

APPENDIX

Editorial which was published in Vancouver on the 6th of August in the British Columbia Federationist (the official organ of the Labor Party in British Columbia):

Mr. Bowser, at his meeting last week, seemed to be under the impression that he was uncorking an absolutely new piece of information when he told the audience that the Rev. Cooke, one of the sponsors of the pamphlet, "The Crisis in B. C.," was a Liberal. Perhaps it really was news to the majority of the Conservative voters present. But it was not news to us. Neither do we think it was Mr. Cooke's fault if the fact was not generally known. For as far as our recollection goes he has never hidden his political faith under a bushel. We have had personal acquaintance with him for some time. And certainly to us he has never dissembled or disguised his Liberal opinions.

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Indeed, on the other hand, he has always appeared to derive genuine pride and satisfaction from that fact. Further than that, unless he has changed his views of late, he is convinced that the working class should support Liberal politics. On the occasions of his visits to our office he has sometimes discussed this; and when Vancouver Trades and Labor Council decided to put a ticket of its own into the field at the coming Provincial elections, Mr. Cooke expressed the opinion that the Council would be well-advised to merge its political efforts and aspirations with those of the Liberal Party. That was not the opinion of the Council. Nor was it ours. But it was obviously the firm, if—as we believe—misguided, conviction of the Rev. Cooke. As to the truth or otherwise of the statements contained in "The Crisis in B. C.," that is another matter. But just why Mr. Bowser should think he had made a unique discovery when he learned that Mr. Cooke was a Liberal, is something of a puzzle. We have known it for some time, and we certainly do not think he will feel much put out about all the world knowing he is a Liberal.