

any person or company. Now this is very serious, not only as opening a wide door to endless litigation, but also as preventing individuals from investing their capital to make railways for opening and settling that continent, and furnishes a question on which every one, who is interested in getting a proper title to land there, has a peculiar right to speak or take action, and forms a ground of appeal to every statesman and philanthropist who desires the removal of every barrier against civilisation and every source of controversy and distrust.

And, lastly, that territory is CROWN LAND, and the respect due to the Crown, and the legality of title, alike require that Her Majesty should dispose of it, and not for the Crown to purchase what it already possessed, which again serves to illustrate the economy that may yet lead to new complications, and imposes on Canada a burden it can scarcely bear, and places before it a task which she may not be able to perform—the task of developing and peopling half a continent, in which are districts of sufficient amplitude and wealth to form independent Crown colonies and found kingdoms.\*

I am, Sir,

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\* The troops have reached Red River, but the papers report that much anxiety was felt for the arrival of the new Executive, Colonel Wolseley having no civil powers, and no form of government existing there. There should be a governor, judge, and other officers, who are properly qualified, and who are neither creatures of the Hudson's Bay Company, nor partisans of any section of the community; so that justice and good government may be administered according to law and without partiality.