

WE WANT A LEGISLATURE to demand the Balance Sheet of the Past and Present Income and Expenditure of this Colony!

Who knows anything about the state of our Colonial Finances? How have all our Import duties been appropriated? Our Mining, our Trading and our Spirit Licenses, whither are they going? The money obtained from Town Lots, how is it appropriated?

Has any statement of the Financial Affairs of British Columbia ever been published?

What proportion of the Receipts from British Columbia have been expended in Victoria?

Has the Government Gazette ever been commanded to publish *once*, all this ordinary information, which in other countries appears periodically?

WE WANT A LEGISLATURE to test the vast territorial claims of the Hudson Bay Company. Fellow-countrymen, if you don't speak out now on this jobbing question, you may yet bitterly repent your silence. We protest against the claims of the Hudson Bay Company being tried by any other tribunal than a Legislative Assembly. Any claim of that Company (and they are enough in number and extent,) must be tried in and by the Assemblies of British Columbia and Vancouver Island, or these Colonies, as you will agree with me, will not be bound by the decision.

Let the upholders of that Company come to Westminster and Victoria. Let evidence be taken there. Truth is Truth everywhere—and Truth, apart from self-interest and pecuniary aggrandizement, will be tried as righteously at Westminster and Victoria as by committees of the House of Commons, with Hudson Bay Directors and Shareholders pulling at the strings.

WE WANT A LEGISLATURE to enable British Columbia to confer with Canada, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia on the one hand, and the Home Government on the other, in order to carry out that object in which the former are deeply interested—A PACIFIC RAILROAD—a project of vital importance to us.

WE WANT A LEGISLATURE to enable us to take that position with respect to Victoria, *by nature our Ally, officially our Rival*, which we *ought* to have taken before, and which it is *our own fault* if we don't take now.

HOW ARE WE TO GET OUR LEGISLATURE? Her Most Gracious Majesty has promised to grant the boon.

"God speed the day"!

The course is a plain and straightforward one. Public meetings must be held throughout our Colony. Our feelings and wishes must be expressed firmly and temperately. A *unanimous prayer*, embodying our wishes and wants, must be signed by every man amongst us, and sent, through some member of the House of Commons, to our Most Gracious Queen.

Believe me, Fellow Countrymen, this address to you would never have been penned, had there been any want of confidence in the sentiments it expresses. Truth is on our side—and therefore its writer ventures to advocate an open and determined course of action. It is a reflection to cheer every man who has cast his lot in British Columbia that "many amongst us here, and many who sympathise with us in Vancouver Island will heartily endorse a