



TO THE CITIZENS OF THE EMPIRE.

Fifty years ago the Board of Trade of the City of Ottawa was constituted by an Act of Incorporation. For half a century the President and Council, in the name and on behalf of the Board, have faithfully endeavoured to carry out the duties intrusted to them.

At a meeting of the Board, held on November 14th, when the attendance of members was perhaps larger than on any previous occasion, the following resolution was unanimously passed:—

"That this Board heartily commends and approves the action taken
"by the Council in connection with the proposed chain of Empire Cables, and
"expresses the wish that every effort be continued to advance the movement
"to cheapen Telegraphy, by land and sea, throughout the Empire."

For some time back the President and Council, under instructions from the Board, have in every way promoted the movement to establish a girdle of state-owned cables around the globe, so as to afford each of the self-governing British communities the freest, the speediest and the cheapest means of mutually exchanging intelligence.

The President and Council were recently granted an opportunity of formally addressing His Excellency the Governor-General of Canada, on this important subject. His Excellency in reply heartily favoured the action taken and the views expressed by the Council on behalf of the Board, and, satisfied that the best results would follow, urged that the work of forming public opinion in respect hereto be vigorously prosecuted throughout the Empire.