

cheap road waste the money and *lock up the land*, it would pay the company well to run a road through a country there were no people in. Another set tell us they are going to introduce landlordism into Canada. Possibly these gentlemen want new game, now the buffalo are dying out. No fear of this, my friends; let Mr. Brassey, or any other British capitalist, buy our land, so long as they pay for it. They will be the cheapest and best immigration agents Canada ever saw, and they will bring out what we want, men with capital and experience, who will give a new impetus to agriculture in this country.

Landlords, as the term is understood in Great Britain, are like heather, they would not thrive on Canadian soil.

I have made these few, homely remarks on the all-absorbing topic of the hour, from a moral as well as patriotic point of view, and to try and shew my young friends what a Syndicate is like in the little story embodied in this, as well as the indirect good a successful company can do to a country. If I have served to illustrate this, or counteract in the smallest degree, the many fallacious statements, sneers and cartoons put forth against it, the writer will be amply rewarded.*

I cannot close without adding one word in praise of the illustrious statesman who is presently the head of Her Majesty's Government in Canada. I cannot help feeling proud of the man who first gave Canada confederation, and now has the patriotism to give us the railroad, and because he knows they are men who can and will make the road, he has given it to those who are well known as not of his party. It would be long before those who so loudly decry the scheme would have done in like manner, and in future years when he will have passed from amongst us, we will be proud to tell our children, no matter what his faults may have been, (and premiers are not angels,) we can point to all he did for Canada, and not for himself, and tell them that amidst all the political corruption of the age in which he lived, not his most bitter enemy could say he ever spent a dollar for himself at the expense of the country. The welfare of Canada was his first and last thought, and if ever he had to descend to do things he personally recoiled from, it was the corruption and unscrupulousness of those he had to deal with, which was the cause. If, as I

* Our hitherto independent friend *Grip*, seems of late to have gone over to the enemy. Has the Hon. Mr. Laurier got at the Raven with some of his "Human devices."