



### PARDEE'S TRIUMPH.

Ultimate attitude of the Timber Limit Barons who kicked against the increased Provincial fees. *Vivat Pardee!*

### AN INTERVIEW WITH VAN HORNE.

MR. GRIP, feeling dissatisfied with the statements of the daily press re the alleged proposed C.P.R. deal, sent his dapper Young Man to have a private interview with Mr. Van Horne.

Mr. V. H. was found upon a crimson plush throne in the bejewelled presence-chamber of the Head Offices, and received our Young Man with his customary courtesy.

"Just one moment of your Gracious Highness' time," pleaded our Young Man, dropping gracefully for a moment on one knee, and then assuming the air of equality which so well becomes the emissary of a Great Power.

"I am yours to command," said Mr. Van Horne blandly, but with a touch of irony in his voice.

"It is reported," began our Interviewer, "that the C.P.R. has a new deal on foot—either \$10,000,000 more cash from the public treasury, or a perpetual guarantee of three per cent. to the stockholders of the railway from the same source. Is there any truth in this?"

"Not a word!" promptly replied Mr. Van Horne.

"Ah!—you do not know how you relieve me!" ejaculated our Young Man.

"I hope you didn't believe this of us," said Mr. Van Horne, with a tremble in his voice and a moistening eye.

"Well—er—I don't know but I did do you that injustice," responded our Interviewer—"but I'm glad I was wrong. Can you tell me how such a vile canard got afloat, Mr. Van Horne?"

"I think I can guess," replied the Manager, frankly. "It was a case of mix-up—such as sometimes occurs. We made a proposition to the Government lately, and it has been wrongly interpreted by those who got the facts incorrectly."

"Indeed? What was it?"

"Well," resumed Mr. Van Horne, "I suppose I may as well tell you. We offered to give three per cent. of our gross earnings to our employees by way of increase of salaries, and to donate \$10,000,000 to the public till to relieve the weight of our monopoly in the North-West. You see how our proposition has got twisted?"

"Yes, most infamously twisted," exclaimed our Young Man, warmly. "May I enquire if you have any plans for the future you can make known?"

"Well—er—nothing special, beyond our intention to pay back at once the money we have borrowed from the Government; to relinquish all the unjust rights we have secured, to release the land we now hold to actual settlers free of charge, to carry freight and passengers at fair and moderate rates, and to divide our earnings with the deserving poor."

"Is that all?" queried our Representative.

"For the present, yes," replied Mr. Van Horne. "We have plans of a strictly philanthropic nature in view, but they cannot be made known as yet. You can simply say in the meantime that the C.P.R. is an unmixed blessing to the Dominion, and that it will not cost the country a cent."

"Thanks," said our Reporter.

He then withdrew.

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