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These compel me to further action, and to state as a preliminary, that while in the pursuit of palpable duty, and knowing no other motives than those which spring from humane and just recognition of Right, I have had certain possible consequences pointed out to me in writing and over the name of the writer. Among these consequences, a high official, himself above and beyond reproach, kindly wrote to me in reference to my action, that under certain conditions I need not name, "You (I) would probably be shot through a window, or poisoned to get you (ME) out of the way." I am thankfully indifferent to the chances of such consequences, for I have my work in life to do, and know on what Power to rely in time of need.

8. In relation to proposed schemes of assisted emigration from Ireland, TRUSTWORTHY INFORMATION respecting the North-West is of vast humane importance. In matters of commercial enterprise it is also of equal moment. To intending emigrants of all classes and sources, it is of the highest interest. This "RELIABLE INFORMATION" has been enormously falsified.

9. I conclude by saying that on you as Director of the Geological Survey, rests a further responsibility of measureless weight in this matter, and that I shall pursue my course of action without fear or favour.

I intend to send copies of this letter and my earlier letter to each member of the Imperial and Canadian Governments, to each member of the Canadian Parliament, to leading Bankers in England and America, to the leading Scientific Societies, to officers of North-West Land Companies, &c., and to the public Press, claiming and imploring in the interests of humanity, of progress, of knowledge, of truth and of religion their active interference by sympathy, word or deed.

Very truly yours,

HENRY YOULE HIND,

Formerly in charge of the Assiniboine and Saskatchewan Exploring Expedition.

Windsor, Nova Scotia, May 2nd, 1883.

[NOTE.—In connection with this letter and forming part of it, are the various communications I have already transmitted to you.]

TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR GENERAL.

WINDSOR, NOVA SCOTIA, May 2nd, 1883.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—I respectfully ask your Excellency's attention to the accompanying correspondence for State and personal considerations.

As a consequence of Dr. Selwyn's reply to my letter of the 13th ult. and the premises, I urgently call upon you in the interests of honest dealing, humanity and truthful official information, to be pleased to give instructions warning the public against the pernicious deceptions and impostures embodied in the work dedicated by special permission to your Excellency, entitled "Manitoba and the Great North-West," by John Macoun, M. A., F. L. S., an officer of the Geological Survey of the Dominion of Canada and a palpable scientific cheat.

Necessity for prompt action in this matter is more than ever apparent from the recent remarks of the editor of the "Shareholder," a Montreal financial paper. This paper coarsely magnifies and surrounds with adulation Professor Macoun's deluding work, the basis of so much of the trickery it appears to be the vend function of the editor of the "Shareholder" to "boom" in unison with unprincipled speculators of like kidney.

The Director of the Geological Survey, Dr. Selwyn, practically admits that my statements relating to the offences of his assistants, named by me, are substantially incontrovertible.

Full analysis in open court would greatly widen and intensify their force and gravity, but conspirators and promoters appear to shrink from the revelations of open court as they would from disgorging their gains, or social death.

Therefore, it follows that the uses of these offences in any form whatever, either by the Department of Agriculture, by any public body, or by any private persons are dishonourable, illegal and possibly felonious.

Dr. Selwyn has practically placed the issue so plainly, that any shareholder in certain North-West Companies may command his terms.

Your Excellency's official name being paraded as patron of some of these offences, and entreated or received as guarantee of their honesty in nefarious or doubtful transactions, compels a speedy repetition of my representations to your Excellency in this matter, with an added weight it is difficult to define, but impossible to over-estimate.

I have the honour to be,

Your Excellency's obedient servant,

HENRY YOULE HIND, M. A.

Formerly in charge of the Assiniboine and Saskatchewan Exploring Expedition.

TO THE RIGHT HONOURABLE SIR J. A. MACDONALD, K. C. B., MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR, CANADA.

WINDSOR, NOVA SCOTIA, May 2nd, 1883.

RIGHT HONOURABLE SIR,—I have the honour to submit for your consideration further correspondence relating to the malfeasance of certain officers of your Department of Government in North-West Territory matters.

The declared abuses of your Deputy and the significant rejoinder of Dr. Selwyn, narrow the circle of conspiracy to a degree which might render inaction or silence a source of further distress and grave complications.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient servant,

HENRY YOULE HIND,

Formerly in charge of the Assiniboine and Saskatchewan Exploring Expedition.