

what one writer* designates "The Great Wheat Belt;" a fact, laid such stress upon by the Convention of Delegates for British Columbia in their meeting at Yale, that they made it a *sine quâ non* that, ere their country should be united to the dominion of Canada, this overland route should be completed as soon as possible.†

My Lord, I again most respectfully urge, on behalf of the honour of our own country, and on behalf of the people of those parts, that Her Majesty's Government will stay bloodshed, and root out deep-seated dissatisfaction, by extending justice to them, and acting on the principle of the Royal Law of Heaven, that we should do unto others as we would be done by ourselves.

I remain, my Lord,

Your Lordship's humble and obedient servant,

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MY LORD,—Since my letter to your Lordship on the 27th ultimo, I find the newspapers repeat that the Red River people are still in arms; that Governor M'Dougall was organising a force of Indians on the United States' territory against this attitude; and that the Red River people are determined to resist, and have issued a declaration of independence, and

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† *Nor'-Wester*, Sept. 7th, 1869.