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To the Electors of Victoria District.

GENTLEMEN,

In coming before you as a candidate for the honor of being one of your representatives in the House of Commons in the next Parliament of Canada, I desire as briefly as possible to state my views on the main political issues of the day. To my mind the Railway Question in importance to the whole Province overshadows all others, and next to the railway in importance, to Victoria District, is the construction at Esquimalt of a first class Graving Dock. If elected, I shall most strenuously assist in demanding from the Dominion Government the just rights of this Province in connection with these two vital questions. I shall expect no impossibilities, but I shall demand from the Canadian Government an earnest commencement and faithful prosecution in this Province of the Canadian Pacific Railway. Nothing short of this will fulfil the most solemn treaty obligations of Canada to British Columbia. So far we have had plenty of promises from Canada, which, alas, to her shame and disgrace, have been broken, and sooner than submit to be humbugged in the future as we have been in the past, I would sever the cord that binds us to Confederation. I sincerely hope, however, the day will never come when this or any other Province in the Dominion will be forced for self protection to adopt so high-handed a remedy.

In reference to the two political parties in Canada, I believe the Policy of the Liberal Conservative Party best calculated to advance the true interests of our country and to make it in deed as well as in word a great and prosperous Dominion. I further believe that in Sir John Macdonald, the Hon. L. H. Langevin, and the Hon. S. L. Tilley we have true friends—men who have the heart and ability to carry out the liberal and advanced plans of the deeply lamented statesman Sir Geo. Cartier, whose rallying cry was "All aboard for the West!"

If elected, it shall be my pleasure to give that Party a hearty support, providing they extend to this Province what is fair, right and just. I consider our first duty is to ourselves as British Columbians, and that if we are united and true to our own interests and act as one man in demanding simple justice, we shall prevail. I shall aim to harmonize our own contending sectional elements so as to make our power as a Province felt, always remembering that "United we stand divided we fall."

If the foregoing views meet with your approval and you think I have sufficient independence of character to carry them out, I respectfully ask your support.

I am, your obedient servant,

J. H. TODD.

Victoria, V. I., June 4, 1878.

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