

"The second division is an established fact, having been successfully carried out under a partnership arrangement between six British Governments, viz: the Home Government, the Canadian Government, the governments of New Zealand, New South Wales, Victoria and Queensland.

"There remain divisions three and four to complete the whole series of Empire Cables. The principle of state ownership and state partnership having been adopted in respect to the Pacific, the extension of the principle to this second half of the globe-girdling system would seem to follow naturally.

As the second division has been established at the expense of the six governments mentioned, we have the means of ascertaining with a near approach to accuracy, the cost of the three remaining divisions. Based on this data, a liberal estimate goes to show that an additional sum of £5,000,000 would establish and completely equip the whole circle of Empire Cables.

The Board of Trade of the City of Ottawa does not stand alone in the efforts which it has made or in the conclusions which it has reached. Besides the many Chambers of Commerce in Canada, the United Kingdom, New Zealand, Australia, India, South Africa, the West Indies and elsewhere, which have placed themselves on record in a manner which cannot be misunderstood, a long array of men of eminence and learning have declared themselves strongly in favor of the proposal.* Moreover, the Board of Trade of the City of Ottawa, has much satisfaction in welcoming a new ally in the endeavour to awaken attention to the matter and in educating the public mind concerning it. One of the most influential associations in England—the "Eighty Club"—issued a few months ago, a pamphlet of thirty pages, the object of which was to impart to the people of the three Kingdoms a true perception of the necessity for action, and the immense advantage to result from the application of the principle of connecting the several units of the great British Family of Nations, by the best possible means of communication; a principle now endorsed by the Conference of Premiers of the Empire.†

The most remarkable testimony in favor of the proposal is brought forward by a member of the Board of Trade of the City of Ottawa, in a communication to the Colonial Secretary. It appears in Sessional paper No. 67 (1906), presented to Parliament by the Canadian Government. It is doubtful if it would be possible to find higher testimony in favour of any proposition. It consists of the individual testimony of over fifty well known eminent Canadians, embracing Lieutenant Governors of Provinces, Presidents of Universities, Judges of Supreme Courts, statesmen and clergymen of every denomination. In this particular matter they are in remarkable agreement, and it might indeed be difficult to find any other subject on which they would be so cordially and emphatically agreed. This half hundred of some of the foremost men in Canada, are substantially of one

*Vide communication to the Right Honorable the Earl of Elgin, Secretary of State for the Colonies. Canadian Sessional Paper No. 67 and 67a, 1906.

†The establishment of a great Imperial Intelligence Union as a means of promoting the consolidation of the Empire, an address delivered by Sir Sanford Fleming before the "Eighty Club" on July 20th, 1906.