



TO THE CITIZENS OF THE EMPIRE.

OTTAWA, AUGUST 15TH, 1907.

The President and Council of the Board of Trade of the City of Ottawa, having learned by telegraph that at the concluding sitting of the Imperial Conference in London, a policy was adopted designed to advance the unity and promote the permanency of the Empire.

As soon as the full text of the proceedings of the Imperial Conference reached Ottawa, the Council of the Board of Trade of the Capital deemed it proper to seek the earliest opportunity of waiting on His Excellency, Earl Grey, the Governor-General, who had recently returned from England. They desired on behalf of the Board of Trade to express the great satisfaction felt in the fact that the concluding act of the Conference was designed in an eminent degree to benefit the Mother Country, Canada, New Zealand and Australia, by the establishment of a fast connecting mail service. They further desired to give expression to their views respecting the far-reaching and beneficial consequence to result from an extended application of the wise policy inaugurated by the Conference.

The President and Council having gained an audience with His Excellency, they submitted at some length views held by the Board, in the address which immediately follows. His Excellency was pleased to reply in extremely sympathetic terms, referring to the spirit which has long imbued the Board of Trade of the City of Ottawa, in their aim to advance the best interests of the whole Empire.

The duty now appears to devolve upon the Council to adopt means of giving the widest circulation to His Excellency's encouraging words, not in Canada alone, but in every one of the self-governing portions of the Empire. The Council fervently