part of the Empire must be defended. When Mr. Foster pleads that we should surrender our rights or be called " unneighborly," he simply shows that the Almighty has not endowed him with the slightest sense of humour.

Sir Sandford Fleming's article on the Pacific cable in this number of the QUARTERLY throws light on the reasons why the Eastern Extension Company opposed an enterprise important to the Empire in peace and essential in time of war. It is the old story of the insane greed of corporations and their callousness to the interests of the community. The Eastern Extension octopus is not satisfied with the fortunes already made, and can no more bear the thought of losing any part of the traffic than a tiger would consent to share blood with its companions of the jungle. What is the duty of Canada in the premises? The Colonial office has said that the initiative in the matter of the cable must come from Canada or Australia. This is a perfectly reasonable position, in view of all the facts of the case ; and as divided Australia cannot act, it is for Canada to step forward and show that its imperial sentiment is genuine. We have lost nothing ; we have on the contrary gained immensely by the two steps already taken, and it would be the same with this third step. Let Canada offer to lay the cable, if Britain will guarantee the capital and New Zealand and the Australias guarantee the traffic, which they can easily do as the land lines are under their control. Let the initiative thus come from Canada. We shall get the cable and the tax payer will not be called on to pay a cent. Canada would then be in the position telegraphically, as regards the Empire, in which nature has placed her geographically. She is the keystone of the arch. An impetus will be given to intercolonial trade, to the development of national spirit and to the cause of imperial unity. That is the direction in which we have set our faces. We must go forward, for to halt now between two opinions, as if we were undecided as to our course, would be fatal to self respect and to national welfare.

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