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In 1866 my people supported the idea of Confederation when the terms were made more favorable than at first proposed. In N.B. Since then I think we have all worked earnestly for the building up of Canadian industries, trade & sentiment. I have said this much that you might judge my perspective -

Since 1922 there has been increasing discontent in these two provinces with our industrial, trade & agricultural position. Our National policy has robbed us of many of our local industries & while we send our money in a yearly increasing stream to Ontario, she buys practically nothing from us.

Our Railway built for Confederation Contact has been absorbed and bedevilled so that it is an engine of destruction rather than construction.

While we contributed our share to the purchase & development of the North West we can get no compensation such as Ontario & Quebec obtained. Our Representation in Parliament, which was never intended by our representation in the Confederation Conference to be such a ~~the~~ original allotment is in danger of such reduction as the present condition as to make us an absurdity at Ottawa. But you are acquainted with these & other matters that rankle in Maritime hearts.

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