

Argyle, Lord Milner, Sir Albert Spicer, Lorne Collings and the Hon. Mr. Fielding. His noble address awakened much sympathy throughout the United Kingdom when it was published through the public press. On behalf of the Government we regard it a public duty to take this opportunity of bringing the whole question of the imperial cable to the attention of the thoughtful men of Canada, and to warmly commend the views expressed by him. In addition to the foregoing outline of the proposed system of cables and the recent address of Mr. Fielding, we are very much pleased to submit other publications

of Ottawa submits that a state-owned proposal, that as pointed out by Mr. Fielding, is a necessary consequence of the Pacific cable, and that it would be amply remunerative. It is in the movement which we have long advocated, a system of Empire cables which would encircle the globe in an electric world-girdle.

It is to be hoped that you will find the project as practicable as it is designed to foster trade and commerce, and that it will be the means of developing the Empire by rendering it possible for all British Colonies and longitudes to participate in common interests and sentiments, thus promoting the best inter-

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