

Parliament. There is no fear that if after a fair trial, things do not suit means will be found to remedy them.

One of the things made much of is the loss of duty on steel rails, &c. Well, we can suppose, as Sir John Macdonald put it, had the Syndicate been compelled to pay duty, they would have required so much more money. Again, were the road built by the Government, as the Opposition clamor for, and not by a Syndicate or Company, where would the duty be? But, my friends, there is another way to put this question, but it is a secret known only to the initiated,—all the amount in question would not pay the blunder of *one* political Engineer, and you might count them by the dozen,—would not pay the subsidy of one set of political contract brokers on a single contract; and on how many contracts would we, the people, have to be bled by these vampires before we reached the Rocky Mountains?

No use to blame a Minister or Chief Engineer. Their hands were tied, and so far their tongues; they were compelled to appoint these men, I mean the Engineers, to work and positions they were perfectly incompetent to fill. The country's money was wasted and they were held responsible. Again, have we not reason to fear contracts were adjudged not to the proper men or those intitled to them, but to some political supporter. Those contracts, in some cases before all was done,—in most instances for political reasons—cost the country double the original contract price. Some room here to pay duty on steel rails to an honest company, or rather to relieve them of it. This is a question, or phase in it rather, none of our political friends care to touch upon, yet it concerns the people, and is a potent argument in favor of the Syndicate. As matters stand, no Government could be held responsible for such; in a manner it is the political immorality of the people, that is to blame; for the moment a Minister possesses the fatal power to be in a position to reward his supporters, he is compelled to do so or out he goes. As we cannot hope to educate the present generation up to the mark of even semi-political honesty, Sir John Macdonald and his Government are going to do the next best thing; they are going to remove the temptation, so as those gentlemen may with a clear conscience repeat the latter part of "the Lord's prayer," and in saying "lead us not into temptation," may with sincerity add "deliver us from evil doing."