Dunsmuir were not present to hear

it to the last. How shall we deal with labor when about. I cannot go over that ground Helmcken providing where a company was chartered to build a reilway attain is not in an independent position? Is there anything we can do? Yes, there is compulsory arbitration on the lines of is utterly bad, and it does the things I the Natal test of being able to read was to be applied. I undertook to enlarge that to make it apply to mines and to court where employer and employee can elect Mr. Bodwell. (Cheers.) You can settle their differences as to wages or never have first-class government if you anything else. A standard white man's condone these bad acts. Are you going wage in any calling can shut out Oriento let them buy you with their schemes?

But who must you blame for that? Who arbitration Act would be brought in, and is the man that marks out the policy of Mr. Dunsmuir answered "No." But I give your votes for Col. Prior, because the government and his followers? It say that that act will go through the by entering that government he endorses is the Premier. He told you on Monday House. We must have that act. They the past actions of the Dunsmuir government. night that he is the whole government of British Columbia, (Laughter).

What are you laughing at? That is only too true; so far as I can see, so far as his own interests go, and so far as be enough to satisfy most people—that of legislation that can affect after a thorough investigation the judge. We must have that act. They are adopting it in Quebec. They sent is published by the Premier you will find it to be a fake, a bad bargain, only too true; so far as I can see, so far as the enough to satisfy most people—that will not stand. You want men in office who will try to give you the best every bit of legislation that can affect after a thorough investigation the judge fice who will try to give you the best his interest is concerned. You cannot came back and reported to New South name any act that has ever gone through Wales that it was a first-class thing. which has been of general benefit to the and that state has recently adopted the people and injurious to him. Take the act. But I would like to say this with al tax. Mr. McInnes has truly stated regard to the Arbitration Act. While that he took 5 cents off coal and then I am determined to fight for and get raised the price of 50 cents a ton.

Mr. McInnes also had a bill there by the floor of the House that that act which the Chinese and Japanese were must not be abused. Capital must not Bodwell. (Cheers.) Now, just one word and I am through. (Cries, "Go on, go

friends.

it necessary the year round, with perThere was one bill into which he was haps a little vacation, to work at his willing to let this clause go, and that calling is a laboring man, and I address bill. This railway will bring us \$500,000 this election on the 10th of March, if mean? It means making a dead asset minds and allow it by putting before into an income producing equivalent to you some little scheme-possibly a gold bills having it in. It would also, I sup- how you are going to bring good governpose, keep him from employing Chinese ment to this country. If you stand by extension. Cheers.) Is it not a truth Col. Prior on that 10th day of March?

Col. Prior and Mr. Dunsmuir then arrived and took their places on the plat-Mr. Curtis continued: It is a matter

mier Dunsmuir were not present to hear what I have just been speaking to you als. (No, no.) If you believe what I have Last session Mr. McInnes asked if this told you here with regard to the record government, who will look after your affairs properly, and elect men who stand for high principle. You cannot afford to be purchased by gold bricks. (Apgrind will not support the government. These are the men that elected Mr. Gifford in New Westminster. (Cheers.) These are the men I see before me and

> on.") I say this, if Mr. Bodwell is elected on the 10th of March, and I believe he will be elected, he will owe it to the working classes, and I do not believe

good natured banter and interruptions; the meeting in AO.U.V. We could say. You give us a captured banter and interruptions; day orening. Every seat in the building was occuped, the galleries were crowded and many stood at the entrances and was also and a sea capitalists, and in the coulding was occupied, the galleries were crowded and many stood at the entrances and in which are also as the county of the county. Cloud appliance of the county of

Mr. Bodwell was through. Mr. Bodwell, continuing, said that the master of the government cared nothing for Mr. Dunsmuir's interests or the interests of the province, but was only Scotch families?" looking after his own selfish interests. He then severely scored Mr. Dunsmuir and Col. Prior for making a discreditable and Col. Prior for making a discreditable dr. Dunsmu Henry Croft." ers were instructed to say that the issue was Prior and the Canada Sonthern vs. Bodwell and the V., V. & E. He laughter.) I am in favor of the V., V. & E. then proved that there was no strong friend of the Canada Northern railway than himself, and that he was a supporter of the measure when Mr. Dunsmuir was using all his influence to burke

solutely at the mercy of Mr. Martin.

