

" between British Columbia and Australia ; the second was  
 " to grant a subsidy of \$500,000 per annum for a weekly  
 " fast line of steamers between Canada and the United  
 " Kingdom ; a contract for these has, it is since reported,  
 " been made with Anderson & Co., of the Orient line,  
 " who are to provide steamers of over twenty knots speed,  
 " thus bringing the termini within six days of each other.  
 " The third resolution provided that if Great Britain gives  
 " not less than £45,000 per annum for a monthly service,  
 " nor less than £75,000 per annum for a fortnightly  
 " service between British Columbia, China and Japan, the  
 " Governor-General in Council may, on behalf of Canada,  
 " add £15,000 in the one case, or £25,000 in the other,  
 " to the sums granted by Great Britain."

I believe that a railroad system built by a foreign power  
 as a military measure, and with the avowed object of  
 promoting trade between the provinces of the country that  
 created it, by withdrawing their trade from the United  
 States ; whose further object is, by subsidies on land and  
 sea, to divert from us to the Canadian route the traffic be-  
 tween the North American Continent and the Orient on the  
 one hand, and Europe on the other, as well as that between  
 Trans-Pacific and Trans-Atlantic countries, *should not be*  
 *favored where favors can be withheld.* It should not, for  
 example, be permitted to promote its cherished objects by  
 the use, or rather the abuse, of our custom laws regarding  
 transportation. These laws were intended to facilitate the  
 handling of exports and imports by American merchants  
 and carriers, and should not now be deflected to the  
 unpatriotic purpose of turning into Canadian channels the  
 current of traffic in American bonded merchandise.

I would emphasize my belief also that American carriers  
 should be relieved of the onerous restrictions laid upon  
 them by the fourth and fifth sections of the Interstate Com-  
 merce Law, so that they may not be denied any reasonable