

Island and through to Esquimalt, so that their lands and town lots and speculative purchases may be made to return \$20 for \$1. When it was proved that the expense of taking the railway across the Straits to Vancouver Island would involve such frightful expense that even wealthy Great Britain would recoil from it, these disinterested patriots at Victoria fell upon the unfortunate Dominion Government with shrieks of broken terms and bad faith.

And now, sir, what does the Mainland say?—that Mainland from which the Victorians draw all their living, and whose trade gives them the means to speculate in corner lots and unoccupied land? Sir, the Mainland is satisfied so far. They see that Mr. Mackenzie inherited an impossible task from his predecessors. They acknowledge the energy and promptitude with which he has conducted surveys all over the country. They know that, after all, the route must be settled by the engineers. They know that, if a practicable route can be found through the settled portions of the province, no minister would be so treasonably guilty as to divert it to an unsettled and wild country in order to satisfy the hungry, greedy cormorants in Victoria, who are making so much noise and turmoil over their disappointed hopes, and crying for "Carnarvon terms or separation." The Island may separate if she wishes. Lord Dufferin told them plainly what separation meant in their case. The Mainland can do without Victoria, but Victoria cannot exist without the Mainland. Nanaimo, on the Island, has solid means of prosperity in her splendid coal mines; but Victoria, which is the cause of all this trouble, were she left to her own resources, would fall back to what she was before—a Siwash Rancho.

Allow me once more to say, the Mainland is satisfied so far; that they have confidence in the Dominion Ministry fulfilling all their obligations, so far as can be done with justice to the rest of the Dominion; that they believe there has been no unnecessary delay; that they have faith in the