

mented, their vast mineral resources developed, their arable lands occupied and cultivated, their numerous water powers improved, their waterways enlarged, their railway mileage extended, their shipping share upon equal terms in our coasting trade upon the sea and lakes, the exodus of their most ambitious and energetic sons and daughters suspended, and their population rapidly and largely multiplied, the market and productive value of all their fixed investments increased, the dread of impending political reorganization removed, a firm foundation reached upon which to securely establish their financial, commercial, industrial, educational, and political institutions, and the absolute control of their own local affairs permanently assured. Continental union will deliver the Canadian people from bondage to the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, which controls and operates one half of the railway mileage of the Dominion, although first chartered in 1881. The late Sir John A. MacDonald, as premier of Canada and leader of the Tory party, induced Parliament to create this gigantic monopoly and grant it enormous special powers and privileges for the purpose, largely, of maintaining his supremacy. The railway company exercises its power and influence and contributes liberally to election funds to sustain the party which created it, and in return the parliamentary majority grants it additional favors and privileges to aid in maintaining its monopoly. Neither could exist under present conditions without the other, therefore, the Canadian Pacific Railway Company actively opposes continental union.

The settlement of our rights in the Behring Sea would be of far greater value if the Canadian people had a common interest with us in the preservation of the seal fisheries. There has been scarcely a single question of dispute between the government of Great Britain and that of the United States which has not grown out of, or been complicated by, Britain's proprietary interest in the northern portion of this continent. It has also doubtless been the promoting cause of much of her unfriendly treatment of our interests in the past.

The Canadian people anticipate that the present national administration will consent to a practical renewal of the reciprocity