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Dear Sir John A. MacDonald,

I am writing to you to propose a railway system that would join the East and West coasts across this great nation of Canada. Railways in Europe have made life easier for all; they have created jobs and improved the economy. The railway has brought essential goods to all people across the continent. This can be done in Canada and will help us to be competitive with the United States and other nations.

In Canada, the railway could unite our people by distributing resources from the East to new communities in the Prairie region. Wheat can be transported to other parts of the country to use for bread making. Coal from our mines in the East can also be transported to the Inuit people to use as a heating source in their cold winters. These are just some examples of how the railway will make the daily lives easier for everyone.

We foresee that our railway will also include passenger trains where our citizens can travel across the country to visit friends, family and experience the beautiful landscapes that this great country has to offer. The passengers will enjoy a first class experience with foods from every region on our deluxe menu and breathtaking scenery.

Some people might say that an undertaking of this magnitude is not necessary for our country and the cost and labour involved would be far greater than the benefits. I can assure you, Mr. Prime Minister, that we will hire the best engineers, architects and labourers to build this great railway. The financial cost will be well worth the financial prosperity, independence and community that this railway will bring to Canada.

I hope this letter has convinced you, Sir MacDonald, to approve the building of a national railroad that will unite all lands and people across Canada. Without this railroad, Canada will be little more than a geographic expression.

Sincerely,

Dana Popic
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