Mr. Martin to-day had Mr. Dunsmuir

only not confidence in me they held down hand and foot to a redistrisee the province ten times the size it is bution scheme, which took a member now. I thank you for the attention you from Victoria.

Mr. Dunsmuir—"It is not so."
Mr. Bodwell said he would not take
Mr. Dunsmuir's words for it. He would compassionate clerk to go to sleep on a form made this declaration, that if the ent, but they cannot sue for the dambench in the office. Ladies told me too Dominion government disallowed our legace they have suffered—the loss of their for years. Where was Mr. Martin? He

sleeping with exhaustion, just as they had come in from the night shift, too utterly weary even to remove their clothes." Listen to this: "Often the whole family, except the baby actually in the cradle, is in the mill. Two or in the clearly out that the sequent those men who were the slunk out in the corridor and shirthed down at the request of the corridor and the slunk out in the corridor and shirthed them who were the slunk out in the corridor and the clearly out. Them the slunk out in the corridor and shirthed them who were the slunk out in the corridor and the corr them on the platform, and would extend the platform the platform

Col. Prior—"Your partner was there."
Mr. Bodwell—"Mr. Duff did not know him there. Now, when the Premier of Premier said he was very anxious to the province does not do his duty and have the road built. He put advertise-bring forward this Tatlow act again, Mr. Martin does not see anything ob-meters and one of the conditions was that all jectionable in the speech from the silings was to be developed from the silings was to be going for contempt of court, and the court can immediately anything about the negotiations; he had other work to attend to. I know all the silings was to be developed from the silings was to be developed from the silings was to be going for contempt of court, and the court can immediately anything about the negotiations; he had on the silings was to be developed from the silings was to be said to investigate the court of the court can immediately anything about the negotiations; he had on the court can immediately anything about the negotiations; he had on the court can immediately anything about the negotiations; he had on the court can immediately anything about the negotiations; he had on the court can immediately anything about the negotiations; he had on the court can immediately anything about the negotiations; he had on the court can immediately anything about the negotiations; he had only the silver was the court of the court can immediately anything about the negotiations; he had on the court can immediately anything about the negotiat

to the satisfaction of the LieutenantGovernor in council that it was really be liable to have their funds taken away necessary to employ them. When the various railway bills came up before the a great believer in trade unions. Trade Mr. McInnes: He said there was nothing objectionable in the Speaker's speech.

Mr. Smith Curtis: What did he say?

Mr. McInnes: You stated it correctly the said there was nothing in the standing that the V., V. & E. was to standing that the V., V. & E. was to be built right through to the coast. (Loud applause.) The V., V. & E. rails opinion was not the opinion of the Victoria people in that strict ly refused to let this alien clause go in ly refused to let this alien clause go in ly refused to let this alien clause go in ly refused to let this alien clause go in ly refused to let this alien clause go in ly refused to let this alien clause go in ly refused to let this alien clause go in ly refused to let this alien clause go in ly refused to let this alien clause go in ly refused to let this alien clause go in ly refused to let this alien clause go in ly refused to let this alien clause go in ly refused to let this alien clause go in ly refused to let this alien clause go in ly refused to let this alien clause go in ly refused to let this alien clause go in ly refused to let this alien clause go in ly refused to let this alien clause go in ly refused to let this alien clause go in later than the v., v. & E. was to be built right through to the coast. (Loud applause.) The v., v. & E. was to be built right through to the coast. (Loud applause.) The v., v. & E. rails way scheme was approved by the C. P. R. and a strong lobby directed against it.

Mr. Dunsmuir—"It is not so." (Jeers.)

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Mr. Dunsmuir-"It is not so." (Jeers.) Mr. Bodwell said the C. P. R. thought they could not control the House, so they directed their lobby not against th House, but the government, and they wanted any impossible contract made outside the House. Mr. Dunsmuir-"You would have got

t if you would build the whole road." Mr. Bodwell-"It is not so, and you tion with him as to whether the concan't ram that down my throat, because

I know better."

Mr. Dunsmuir—"I'll try any way." Mr. Bodwell, continuing, said that Mr. should want to turn out a government who brought forward such a contract. better than had yet been offered, wouldn't he arrange to build a portion of the line immediately without the Dominion subsidy? He then wrote Mr. Hill and got from him authority to offer vote against you." (Applause.) to build thirty miles at each end without waiting for the Dominion subsidy. (Loud applause.) It was said that the first thirty miles from Cascade was in-tended to haul the Boundary ores to Republic camp.

