

Electors of Ottawa :

Should the overwhelming superiority of my policy become so evident to both political parties, that they should mutually decide to give me the preference to any of their respective candidates; the sacrifice to either party would scarcely be perceptible, for each might still exert itself to the utmost in favor of either party candidate to the exclusion of the opposite party, and all the difference in the end would be simply that Ottawa would elect one Conservative, or one Liberal, (as the case may be) instead of two Conservatives, or two Liberals, and as both parties appear about equally confident of winning, it does not seem to matter much whether the chances should be in favor of one, or in favor of two, of either party being successful.

On the other hand, however, it matters very much indeed (to Canada, if not to myself) whether I am elected or not, to the Dominion Parliament, now that the particular year of jubilee (for which I have so long waited) has actually come, so as to afford me about the most favorable opportunity possible to bring my life's work to a successful issue at last.

"The first step is the chief difficulty," in this case, as in other matters generally; but suppose this first step taken, it will then be clear enough that all the other steps in the series, leading to the grand results contemplated, must almost necessarily follow as a matter of course. My being now elected by acclamation is the first step in the series that would doubtless naturally lead to the proposed appeal to the Queen by Canada and Australia; which would as naturally lead to the proposed Grand Convention of all the great powers of Europe; which would again as naturally lead to the general agreement of the great powers to a simultaneous reduction of the enormous European armies, five or ten per cent. a year, for several years in succession, which, in turn, would again as naturally lead to many hundreds of thousands of Europeans making comfortable homes for themselves in the vast solitudes of Canada and Australia, which, of course, must in the very nature of things give a tremendous impulse to the commercial business of those already established in either of these great colonies, and this is certainly a kind of prosperity which would be about equally welcome to both political parties in any civilized country; therefore both political parties are about equally interested in the election of the man whose thirty-four years of work and experience has specially qualified him to take a leading part in bringing about such beneficent results in favor of the British colonies, in particular perhaps, but correspondingly beneficial results also, in favor of the whole world in general.

Faithfully yours,

HENRY WENTWORTH MONK.

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