

the request of the delegates to the Conference, made collectively and individually on behalf of their respective Governments, should be reconsidered.

I have the honor to be, Sir, your most obedient servant,  
SANDFORD FLEMING.

The Under Secretary of State, Colonial Office.

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V.—9.

*Unanimously adopted by the Conference, 6th May, 1887.*

First. That the connection recently formed through Canada from the Atlantic to the Pacific, by railway and telegraph, opens a new alternative line of Imperial communication over the high seas and through British possessions, which promises to be of great value alike in naval, military, commercial and political aspects.

Second. That the connection of Canada with Australasia by direct submarine telegraph across the Pacific is a project of high importance to the Empire, and every doubt as to its practicability should, without delay, be set at rest by a thorough and exhaustive survey.

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V.—10.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, OTTAWA, CANADA, 26th July, 1887.

SIR,—I am directed by Honorable Sir Alexander Campbell, K.C.M.G., to send you herewith, for submission to His Excellency the Governor General in Council, his report with reference to the Colonial Conference held in London in April last, and which he attended as the representative with Mr. Fleming, of the Dominion Government.

I have the honor to be, Sir, your obedient servant,  
C. W. TREADWELL.

The Honorable the Secretary of State, Ottawa.

*Extracts.*

The Right Honorable The Marquis of Lansdowne, Governor General of Canada, &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :

On the 9th March last you were pleased by Order in Council to appoint me to "Represent Canada at the Conference, summoned by Her Majesty's Government in the despatch from the Right Honorable Mr. Stanhope, dated the 25th of November, 1886, to assemble in London in the early part of the present year, at which matters of common interest to all portions of the Empire might be fully considered."

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2. The second important object for which Her Majesty's Government had assembled the Conference was stated in Mr. Stanhope's circular despatch, above referred to, to be second only to that of defence—"the promotion of commercial and social relations by the development of our postal and telegraphic communications."

In the discussion of this question, my colleague, Mr. Fleming, after reviewing the history of the efforts that had been made by the Imperial Government towards establishing a line of communication between the Atlantic and Pacific seaboard and the steps by which the Canadian Pacific Railway had been brought to a successful completion explained to the Conference the ways in which the new route to the East might be utilized for Imperial purposes.

These he said, would be in effect two.