

of unsettled territory between the Upper Ottawa and British Columbia, we were not in a position to undertake the responsibilities of governing the country upon the Pacific coast. He held that railway construction, if needed in British Columbia, was a work to be undertaken by Imperial rather than by Canadian authority. He was opposed to pledging Canada to the construction of a continuous line of railway to the Pacific, as wholly beyond the resources of this country. Favours the government of Can. by the Can. Parlt., and not by despatches from the Colonial Office. Holds that power to legislate upon the subjects of navigation and shipping carries with it power to establish Courts to adjudicate upon matters arising under such legislation, in accordance with the well settled rules of the maritime laws. Favours a national policy, based not upon principles of commercial exclusion but upon principles of commercial extension. Thinks Canada has outgrown the condition of an ordinary colony. She has commercial relations with foreign States, in which she alone is interested, and which she alone ought to regulate and control on her own behalf. Is opposed to the people's representatives abdicating their functions, either by failing to maintain effective control over the expenditure of the national resources or by surrendering to the Crown and Privy Council an important part of their legislative functions. Does not regard an enormous public debt as a national blessing; and believes that the prosperity of the country is to be promoted by habits of economy among the people, by encouraging a feeling of self reliance and personal independence, and by fostering a spirit of patriotism—not funkism—by which the interest, the prosperity and the honour of Canada are made the paramount duty of their representatives, and not upon gigantic and costly works built in wild and uninhabitable regions. Considers the present state as one of transition, and regards the Confederation of the Empire, for certain specified purposes, as the most satisfactory solution of our political future.—*Palmyra, Ont.*

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