

to themselves of violating the compact. A wrong act hurts more than one man, and it were a strange thing if injustice to you did not in the end endanger more than one interest. All this will come out in discussion. What I would ask is, that you should never lose sight of the fact, and that you would never be hoodwinked or cajoled by this or that party, by fair promises. You have now lived on promises long enough, and it behoves you with spirit to enter the field, where all are equal and compete for the race. As it is, you are being taxed without being represented. You have to contribute to the revenue of this country a large amount of money, yet you are not permitted a voice in the matter of disbursement. This wrong cannot last. But a great deal depends upon yourselves—you must be alert, and unwearied in your exertions; and if you are, there is no power in this country to prevent you from obtaining that to which you are entitled.

You may rest certain that any attempt of one or more parties in Canada to impose their will upon the community, without respect to the rights or claims of the members of that community, is a thing that will meet with opposition from all sides. Laws framed by parties who have grasped a power which is not theirs of right, and which do violence to the claims of others, can only be maintained at the expense of a coercive power, and as this ceases to be invincible, so will the people rebel an order of things which, from the beginning, was contrary to the ideas of justice. Those who would legislate for this country must have regard for the character of the situation. Here you must link the *idea of right* with that of personal