

upon His Excellency, urging the views which were first expressed in the memorial of the Ottawa Branch, and the resolutions passed at the public meeting referred to.

Your Committee have the great satisfaction to report that the Government of Canada have formally invited the Australian Government and the Government of New Zealand to send delegates to a conference to be held in Ottawa, for the discussion of matters pertaining to reciprocal trade and commerce, as well as to consider the practicability of a joint effort to lay a Pacific Cable between Vancouver and New Zealand.

Your Committee look hopefully forward to the good results which they believe will be an outcome of this conference, and it must be gratifying to all the members that the first movement in the matter took its origin with the Ottawa Branch.

Your Committee considered it advisable to issue in pamphlet form the Rules and Regulations governing the Branch. This has been done and copies thereof distributed among the members.

Your Committee are strongly impressed with the fact that the principle upon which the League appeals to the public should be thoroughly understood, and to this end they would suggest the great necessity of circulating, as widely as possible, the monthly Journal of the League "Imperial Federation." By arrangement this publication can be supplied at the reduced rate of fifty cents per annum.

Your Committee refer with pleasure to the existence of Branches of the League in a great many of the centres of commerce of the Dominion, and to the frequent and encouraging reports of the formation of new Branches; all showing the earnest and widespread desire amongst the people of Canada for closer and more intimate union and relationship with Great Britain—the heart of the Empire.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

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