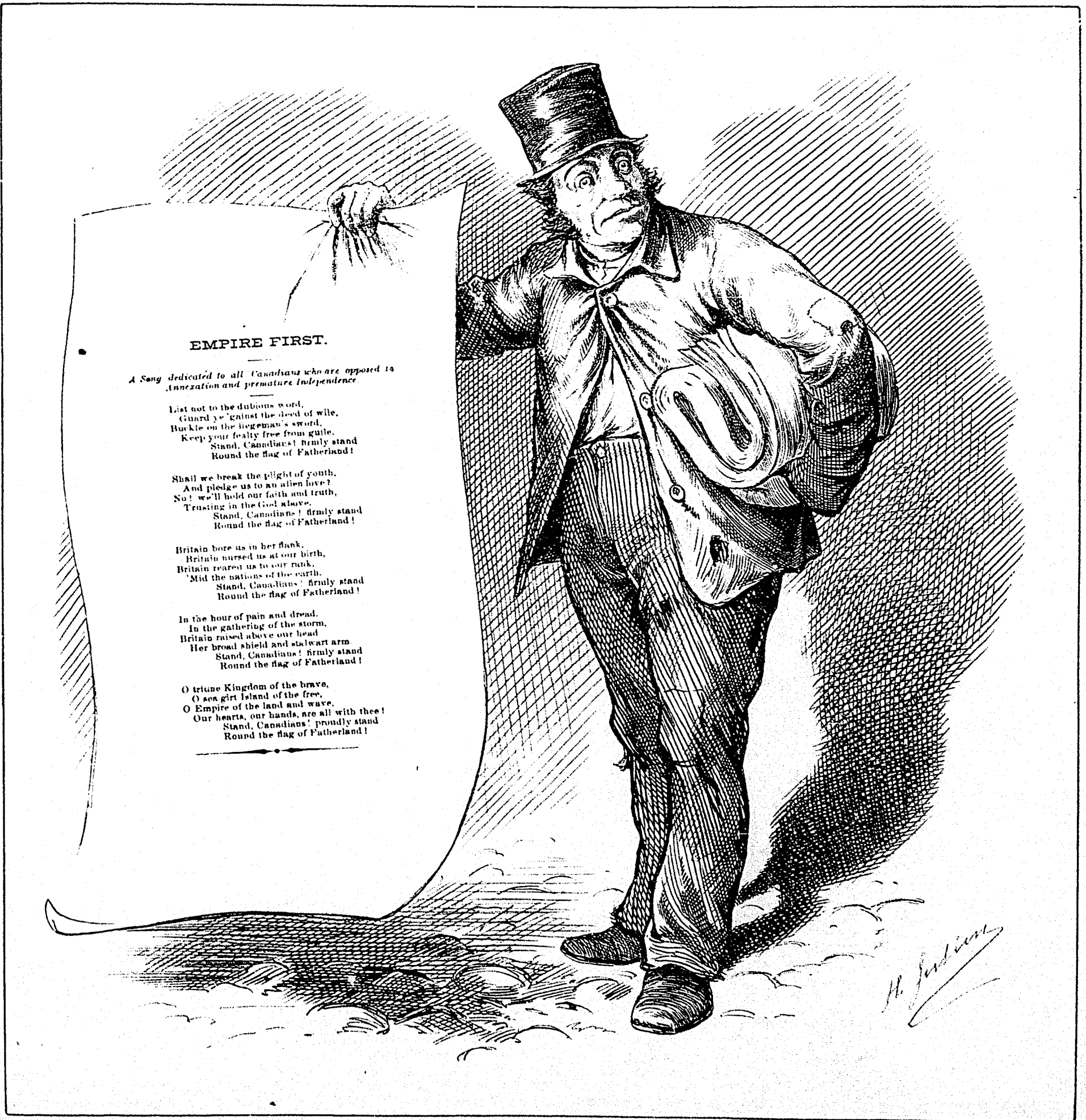


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*A Song dedicated to all Canadians who are opposed to
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List not to the dubious word,
Guard ye 'gainst the deed of wile,
Buckle on the hero's sword,
Keep your fealty free from guile,
Stand, Canadians! firmly stand
Round the flag of Fatherland!

Shall we break the plight of youth,
And pledge us to an alien love?
No! we'll hold our faith and truth,
Trusting in the God above,
Stand, Canadians! firmly stand
Round the flag of Fatherland!

Britain bore us in her flank,
Britain nursed us at our birth,
Britain reared us to our rank,
Mid the nations of the earth,
Stand, Canadians! firmly stand
Round the flag of Fatherland!

In the hour of pain and dread,
In the gathering of the storm,
Britain raised above our head
Her broad shield and stalwart arm,
Stand, Canadians! firmly stand
Round the flag of Fatherland!

O brave Kingdom of the brave,
O sea-girt Island of the free,
O Empire of the land and wave,
Our hearts, our hands, are all with thee!
Stand, Canadians! proudly stand
Round the flag of Fatherland!

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