

measure of common sense. This much can be said of it, that it is entirely non-party and non-jingo; and, while quite humble and unobjectionable in its pretensions, a little consideration will satisfy you that it must eventually come to be regarded as far-reaching in its aims, and that it cannot fail in the long-run to bring about results of the very highest importance.

Already many persons have formed the opinion that the documents issued by the Canadian Parliament furnish evidence that the proposal is far better calculated to promote the commercial interests and advance the unity of the whole British people than any other scheme yet promulgated. It is made perfectly obvious from such evidence that the time is not ripe for more ambitious proposals, that premature attempts to put them in force might do great harm, and that no cut-and-dried scheme for the organisation of the Empire will be found acceptable to large masses of those mutually concerned; that the very first step is to adopt some effective means by and through which the several communities of British people around the Globe shall become better acquainted with each other, and more familiar with matters relating to their mutual well-being. Organisation to be enduring must be based on mutual sympathy and confidence, which, again, must spring from mutual knowledge.

What is really required is a comprehensive means of dispelling ignorance and establishing mutual relationship. The first requisite is an adequate service for disseminating useful knowledge throughout the Empire, a well-designed service for the mutual enlightenment and mutual advantage of all classes in each separate British community.

An occasional speech at a social or other gathering in London, or in any other city, is entirely inadequate in view of the immensely important purposes to be achieved. The Imperial Penny Post is undoubtedly an inestimable boon, but, valuable as it is as a means of drawing our people around the world closer to each other, it is quite inadequate as a speedy means of com-