

place hunting politicians, in Canada and the United States only thinking of themselves and partners in political perfidy, have been systematically plundering the masses and giving the plunder to the rich until now the masses are no longer worth plundering; in fact the condition of the masses, in many large cities of America, is quite analogous to the condition of the poor in Britain fifty and a hundred years ago, and out of which British statesmen have been gradually leading them through a long and dreary wilderness into green pastures. Knowing of the distress and poverty in many of the cities of America where all, or comparatively all, should have plenty I cannot refrain from saying that the most unparalleled dishonesty and perfidy must have permeated political life in America. In nearly every part of North America the condition of very many of the people in nearly all walks of life is such that all good and wise men deeply deplore, though the millionaires and officials cry on with the dance let joy be unconfined. The Nereoes are fiddling while Rome is burning!

Not wishing to be misunderstood, or to place myself in a position to be accused of extreme socialistic views, this may be the proper place for me to state that my fight is with those who dishonestly and improperly acquire wealth, either by individual acts of dishonesty, or who, by winks, connivings, or understandings with politicians or officials, rob the public either directly or indirectly.

I have no quarrel with the man who by his own unaided exertions, or by gift, inheritance, or in any honest manner acquires a fortune. I have no quarrel with the man who like a true Briton only asks, for a fair field and no favor, for no subventions, that tend to displace economic forces unjustly. I may be permitted, however, to observe in passing that if in the great economy of nature, and nature's God, every man did his duty to his fellow-man, as one of the parts of the great organism of life, there would be no millionaires in any country and consequently no paupers, and other things being equal that country that has the fewest millionaires, in proportion to population, is certainly the best governed.

If the circumstances connected with the acquisition of millions by any one individual, either in the United States or Canada, be closely enquired into, we oftener find than otherwise, that it has been done through connivings and understandings with governments or corporations and officials connected with governments and corporations.

The largest, most atrocious, and most diabolical plundering of the people in the United States and Canada has been done in the granting