

same, with the names of stockholders and the dividends paid to them from the first, made to Parliament and the country.

It is to be hoped that the approaching session will not be allowed to pass over without this being done. Whichever one of our western members will take the matter in hand, demand the returns, and insist upon their being made—will deserve well of the people, and their efforts will not be overlooked by any class of society.

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#### THE HUGE MONOPOLY.—PETITIONS FOR ITS ABATEMENT.

A letter which Mr. David Glass communicated to this journal a few days since on the subject of the Canada Company, has attracted considerable attention and favorable comment in the section in which the Great Monopoly holds its sway. In our issue of to-day another letter appears on the same subject, which we commend for perusal. The fact seems to be that either by design or necessity the Canada Company no longer performs the functions expected of it, for the due exercise of which it obtained its immense tracts of land, lying chiefly in the counties of Huron and Perth. At present it occupies the position of a huge monopolist, offering lands for sale, it is true, but at such prices that render occupation of them impossible to the settler. Two hundred thousand acres of land are now held by them, in these two specified counties alone, thus retarding occupation, and obstructing the due advancement of the country. When a company holds such a position it becomes a public nuisance, and should be treated as such. It was so held in the case of the Clergy Reserve Lands, which, by lying in large blocks, retarded settlement. Public feeling and general necessity became too strong, and the Reserves were abolished, even though a strong sentiment of a religious kind was arrayed against such action. And the people in Perth and Huron feel that the time has come when some compulsory steps should be adopted in the case of the Canada Company. The Company has degenerated from the position of a useful association, opening up roads, attracting emigration, assisting the settler, and disposing of its land at a fair price, to that of a huge speculation. It no longer is content with a reasonable advance upon its lands, but holds out, after the manner of speculators, for the highest price it can obtain. It fattens upon the improvements going on around its domain, and fills its coffers by means entirely at variance with the objects its charter professes to have in view, viz., the opening up and settlement of the country. The hardships practiced under the irresponsible officers of this corporation would fill volumes, and no more heart-rending tales of settlement, of years unrequited toil and subsequent dispossession of lands, can be found in the annals of Canada, than the history of the operations of the Canada Company affords. It has ceased to improve and now obstructs. It has ceased to assist the settlement of the country, and now bars its progress. It has ceased to be satisfied with a fair return for its capital, but demands usurious prices for its lands, in order that individual shareholders may be benefitted, and a numerous and tyrannical executive in Toronto may be fed and grow rich. It is no wonder, therefore, that the public mind in Huron and Perth is agitated on the subject, and that memorials are about to be presented to Parliament, praying that the Company may be compelled to dispose of its lands, and no longer bar the progress of the country.