

now in hand in British Columbia, can approach in importance the enforcing of justice on this Company and the overflow of their influence, on the accomplishing of which the very life of Vancouver Island and the good government of the whole Province depend. Let all who love their country unite as one man for that end. No matter what you may have against your local candidate, even if he be, indeed, a farmer and neighbor, and though perhaps you might have preferred some other man yourself, yet once chosen give him your hearty support; go and vote for him yourself, and bring your neighbors along to vote for him, against the Company's man. *Y*

The following suggestions are ventured on matters of importance, perhaps not sufficiently impressed on the public mind.

I hope that no one who takes the country's side will descend to personalities in the contest. One despairs of pointing out how contemptible is such conduct; so weak, so foolish, and usually so unjust. Especially should none of the resident shareholders of the E. & N. be so much as mentioned. We have to do with the Company only, not with its shareholders; indeed we seek not to injure the Company even, but to redress its misconduct, and to destroy the malign political influence centred round it. It should be remembered that the majority of the shareholders are not British; half the stock is said to be owned by C. P. Huntingdon, the Crockers, and the Southern Pacific gang. We are fighting not so much against individuals as against grasping corporations, against evil practices, and against a low standard of duty and honour in regard to the public affairs. The false position of the E. & N. Railway Company is demoralising our public life. They are repudiating their duty, enforcing unfounded claims, and endeavouring to retain for their own a vast property that does not belong to them, and are seeking safety and success in their ill deeds by varied personal influence on individual ministers, members and voters.

The first step towards a healthy public life is to put the Company in its proper place, with its rights determined, its influence destroyed, and nothing to hope or fear from politics.