

cal life, and paralyzed our most important interests, I would consider my utterances as more or less devoid of point were I to bring them to a close without turning my attention to our new rulers at Ottawa, and asking where they will be found in the great struggle between labor, intelligence and intellect on the one side, and the millionaires and officials who are in sympathy with them on the other. After all, this is the real issue, however much the cunning politicians and millionaires may see fit to obscure and disguise it. The people, the masses, in Canada as well as in the United States, have been legislated into this attitude by the politicians and millionaires. It is not their choosing; it has been forced upon them. As I have before stated both in the United States and Canada the whole trend of legislation has been in the interests of the wealthy and official classes.

For nearly a quarter of a century, the sordid, selfish, corrupt and brutal side of Canadians has appealed to, on all occasions, and in this manner has the public mind been educated.—The results we know and deplore.—Honesty and purity in political life has been trifled with, and sneered at by the machine politicians, until now we are brought face to face with a condition, that none but the most superficial can contemplate without alarm.

Although our forms and principles of government differ in many respects from the American's, the methods of the politicians and millionaires and the combinations formed by them are precisely the same: In fact, the two most noted public robbers who have ever been given an opportunity by the politicians to despoil the people of Canada, had their first lessons from that notorious railway highwayman, "Jim Hill" of St. Paul, Minnesota, and the plunder they have taken from the people of Canada during the last sixteen years is a pretty good evidence that they were apt pupils in American methods.

The tyrant capital has been a hard master to the Canadian people generally. How very different it might have been had our rulers been true to their country and true to the people whose guardians they were, instead of a population of five millions of discontented and impoverished people, and the discredit that now attaches to the Canadian politician, we might have had a population of at least ten millions, of prosperous people, and statesmen respected in every European capital. The civilization, that has been forced upon us, is one unworthy of a free people and better suited to the subjects of a Despot or the peasants of a conquered nation than the descendants of those who fought against the tyrant Stuarts of England and the Bourbons of France.

Will our present Rulers knowing our condition, and the causes that have led to it, rise equal to the great emergency now staring them in the face, or will the tyrant capital be allowed to perch himself higher and higher in the legislative and senatorial halls of our country until all that is best and noblest in the land be either crushed or driven away.