

hend it will be obvious to all, that the scheme submitted embraces the principle of *inter-Imperial co-operation*, and is designed to form, in a very practical manner, a complete bond of union between the old land and all the new lands; that it is an instrument to enable us to ascertain what to avoid and what to accept; that its tendency must be to reconcile the interests of the whole with the interests of each part, and to foster a oneness of sentiment, a unity of sympathy pre-eminently necessary to bring home the feeling to our people the world over, that they are part of a great political organism whose chief mission is progress and peace.

I venture to think that every patriotic man will recognise in such a co-operative bond of union and friendship, embracing the widest geographical range, a powerful and peaceful means of giving shape and growth and solidarity to the modern Empire.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient Servant,

SANDFORD FLEMING.