

by our protective, railway and millionaire methods of government, four hundred millions of dollars have been legislated out of the hands of five millions of people into the swollen pockets of not many more than a thousand, and the dishonesty and perfidy connected with the operations have so destroyed confidence in the future of the country that the value of the assets, of the people, have been lessened a good deal more than four hundred millions. The people of Canada have, therefore, been plundered, directly and indirectly, by their political leaders to more than eight hundred millions of dollars. During this most extraordinarily eventful period in Canadian history more than a million Canadians have left the country as they could see no hope under such rulers, and at a very low estimate this would mean a drain of four hundred millions of dollars. Altogether within the last twenty years there has been a tearing to pieces of our economic interests and a displacement of economic forces to the extent of more than twelve hundred millions of dollars; and this is one of the results of Canadian statesmanship. During this bloodless, or rather semi-bloodless, revolution it is quite beyond the powers of man to depict in any language even a part of the misery, want and suffering thus entailed upon a once prosperous and happy people by their rulers. From peace, prosperity and contentment in less than twenty years we have now all the demoralization, want and misery incident to many of the most uncivilized countries of the old world. Notwithstanding, this almost unprecedented condition of the country, there are a class of men among us who have the brazen effrontery, in the very face of facts, to tell us that Canada is prosperous. As a matter of fact there are no five million people in any English speaking country in the world where the condition of the people is more critical and alarming. The masses in Canada are too well educated and intelligent not to know and analyse the causes which have led to our present condition and they find as I do that where there should be peace and plenty we have misery and want, yes, misery and want brought about almost wholly by the greed, venality and perfidy of our rulers, millionaires and official classes. Restore to the people of Canada even one-half of the many millions of which they have been plundered, by the politicians, millionaires and officials, and in less than one month we would have contentment, peace and plenty on all hands and woe, lamentation and mourning would be seen no more upon the streets.

There is a class of what is known as the jingo politicians in Canada who are continually pointing the finger of scorn at the dishonest methods of American politicians closing their eyes and ears to the fact that the most infamous methods of American politicians have been most closely copied and followed by Canadian politicians the only