

fact that political union is only accomplished when the representatives are returned by the vote of their constituents. Fourth, THE RISE AND DEVELOPMENT OF EXPORT TRADE, AND FOREIGN RELATIONSHIP consequent thereto, of the Canadian people, and also the necessity that has arisen for the people in the Colonies to take an active part in the central power that controls their means of communication, and can best protect and increase their trade relationship in foreign countries. Fifth, THE NEED OF MUTUAL DEFENCE, as a necessity for the fullest growth and prosperity of a colony, and as leading in return to an added strength to all. Sixth, THAT THE TIME HAS COME when all circumstances have led up to the people in the Empire being both ready and in need of a union as a necessity for the perfection of all their many and diverse mutual resources. Seventh, our conclusions so far up to the present time, which we sum up as political union by popular representation in the British Parliament, which policy we name, "Federation by Representation," for the sake of commercial union and concurrent commercial interests. Concentration of defensive power for the protection and development of internal resources.

As the constitutional means by which this could be accomplished, we submit that the Home Government should pass an enabling act giving the Colonies the right, on petition from their Local Legislature to send representatives, duly elected by the people, to represent them in the Imperial Parliament at Westminster.

We should disabuse our minds of the excess of glamor that may in former times have surrounded such a position, and look upon Parliament as the great committee of a nation through which its business affairs can best be regulated. There is no other means of union—of "welding into one harmonious and united community"—known in the political world, except a union of representatives. It is a fact worthy of note, and one that is certainly shown to be true, that each one of those three great principles of Federation has been evolved from the history of one of each of our three great colonies. Australia gives us the political, Canada the commercial, and Africa the necessity of defence. We have already referred to the first as "the Australian principle of Federation." We can in like manner call the others, "the Canadian Policy," and "the African factor," in the same cause, and truly say: "*Ex oriente*