

of language in which those who approach Royalty are wont to couch the expression of their desires."

Citadel, Quebec, 11th Sept., 1901.

Sir: I am commanded by the Governor-General to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, enclosing a draft address which the workmen of the province of British Columbia propose to present to the Duke of Cornwall and York on the occasion of His Excellency's approaching Royal tour in British Columbia. In reply, I am commanded by His Excellency to point out to you that this document as transmitted to him is in no sense an address of welcome to their Royal Highnesses, but is rather a criticism of Imperial policy, wholly unsuitable to the occasion. His Royal Highness being in no way responsible for the action complained of, or in a position to apply a remedy. His Excellency therefore regrets that he cannot undertake to lay your memorial before His Royal Highness. At the same time the Governor-General desires me to assure you that he fully recognizes the right of the workmen of British Columbia, in connection with all British subjects, freely to approach the throne in respect to any grievance, but he would suggest that such petition should be forwarded to him in a regular manner and through the recognized channel for submission to His Majesty's government.

I have the honor to be, sir,

Your Obedient Servant,

F. S. MAUDE, Major,

Governor-General's Secretary.

President Victoria Trades and Labor Council, Victoria, British Columbia.

AN APPEAL TO REASON.

That is if you have any reason. This is not for you if you are a politician or thing, capable of being bought with a \$5 bill or a promise of office: even if it is a directorship in a mine, or a cabinet position. It is an appeal to every honest man who loves his country and his fellow man and who is desirous of having clean government, for the people and by the people and not having our government run by a lot of political hacks, who are the tools of corporations, who under the law are desirous of stealing from the common people, rights and privileges, they are not willing to pay for, except the amount it takes to bribe those who represent the people and are ready to sell out the people's rights.

Now if you are a square man and not a moss-back, you with many others are utterly disgusted

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with things as they are, politically, in B. C. to-day. You have no faith in the Government, or the leader of the Opposition. Would it not be wisdom on your part to change your doctor and join with the new Labor party who favor political independence, on new clean-cut lines? For, as it now stands, while it originated with the labor unions, yet to-day it is open to every voter of all classes and conditions of life, who will join with them in securing good clean government in the public interest, and on modern lines. Our former friends in the sister province of Manitoba have had to cut themselves clear of old party lines and lay down a new platform—the first plank of which is the referendum or direct legislation law, by which the people may insist on having any law referred them to vote on, if they so desire it, and so a check is kept on legislators. Here in British Columbia we have one of the finest countries on the face of the earth, rich in a wealth of minerals, timber, fisheries, etc., etc., and we need statesmen, of broad minds, clear heads and with hands that are clean, who are prepared to investigate those modern laws that are to-day doing so much for Switzerland, New Zealand and Australia, and who will not be afraid to try and test, as reason may dictate, the effect of such laws on the province here.

Now is there reason to fear—for you cannot have worse legislation than you have had in the past?—and why should you fear something new, if it is based on the "Golden Rule" and the practical good of all the people collectively as the first and foremost considerations. True it may not give some few the "snaps" they have had in the past, in coal lands on the Island and Crow's Nest, or even other choice opportunities of filching to fill their pockets; yet, as all things have an end, surely it is time, the end of all such stealing had come.

How can I urge you to be a man and do your part? Shame you?, or plead with you? I prefer the latter, though you may deserve the former. Therefore in the name of God and humanity, in the name of your country, for the sake of future generations, for your wife and children's sake awake: be up and doing, in place of sleeping or playing puppet and join with those who are earnestly desirous of a better state of things and so add your judgment and influence in the cause of right—and the common weal.

MARCORBUS.

Minnie: "I want to introduce you to a young lady—a very nice young lady—and she's worth her weight in gold."

Bob: "Stout girl, I hope."