

Pacific Railroad," and can contrast the truth, honestly, and sterling principles followed by those five merchants of 54 K street, Sacramento, and compare them with the recent "Book of Revelations," published by the Canadian Royal Commission on our Pacific Railroad. I should like to know what these gentlemen would think of our new Canadian Doctrine of "mental reservation," or whether the wise and pious authors of that well-known theological work the Shorter Catechism would rank the propendus of this new moral code, amongst those who are "effectually called unto Salvation," and calling to say the least, what looks to us common folks, a very questionable action, a purely business transaction. No country, no Government can afford this, anything my friends is better than to allow such moral weeds to grow up amongst us. We are going to stand shoulder to shoulder to build up this grand country of ours, but we are going to do so by teaching our sons to be *honest men*; we are going to build our railroad, and people our wide and fertile country, and if a section of our would-be leaders screech and scream, it is because they see the power passing out of their hands, to prey on the vitals of the people by letting government contracts in the future.

The Syndicate will give a contract to men of known ability who can and will perform their work, without having to bond their whole possessions in security, leaving them crippled for means to carry it on honestly afterwards, nor will they have to wade through a host of broken political hangers on, cajoling one another, bribing till there is not a strictly honest action connected with the whole concern. The Syndicate will employ engineers who really know their business, not political nominees, whose sole qualification for the work is their parliamentary influence, and who use the power temporally placed in their hands, to harass and so far ruin contractors, who in their turn, to save themselves, must scheme, and to use their own words "cheat the government" and in many cases are after all kept for years, for some political reason, out of their just earnings. There will be nothing of all this under the Syndicate, they may not in all cases come up to the high moral standard of 54 K street, but for their own sakes there will be a very different monopoly from that we at present enjoy.

In conclusion I may tell my readers I am neither a politician, nor expectant member of parliament, only a Canadian believing