

to take a broad view of her present difficulties. These men are coming to the front, and a calm and careful view of the situation will soon be taken. "Yellow Head" says, "of course we have heard threats," and he prophecies that more will yet be heard. In this, too, he is as far astray as ever. Canada shall hear no threats from us. With Confederation we are better off than without it. Is that any reason why Canada should seek to do as she pleases with us? We are few in numbers. Is that a fair and just excuse for Canada to neglect her obligations? We are comparatively weak; but we are a Province of the Dominion of Canada, into which we have entered with the most loyal and patriotic motives; to advance the settlement, the development, and the civilization of our common country, and we simply ask that the terms upon which we entered the Union shall be kept in our own interest, and in the interest of the Confederation as a whole. Let us trust, Sir, that moderate men, men capable of appreciating the real difficulty, will come forward prepared on both sides to make sacrifices for the common good. I am satisfied that the feeling in British Columbia is to put a stop to this unseemly quarrel, and while we can never forget that we have right and justice on our side, yet under the circumstances we should feel that we can afford to be somewhat magnanimous.

F. J. B.

Ottawa, 11th Feb., 1876.

REPLY TO THE *GLOBE'S* ARTICLE ON MY LETTER COMMENTING ON "TETE JAUNE CACHE'S."

TO THE EDITOR OF THE *GLOBE*:—SIR: Will you afford me space to refer to the editorial remarks in respect of my letter signed F. J. B., and published in your issue of the 18th inst. You intimate that I have written a "letter on British Columbia and her grievance against the Dominion." You will pardon me for saying this is not so. I simply, and in my own feeble way, sought to reply to an exceedingly ill-natured, insulting, and untruthful fling at British Columbia, and British Columbians, by one of your correspondents, and in doing so I endeavored carefully to avoid reference to the political aspect of affairs as they at present

exist between Canada and our Province, and merely touched upon it when it could not be avoided in replying to "Tete Jaune Cache's" communication.

It is somewhat flattering to me, however, to know that you found yourself compelled to go beyond the subject of my letter for matter wherewith to attack my letter, as you do when you enter into the discussion respecting the offer of \$750,000 recently made, and the Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railroad embroglio. It may possibly be a matter of surprise to you to know that many persons in British Columbia hold, and have ever held, the view that it would be utter folly to spend the millions required to build that piece of road before the work on the main line had been commenced, so that in that matter we can have no quarrel. It does strike me, however, as somewhat singular—and you will pardon me for saying so—that a letter of such a character as that written by "Yellow-head," a letter abounding in falsehood, vituperation, and misrepresentation, should be allowed to pass unchallenged, thus permitting it to be rolled up among the thousands of columns printed against the interest and in defamation of the most defenceless Province of our Dominion; and that mine, the first letter ever written in old Canada in her defence, should be assailed by you in an article one solid column in length. My object, sir, in troubling you with a reply was to show your correspondence was unworthy and that such articles as he contributes to your journal were calculated to do harm and to create a prejudice in the minds of the people he professed to enlighten against a Province already too little understood, and to warn them that his views were fallacious. If you want British Columbia to take a reasonable view of things you must put a stop to this wholesale denunciation of her people. It is unworthy of you to class us, as you do. You say that "you much doubt whether British Columbians have obtained the permission of Great Britain to sell Vancouver Island or any other part of the British Empire to a foreign State." I am prepared to grant that we have no such permission, but I have no difficulty in bringing to my mind that one of the arguments used by the *Globe* against the "Independence of Canada" movement was that it