

said in the beginning it is hard sometimes to be a Government, it is doubly hard to be a Prime Minister.

The question of the hour is not simply Syndicate or no Syndicate, it means Country or no Country, in so far as it means are we to remain a set of semi-detached Provinces notwithstanding Confederation, or are we to become a mighty Kingdom, bound together by an iron band of communication, a Country teeming with inhabitants, not a prairie desert for our legislators to extol, and year after year and make meaningless speeches about. The country is sick of this, sick of partizan politics carried to such an extent as would sink the country's good for a generation to come if they could blacken or kill Sir John Macdonald. They remind me of a section of Scotch Liberals in, I think, 1867, when Earl Beaconsfield, then Mr. Disraeli, carried the Reform Bill; although it was virtually their own measure, they would rather want it than accept it at the hands of the Conservative party. So now with the Opposition; the most damaging point in the Syndicate bargain is that it has been proposed, perfected and will be carried through by Sir John Macdonald and his Government.

When the people of Canada, led astray by the former, and for the time too successful agitation of the Liberal Party, supported by all that was anti-Canadian in the United States, were induced to give these men a trial, what was the result? Millions of money wasted, time lost, and neither road nor emigrants, unless we accept those of the latter who were attracted to Kansas by the anti-patriotic speeches of some of our would-be Canadian Statesmen.

The Opposition and indeed some of the Government supporters talk of modifying the bargain. Now, my friends, it does not do to tinker a pot, it might become leaky and in the end turn out like the saucepan the late Hon. George Brown presented to Miss Canada in the shape of a reciprocity treaty. When his friends were in power it was so punctured by repairs Miss Canada had to tell him it would not hold water.\* No, no, we are going to accept the Syndicate bargain as it stands for the present, and if modifications are wanted they can come afterwards, when it may appear that Canada has got the best of the bargain. You have all heard the story of driving a coach and six through an Act of

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\* See cartoon of Canadian Illustrated of this date.