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## AN ADDRESS TO THE WORKING CLASSES OF CANADA.

### BRETHREN:

The following statement is submitted to you by a body of fellow-labourers;—men who, like yourselves, experience the trials and vicissitudes to which working men are liable; men who, like all who obtain subsistence by the labour of their hands, consider that there are certain rights, as well as duties, pertaining to the workman; men who, possessing no other capital than that with which Providence has blessed them—their labour—feel that it is with themselves alone to place a value upon that, the only commodity which they bring into the markets of the world, whilst at the same time they grant to those who desire to deal with them the right of declining to purchase if the article offered be rated at an extravagant price. The right of the owner to dispose of his property to the best advantage being established according to the usages of commerce, it necessarily follows that he is at liberty to refuse any lower rate than that which he has placed upon his articles, and can remove them to any other market that may be open to him.

The party desiring to purchase has the right, likewise, of refusing to give the rate demanded if it appear to him exorbitant. But he has no right to follow the seller to any other market, and desire intending purchasers not to buy on any