

may cut the cedar into shingle bolts and put it into the water at your price.' The shingle man said, 'Very well,' and I went to work and built a ten-roomed house, at a cost of fifteen dollars—"

A voice: "Union labor." (Laughter.)

Mr. Cowan (smiling): "At a cost of fifteen hundred dollars. I bought a complete outfit and put in a white camp, and put that Japanese camp out of business. (Cheers.) Ladies and gentlemen, to that extent I am guilty, and to that extent I ask your pardon and your suffrance. (Applause.) I would not have had the immodesty to tell you that, if I had not been attacked as I have been. That is only one of the things that I have done in the interests of white labor in this city and this province.

"It is true that on the fifth of October, last year, Mr. McInnes and I—in my feeble way, he in his eloquent, thundering way—were denouncing Sir Wilfrid Laurier and the immigration of Asiatics. I had, at a cost of \$3,000, put in a white camp to take out shingle bolts, driving out the Japanese. When my friend McInnes goes down into his pocket, instead of into his mouth, to help white labor to the same extent, I tell you what I will do for him. I will pay the wages of his Chinese servant in his house. (Applause, laughter and cries of "Give it to him, Cowan.")

"It is not that I am blaming Mr. McInnes for having a very expert Chinese cook in his kitchen; because, seriously, my principle is that when we allow these aliens to land, to put foot off the water on to our shores, it is our bounden duty, in order to preserve our national honor, to treat them as ourselves. (Hear, hear," and "No, no.") It is our bounden duty to protect them in life and limb, it is our bounden duty not to treat them inhumanly, and while it is a fact that Mr. McInnes has a Chinese servant, I am not laying that at his door as a charge. What I am charging is that he is aiding and abetting Sir Wilfrid Laurier in permitting these people to come to our shores. (Applause.)

"Seriously, again, what other Liberal would get on a platform and attack a man on a point of honor without being sure of his facts?" (None but Billy McInnes.) Would you condone me for a moment, if I stood before you, an intelligent body of citizens, and deliberately, or recklessly, falsified the facts? ("No.") If I am not speaking the truth it is an easy matter for anybody in this audience, for any voter in this city, to

come to me. I have here under seal the contracts by which I ousted the Japanese from my land and put in a white camp. And the blackguardism of a man who will recklessly and without knowing the facts, dare to make these statements! On September 10th I was his friend and a gentleman; in October last year, I was not only his friend, but I was thundering, he says, in ringing tones of denunciation against the immigration of Asiatics, and condemning the same man as he was condemning—Sir Wilfrid Laurier. Assuredly, if I had a friend such as that, a man interested at heart in the same great question, I would, before I attempted to make any statements of fact against him, make some effort at least to verify those statements.

"And now, dismissing our wandering Willie from our minds and getting down to serious things that affect the future of this city, of British Columbia, and of Canada, what do we exactly mean by the Asiatic question? Do we mean, as I stated in October last year, in the Labor Hall, that this torrent of alien yellow blood shall be stopped? Is not that the attitude of 90 per cent. of the people of British Columbia? Do we not know that these people are gradually encroaching, gradually monopolising all the smaller industries in British Columbia?"

A voice: "What about city contracts?"

Mr. Cowan: "I will deal with that in a moment, and just as effectively as I have done with Bowen Island. (Cries of "Give it to them; don't spare them.")

"What is the question? Am I not right in saying that the question is whether this Asiatic influx shall be restricted or stopped?" ("Stopped.")

"Stopped you want it. Is it not a fact that 90 per cent. of the people want that influx stopped? Let us see how we are going to attain that end? Let us be reasonable, and look into the party led by Sir Wilfrid Laurier, and the party led by Mr. Borden. The one or the other will control the destinies of the Dominion for the next five years."

A voice: "What about Joe Martin's party?" (Laughter.)

Mr. Cowan: "If Joe Martin were of a party that was likely to control the destinies of the Dominion for the next five years then there might be a reason for his candidature." (Laughter.)

"In 1894 there was in Japan a wonderful awakening. The Japanese entered into a treaty with Great Britain, into a treaty with the United States,