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ANOTHER LETTER TO THE PEOPLE

PREMIER SUPPLEMENTS HIS FORMER MESSAGE

Deals With the Claims of British
Columbia, Railways and Several
Other Matters.

To the Editor:—A few days ago, in an
open letter to the people of British Col-
umbia, I outlined in a general way my own
position and the position of the govern-
ment. And I now wish to supplement
my former remarks with others, and in-
tentionally to meet the objections that
have been raised. I have not been dis-
appointed with the reception with which
the government's declaration has been
received. As I felt certain when our
course of action and policy were fully
understood, much of the opposition—the
result of misapprehension—would dis-
appear, and that they would be gener-
ally won by the electors, more espe-
cially when they have read my letter
to Sir Wilfrid, which I have permission
to publish.

Among other things, an impression is
sought to be conveyed—more especially
by our representations to Ottawa have
become an issue in the present federal
campaign in Victoria—that the govern-
ment is endeavoring to create a feeling
of antagonism against the Dominion
by the people of this province. This is
unfair and untrue. In all the corres-
pondence with the Dominion authorities
there is not a word of reproach, not a
breath of menace, not a single un-
friendly utterance. I have been most
friendly and courteous to Sir Wilfrid
Laurier in perfect confidence, open
and above board, because I have
all along believed him to be a statesman
who can rise above party considerations
whenever the interests of the country
are at stake, and who is willing to do
justice to all sections of Canada alike.
It is quite natural, however, that he
will be influenced by his supporters in
British Columbia, and if our representa-
tives at Ottawa are not ultimately suc-
cessful, it will be because they have not
had the endorsement and support of
those who are his political advisors and
friends, or that the hostility of other
parts of Canada will prevent success.
I have charged that one reason why our
mission to Ottawa has not been so far
successful has been because we did not
take the representatives of British Col-
umbia into our confidence. On this occasion,
however, I have sent each of these rep-
resentatives a copy of the letter to the
prime minister, requesting his co-opera-
tion and support in behalf of our claims.
I have done this in full confidence, and
prejudiced on account of political con-
siderations, I am averse to having the
question of just terms for British Col-
umbia becoming a party cry of either
Liberalism or Conservatism. I want, so
far as I am concerned, to see our claims made the sub-
ject of unanimous demand on the part
of the people of this province to the
Dominion government, not as against the
Liberal or any other government that
may be in power. We must depend on
the justice of our cause and the fair-
mindedness of the people of the sister
provinces, rather than upon political
forces. The balance of power still lies
east of the Great Lakes, and the pre-
dominance of sentiment there must for
some time to come continue to govern.
We must convince them by absolute
facts of our rights, and that in the pro-
sperity and development of British Col-
umbia, which is involved, depends to a
large extent the greatness of their own
land. If we are denied justice at the
hands of Eastern Canada, we must then
carry our grievances to the foot of the
throne itself, where the petition of the
humblest of British subjects will not be
decried as hearing. A condition of things
in which we pay three times the average
per capita tax of the people of Canada,
to the Dominion treasury—an amount
which bears the ratio of three to one to
the purpose for which the province for all
purposes is three or four times as large
as other provinces; in which, by our
removal from the great centers of trade
goods consumed in the Dominion, we
live in Ontario or Quebec; and in which,
at the same time, we have to depend
upon those which are identical and not
greater than those of other provinces, is
one which must find a solution in the
negotiations which we have begun, or
in the application of other remedies
which the future will disclose. It is an
unpleasant contest of development as at
present. If we are so handicapped by
natural conditions and by the terms of
Treaty, which are admittedly hard to
adjust, how much more difficult will it
be to accomplish what we have in view
if those to whom the people look as
their political leaders and representa-
tives not only fail to back up our efforts
but actually belittle them, for no other
reason than that they are not by the
"Dominion government." If that be
the highest conception of party politics
that is to govern this province, then I
am thankful I am not a politician.

Let it be understood once for all that
this government has not attempted to
state terms to the government at Ot-
tawa, and that it has not asked for
more money than it has a right to
the privilege of spending it. On a former
occasion we asked for a conference to
enable a delegation to lay our views
before the Dominion government. In
those we made in connection with the
land down no hard and fast lines; we
merely suggested agreement. I defy any
man to place his finger on a sentence in
the whole correspondence up to the
present time that is not friendly, not
sincere in promoting mutual interests,
and not justified by the facts we have
now asked for a conference. We have
now evidence to be submitted, the

claims of the province for better terms,
and in the letter to Sir Wilfrid Laurier
now published, the country will have an
opportunity to judge as to the validity
of the grounds upon which our proposal
is based.

I now ask those who take exception to
the course which the government has
pursued to state definitely and unquali-
fiedly, over their own signatures,
whether the representations made to Ot-
tawa are proper and in the public in-
terest.

Whether or not the facts stated there-
in and the conclusion drawn are cor-
rect:

Whether or not, in that case, we did
right in making such representations
and in pressing our claims as we did:

Whether or not the representation is now
right in continuing to press those claims
and in asking for a convention for their
disposal:

Whether or not they will unite in sup-
porting them:

Whether or not, if our cause has been
in the interests of the province, the gov-
ernment is entitled to any credit for its
efforts in this respect.

And whether or not, under such cir-
cumstances, the failure so far, to secure
recognition of our claims or reply to our
representations, is to laid at the door
of this government.

Let our opponents, too, take up the
different planks of our platform and say
whether they are sound, practical and
worthy of support.

The argument is accused of adopt-
ing Mr. Martin's and Mr. Smith Curtis's
railway policy. Even if that were true,
it is no good reason why it should not
be adopted if it were a right policy;
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