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point is to induce them to more or less follow the Battleford  
Onion Lake Trail and join the Jack Fish Branch somewhere in the  
vicinity of Turtleford. St. W<sub>g</sub>lburg have staged a meeting recently  
to get it continued westward from there.

As stated, that will not help us, they simply dont want to be  
left on a spur and don't give a cuss for us. They've got their  
railway and don't mind bucking ours.

You'll be asking what has all this got to do with the Conserv-  
ative Party? Well! in the ordinary course you will probably put a  
candidate up at the next Federal election for this Constituency.  
The last time he got two votes in my family, next time he may get  
three.

But it is not good sending a candidate up here unless he brings  
a definite pledge that the gap will be completed at once and through  
the district in question. He might just as well save his deposit.  
If he can bring that pledge from the Leader of the Party, I will not  
be content unless I get him 200 more votes than he otherwise would.  
In this letter I cannot convey to you half the importance this  
matter is entitled to but you may take it that there are 1000 farmers  
in the territory I speak of who are in deadly earnest over this question  
of transportation, and the party who will give them the railway has  
got them body and soul. We know it is our last chance and a large  
percentage intend to get out rather than try to continue under present  
conditions.

On the count of the inability of the country to afford it I will  
say "The country has got to afford it, We'll make it pay." One might  
just as well say that if I cannot afford a binder I must cut my crop  
with a scythe or sickle and tie it with hay bands. 90% of farmers

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