

*Memorial to His Excellency the Earl of Minto, Governor-General,  
from Miss Higginson, referred to in foregoing memorandum.*

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Ottawa, March 24th, 1902.

TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY.

I beg permission respectfully to submit the following facts, and I humbly beg that your Excellency will direct that justice be done in the matter.

(1) I am a native born Canadian,—of late years have resided with my father Mr. H. Bingham Higginson in Liverpool, England. My father has a valid claim against the Government of Canada for services performed and money expended by him in constructing the Intercolonial Railway.

(2) Every year since the completion of the Intercolonial Railway in 1876, my father has pressed for a settlement of his claim, but no settlement has been vouchsafed to him.

(3) In January last year I was sent by my father to Canada to remain until a settlement be reached. I have been here fourteen months and exhausted all ordinary means of obtaining redress. I am at length constrained to approach your Excellency with my appeal for justice.

(4) That the claim is well founded, I ask your Excellency to permit me simply to state that the Chief Engineer of the Intercolonial Railway, certified that it was due him, in November, 1880.

(5) Since that date nothing has been paid my father, and the only reason which has been assigned for non-settlement is that the Government made a payment in 1878 to a company with which my father was connected, and it has been erroneously supposed that the services for which my father makes claim were covered by that payment. As a matter of fact, capable of absolute proof, my father makes no claim for any services included in that payment, but for services which have never been paid, and for which my father only has any claim. In evidence of the fact I beg leave to quote from a report of the Engineer in Chief, which I have seen since I arrived in Ottawa. It is dated November 4th, 1880, two years subsequent to the date of the payment referred to in 1878.