

is really surprising. The proposal has received the endorsement of Chambers of Commerce and of many prominent representative men. At the Fifth Congress of the Chambers of Commerce of the Empire held at Montreal in August 1903, it was unanimously approved, and it was recognised that such an inter-Imperial line of communication "would constitute the most effective means by which the several governmental units of the Empire may hold communion with each other whenever they desire, and that while it would be of the highest importance to the commercial and social interests of the British people around the world, it would, by the subtle force of electricity, at once promote the consolidation of the Empire and prove an indispensable factor in Imperial unity." This view was again confirmed at the Sixth Congress of Chambers of Commerce recently held in London.

But while the resolutions of Chambers of Commerce may fitly represent the opinions of manufacturers, merchants, and other business men, more surprising even than their testimony is that of over fifty representative Canadians from very different departments and connections in life, whose letters on the subject are here presented, men who are outside the sphere of commercial life and who agree in regarding the scheme as thoroughly practicable and of the greatest importance.

The writers are all well-known men of prominent position, and they appear to have been selected for the reason that they are removed from the active politics of the day. The evidence furnished is presented in this valuable parliamentary paper in four groups, embracing A, Statesmen; B, Judges; C, Heads of Universities and Colleges; and D, Prominent Clergymen. Group A contains the views of three lieutenant-governors: (1) His Honour Sir Henry G. Joly de Lotbiniere, Lieut.-Governor of British Columbia; (2) His Honour the late Alfred G. Jones, Lieut.-Governor of Nova Scotia; (3) His Honour Wm. Mortimer Clark, Lieut.-Governor of Ontario. To these may now be added His Honour D. C. Fraser, Lieutenant-Governor of Nova Scotia, whose views appear in Group A as a Supreme Court Judge of Nova Scotia. There are four French-Canadians in this group, embracing M. H. A. A. Brault, President de la Chambre de Commerce du district de Montreal; M. J. George Garneau, present Mayor of Quebec; Very Rev. Monsignor Laflamme, of Laval University; and Benjamin Sulte, ex-President of the Royal Society of Canada. We find also in this group the names of Sir William C. Macdonald and Dean Bovey, of McGill University; Sir William P. Howland, P.C.,