

the same freedom as themselves ; and in first appealing on grounds of justice, we do not fear to test our appeal by justice in its sternest sense. We ask for no injustice to be placed upon any person, corporation or community. We ask for the cancellation of no contract or agreement which has been assented to by the Dominion of Canada or any portion thereof. We ask for the abolition of no privilege or advantage guaranteed by the Dominion or any portion thereof to any individual corporation or community. We ask for no aid from the tax-payer of the Dominion in our efforts to free ourselves from the withering monopoly with which we are unjustly burdened. But we ask for the privileges guaranteed to every province in Confederation by the British North America Act ; for the guarantees made to Manitoba by the Dominion Act, creating the very corporation which now holds the grasp of monopoly upon our province and its people ; for the cessation of the abuse of the Vice-Regal veto power, in direct contradiction of the statements and pledges of the leader and other members of the present Government, made by them when the veto power was first entrusted to Canada ; and lastly, we ask for a redemption of the pledges made by members of the same Government, but faithlessly broken in order that one hundred thousand struggling pioneers of this prairie province may be crushed and trampled upon to secure a purely imaginary financial gain to one soulless corporation

But we appeal to our fellow-citizens of Canada on national trade grounds, where the financial interests of all Canadians are concerned. A system of national tariffs has made the large cities and manufacturing centres of Old Canada the purchase markets of the whole Dominion, and no portion of the Dominion has had to bear more of the burden and reap less of the benefits of this tariff system, than the Northwest. Yet its people have supported this very tariff system in a desire to secure unity of Canadian trade. Now they and the people of the east are told, that there shall be but one common carrier of merchandise between the East and the Northwest, which shall tax with impunity the trade intercourse between the new and the old portions of the Dominion, and out of the exorbitant rates thus extorted from the people of Canada at large, pay to a foreign railway corporation a heavy percentage of the charges on the supplies shipped by the eastern manufacturer to the

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