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HAVE FAITH.

Why should it be thought a thing incredible that the Dominion Government should build a tunnel across the straits? Because, says one, it is a costly work and our people are few. Our answer is that Sir John Macdonald did not hesitate to undertake the construction of a work many times more costly for a much smaller population. In 1871 when the pledge to build the Pacific Railway was given, British Columbia had but 38,247 souls, Manitoba but 25,228, and the Territories but 18,000. Here were less than 80,000 all told, and fully half of these were Indians—the total of the population west of Ontario.
Take another and more recent instance under a Liberal Government—the Hillsboro bridge and Murray Harbor Railway costing in round figures three millions of dollars. These works will not directly serve one fourth part of the population of the Island. It would be much more reasonable to expend ten million dollars on a tunnel, to serve and benefit every man woman and child on the Island, than to build the bridge and railway for the number of people served thereby. Moreover, the Government saves nothing by building the bridge and railway referred to. The tunnel would save the Government at least

quarter of a million yearly in other services.
We should have more faith in these matters. We asked for a second winter steamer and we got the Minto. It was our own fault that we did not then insist upon getting a much stronger and more powerful boat. We did not know, and we had also too little faith. We feared to ask largely enough. We asked for an improved telegraph service, at first with divided consols and with little hope. When our people became united, and our case was made clear, the Government responded and gave us the service we now have. These, so far as they go, are evidences of a disposition to do us justice and to place our Province on an equal footing with other Provinces.
Finally, we should have faith because of the terms of our bond guaranteeing continuous steam communication. It is every way as binding as the bond under which British Columbia got the Pacific Railway. Ours is a bond, which, as a last resort can be enforced, without regard to what party may be in power. But ought we not to have faith in the sense of justice of the people of Canada? When our case is once strongly presented, backed by the united demand of our people, justice will be done. Ten or twelve millions is not a large sum for Canada to pay for so great a boon, and to fulfil a binding obligation. And, especially as the tunnel would save the present outlay for other services which would go far toward paying the interest on its cost. We should have more faith than we have where there are such substantial reasons to justify it.
If we had the tunnel that car load of mail would not be lying all these weeks at Pictou.
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If we had the tunnel that lay lying at Pictou would have been landed on the Island months ago. How much that would mean to our farmers!
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Do we want the tunnel if we can get it? To this question almost every body answers yes! Even the objectors admit that it would be an excellent thing. Many of our farmers and merchants believe it to be absolutely necessary to the material salvation of the Island. Then why not one and all set about trying to get it? We can but fail, at the worst, and there is good reason to believe that we need not fail.

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The great battle which has been in progress between the Japanese and Russians during two weeks past is admittedly the most extensive and momentous conflict of the war. It covers a prodigious field, extending 100 miles from southwest to northeast across the railway, south of and nearly parallel with the Hun River. The Hun flows to the southwest and crosses the railway a few miles south of Mukden. It is evidently the purpose of Marshal Oyama to drive the Russians out of Mukden before the ice in the rivers and streams break up. At present the rivers are bridged by ice and are passable even for heavy artillery at almost any point. The country south of Mukden is an extended plain which a few weeks hence will be divided by swollen rivers which could only be crossed by pontoon bridges constructed under the enemy's fire.
The movement is therefore well timed and we may rest assured that if military enterprise, skill, discipline and valor can accomplish it, the defeat of Kuropatkin and the capture of Mukden will follow. We no longer anticipate Japanese defeats as some did at the beginning of the war. They have won in every great battle since hostilities began, and we see no good reason to anticipate a different result at this time. But it is not prudent to predict. So far the advantages gained have been on the side of the Japanese. However the fortune of the great conflict may turn, both armies will be exhausted when the end comes, it may be days hence. Defeat to Kuropatkin would probably mean the abandonment of Mukden and a retreat to a stronger position at the Tie Ling or Pass, forty or fifty miles north of his present position. It might also mean the conclusion of the war, as if another great battle is lost at the beginning of the second year of the war, Russia might well conclude it hopeless to continue the struggle.
There are various estimates of the number of men engaged, ranging from six hundred thousand to nearly a million men, pretty evenly divided between the two belligerent armies. There is something as appalling almost as the human mind can conceive in such vast hosts, equipped with the most deadly weapons thus devoting week after week to the work of mutual destruction. Already the slaughter has been enormous. There is a shade of relief in the thought that the very vastness and deadliness of the conflict may be the means of sooner exhausting one or both the belligerents and compelling the defeated one to consent to peace. In any case, and however it may result this midwinter battle on the snowy plains of Manchuria will pass into history as one of the most gigantic, the most stubbornly contested and the most sanguinary struggles in the annals of war, ancient or modern.

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