

# THE BRITISH EMPIRE LEAGUE IN CANADA.

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## ITS ORIGIN, CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS.

Upon the dissolution of the Council of the Imperial Federation League in England in 1894, the City of London Branch, through their President, Sir John Lubbock, requested the Canadian Branch to assist them in an endeavour to reconstruct the League upon a stronger and more durable basis, and, if possible, to confer with them as to the best means of achieving this result.

Accordingly, at the annual meeting held in Ottawa on the 29th May, 1894, the following office-bearers and members were appointed a committee, with power to add to their number, to confer with the members of the City of London Branch, with the object above set out in view, and to report upon the result of such conference:—Lt. Col. G. T. Denison, the President of the League in Canada; Sir Donald Smith, K.C.M.G., one of the Vice-Presidents of the League; Larratt W. Smith, Esq., Q.C., LL.D., the President of the Toronto Branch; George E. Evans, Esq., the Hon. Sec. of the League in Canada; H. J. Wickham, Esq., the Chairman of the Organizing Committee; Major Denison, the Secretary of the London Branch, and J. L. Hughes, Esq., one of the Council.

At a preliminary meeting of the Sub-Committee, held at Sir Donald Smith's rooms in London on July 19th, 1894, Sir Charles Tupper, Bart., G.C.M.G., who was present and expressed his willingness to act, was added to the deputation.