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TO THE ENGLISH STOCKHOLDERS OF THE GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY OF CANADA.

GENTLEMEN,

Even a Canadian may, perhaps, be pardoned for assuming the liberty of addressing his brethren, though three thousand miles Eastward, "beyond the great waters" that separates us. Separated, though we are by space, it is the more pleasing to reflect, that we are closely bound by the strong ties of congenial hearts, by old cherished associations, and by inseparably connected interests. The writer is a Canadian by birth, yet a Briton in all that pertains to Britain, as most Canadians are; I am a brother Stock-holder in the "Great Western Railway of Canada," about which I am about to address you. So far, then, as this is concerned, my interests are your interests, and your interests, my interests. I have used the singular pronoun "I," as if it were but my interest alone, I sought to promote or rather protect but I might as well say at the onset, that the sentiments I express are but the reflections of hundreds of the best informed, most cautious and prudent Canadian stock-holders.

Gentlemen, we ask you to come forward manfully and protect your own interests, and while you are performing that duty, remember you are conferring a double blessing by assisting us to protect ours. We address you as practical men. We are well acquainted with the resources of the western portion of the continent of America, and particularly with that portion of it, which the interest of the Great Western Railway necessitates us to speak. We are no wild theorists; nor is it a vain emulation that induces us to lay our complaints—our mutual complaints humbly at your feet. We have been raised on the scene of action. We have traveled over the Hills and Plains whose products are to support the undertaking in which we are all so deeply interested.

We have none of the powerful weapons (*Money*) which *may* be applied to accomplish the designs of the selfishly interested. But we come honourably before the thinking, considerate, and interested parties, and should no relief be granted, we shall sell out our stock, as hundreds of others will do, to the highest bidder, and retire with contempt from any participation in an undertaking, the interests of which we have ever strenuously sought to promote; believing