Mr. Dunsmuir-"That's right." Mr. Bodwell-"You say that's right, that's altogether wrong. "Loud cheers.) If you listen to me you'll learn something." (Renewed cheers.)

that the thirty miles at this end was intended to give connection with ferry, which Victoria had already bonu Mr. Dunsmuir—"What good is it?"
Mr. Bodwell—"It made you cut your
rates (Great cheering.) You will learn that unless you treat Victoria fairly, that tin-pot ferry will put you out of

business." (Loud cheers.) Mr. Bodwell pointed out that if it was the intention of the Great Northern to build the eastern section to reach Republic and the western section to connect with ferry, would they be fools enough to build sixteen miles on the eastlause.) The men who have no axes to ern side ending nowhere, and twelve miles on the western side going nowhere in order to get a \$4,000 subsidy? He read from documents to show that the offer was absolutely for the conthe offer was absolutely for the construction of the whole line through from anything to do with it. (Applause.)

Cascade to the coast and that not one dollar of the subsidy was to be paid entitled the road was completed and sufficiently the construction and construction and construction and construction. who on the 10th of March will elect Mr. the working classes, and I do not believe he will forget it. (Great cheering.)

Mr. Bodwell.

E. V. Bodwell's reception was equally as warm as that given Mr. Curtis, He

want to accept a bona fide offer, and put impossible conditions in contracts—conditions which no company would accept without violating the provisions of the planse.)

Canada Raifway Act. When he suggested amendments the only reply he cheers for the King and Mr. Bodwell.

Voices-"Quite right." (Laughter.) Mr. Dunsmuir-"Is that charterongers and railway shareholders-

A Voice-"What did you do with the Another Voice-"What about Henry

Mr. Dunsmuir-"I can explain about Mr. Dunsmuir-"I am here to look after the people's interests. (Derisive

Voices-"Read the contract. Can't

the scheme.

Mr. Bodwell ridiculed the idea that
Mr. Dunsmuir would successfully carry
through the scheme since he was so absolutely at the mercy of Mr. Martin.

A Voice—"Where's Eberts's map?"
Mr. Dunsmuir—"I wish that Mr. Eberts was here. I will stake my reputation on the Canada Northern cononly put confidence in me, they would have given me.'

Capt. Tatlow.

Capt. Tatlow was loudly cheered. He ture a copy of the draft of the contract was handed down at the request of the Mr. Dunsmuir—"No, certainly not."

Mr. Bodwell—"Then Mr. Martin will opposition. He then gave a concise re ticable and consequently the contractors refused to go on. (Loud cheers.)

Mr. Curtis—"What about taxation?"

Capt. Tatlow-"The lands are exempt from taxation."

throw back in the teeth of a corrupt (Loud applause.)

Voices-"You ought to be." Col. Prior was a working man. had to work hard this week. (Laugh-

ter.) He stood here as a member of the government and he was ready to justify every act of the government. A Voice-"You will be left at home." Col. Prior said it was simply a questract was a good one or not.

Voices—"It is no good."

Col. Prior—I don't see why they should want to turn out a government position to the V., V. & E. was strong.

Ald. Grahame—"That doesn't forgive their past sins. (Loud applause.) Mr. Matson-"Were Capt. Tatlow's Col. Prior--"Yes: perfectly true"

Mr. Matson-"Then Victorians will Col. Prior-"I have been a good mem-A Voice-"We don't want you corrupt-

R. McBride Richard McBride, the leader of the opposition, said that the wholesome ring which had been once 'heard in Col. Prior's speeches was lacking. plause.) If Col. Prior was sincere how could he reconcile his statements that Mr. Bodwell said that it was also said he knew about the railway negotiations months with the fact that it was only a few days ago that he could be induced to run as a supporter of the Dunsmuir government? The true fact was that he gets in the fight at the eleventh hour and tries to railway himself through the election on (Loud cheers.)

Prior said that if it was not a binding agreement he would resign. Col. Prior—"So I will." Mr. McBride-"Well, Colonel, it is not binding agreement, so resign like a (Great cheers.) If Col. Prior was sincere he owed it to the people of Victoria to resign. It simply gives contractors authority to

cient surety given for its operation and mainteance. The government didn't want to accept a bona fide offer, and put of the House. Are they ashamed of