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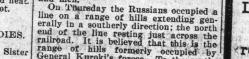
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was in this was a wharf at Ladysmith. If permitted, the government would con-tinue to make promises and do nothing more. But it was not empty promises the people of British Columbia were looking for, but practical work in the building up of their immense industries and resources. The Conservative govern-ment was pledged to a progressive poli-cy, and would redeem its pledge (ap-plause). Therefore, the necessity for electing a Conservative government. Mr. C. M. Woodworth was the next speaker. He dwelt at length on the rot-tenness of the Yukon administration, which he proved was impoverishing the country while enrichinng a few of friends of the Liberal government. He is poke of the immensely rich mineral de riends of the Liberal government. He a spoke of the immensely rich mineral de-posits of the north and showed how it they were being grabbed by eastern poli-ticians through their official appointees in the Yukon, and went on to show that with proper government the northern country would grow and prosper, and that in this growth and prosper, and that in this growth and prosperty the t people of Victoria, Vancouver, etc., would share. The speaker attributed the backwardness of the Yukon to Lib-eral maladministration, and appealed to

the backwardness of the Yukon to Lib-eral maladministration, and appealed to the honest electors of Victoria to do their duty in turning down the govern-ment which rendered such dis raceful state of affairs as existed there possible. Colonel Prior on coming forward was received with great enthusiasm. He said it had been stated that he would not contest this election with any degree of fervor or enrestness, but those who knew him, knew that he never wilted, and that having been nominated he would put up the most vigorous fight which he was capable. (Applause.) "I am no quitter," added the colonel. "I am not fighting for Colonel Prior, but for the great Conservative party, who hav always proved themselves worthy of the country and equal to their pledges." always proved themselves worthy of the country and equal to their pledges." They had heard from Mr. Woodworth of the maladministration of the Laurie, government in the Yukon, and any per-son knowing the state of affairs there must be convinced that the Liberal party are long enough in power. When that party was elected to office in 1896, they were loud in their promises as to what they would do. They promised to curb

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heard of it. Next there was a meeting of the various premiers, all demanding better terms for their provinces. but as far as British Columbia was concerned nothing was done. Premier McBride then wrote asking for a reply, but was informed that the Liberal Government did not see that British Columbia had any norticular claims and if it hed to

informed that the Liberal Government did not see that British Columbia had any particular claims, and if it had to make a public question of it. This was now what the people should do, and do it by the ballot box (applause). British Columbia had special claims. The prov-ince was an immense one, and to devel-op it required the building of roads, bridges, harbors, etc., to which the gov-ernment of the Dominion should con-tribute. Sir Wilfrid Laurier says the province was not entitled to any special subsidy, but Mr. Borden, the Conserv-ative leader, admitted that it was, and was prepared to grant it. Was not then, the Conservative party entitled to their support? Hear, hear). Their duty was to elect Colonel Prior, and then they would get justice and all that they were entitled to. If they did not do so, then it would be said that British Columbia was sifted with the treatment she was receiving. To return a Liberal candidate would be to endorse the action of the government which denied to this great province her just dues. The Liberal party had broken its promises on every hand, as far as British Columbia was con-cerned, and proved itself unworthy the support of the people. When Hon. Mr. Prefontaine was here recently he prom-ised the people of Vancouver a hatchery. (Laughter.) They were also promised great harbor improvements, but all there was in this was a wharf at Ladysmith. If permitted, the government woud con-tinue to make promises and do nothing