

permitting a road to be built with such gradients. The idea of allowing any portion of that great work to be built so that a locomotive could not haul three cars at a time over it, and this simply in order that the \$25,000,000 in gold may be paid over to the Syndicate! The other day at Toronto, some one jocularly observed that they had better send some members of the Government to Victoria and make them station masters there in order to book passengers for Jupiter or Jupiter's satellites in order to obtain traffic for the Canadian Pacific Railway. If ever there was a country that deserved to be well governed, it is Canada. If ever there was a people, who by their industry, their frugal habits and their self-denial, deserved to have their affairs well administered, it is the people of this Dominion; yet we find this Government guilty, for some unaccountable objects, of bringing untold disaster on the country, and they may create such widespread discontent as may endanger the Confederation.

Now, when we consider the financial obligations thrown upon this country, and the wrong and injustice done, not only to the Grand Trunk Railway, but also the Maritime Provinces and the Province of Quebec, we cannot be surprised that Quebec last session sent delegates here to demand better terms, and again, this session, send a delegation to demand more aid. We find the old, historic City of Quebec a place of such natural attractions and of such interest, and which ought to have been, but for the miserable conflict of party, the seat of government for the Dominion, deeply dissatisfied and determined they shall have their rights; and can we wonder that a similar state of feeling exists in Nova Scotia and in New Brunswick. Nova Scotia was forced into the Confederation contrary to its will; and is it any wonder if they came here to demand large additional subsidies, when they find the Government throwing the public money into the construction of a road which can only benefit a sparse population for many years to come.

When we behold all this and observe that the Government have become so reckless, and determined that the Liberal party shall not come into power, or any other party, so long as they can buy up the provinces, is it any wonder that the

country is becoming deeply alarmed? Man, in the plenitude of his power, thinks he can secure success by artifice and questionable means; but no one can with impunity transgress the laws which are eternal and immutable for the well being of society. The only principles which stand the test of time are the principles of truth, of right and of justice. Any other principles must bring a judgment from above upon the country. I do not believe that a people so enlightened as those of this Dominion will any longer countenance such an abandonment of principle in high quarters, and I do not think that with all the teachings of our churches throughout the land, no honest government can live. If we behold the Roman Catholic Church in the Province of Quebec, we can find throughout that province well ordered parishes, and the name of God respected and virtue and morality prevailing. Go to Upper Canada, and see there the results of virtuous lives, of frugality and industry. Yet these gentlemen tell us that no honest government can live in this country. I will now conclude my remarks, and I have to apologize to the House for the imperfect manner in which I have expressed those views which I sincerely entertain, and which I have expressed because I feel the dreadful position into which we are being brought by this Government. And if this Administration is kept longer in power, and the people do not rise in their might to cleanse the political atmosphere, the electric fluid will do its work and we will be overtaken with a grave commercial disaster. I will now conclude by quoting the remarks of the illustrious Washington in his farewell address to the people of the United States. He observed:

"However partizan combinations may now and then answer popular ends, they are likely in the course of time to become engines by which cunning, and ambitious and unprincipled men will be enabled to subvert the power of the people and use their position for their own selfish ends."

HON. MR. SCOTT.—The task of moving the resolutions for an Address to His Excellency in answer to the Speech from the Throne has been discharged by the member for Victoria with his usual clearness, and with such a warm approval of the policy of the Government as must no