

of a few of the more distinguished Federationists, and here I would like to say that many old-time advocates of Canadian independence are now joining the league, as offering in its platform the truest and best system of independence in Canada. There are some sixty members of the Senate and Commons upon our council, with many men distinguished in business and legal circles, amongst whom may be mentioned Hon. G. E. Foster, Minister of Finance; Hon. C. H. Tupper, Minister of Marine; Hon. G. W. Allen, Hon. J. R. Gowan, Hon. J. C. Schultz, Dalton McCarthy, Q.C., M.P., president, and Alex. McNiell, M.P., vice-president of the league in Canada; Adam Brown, M.P., Sir Adam Wilson, late chief justice; G. R. R. Cockburn, M.P., C. N. Skinner, M.P., Sir D. A. Smith, M.P., H. A. Ward, M.P., N. Clarke Wallace, M.P., Geo. Hague, general manager Merchants' Bank; Andrew Robertson, of Montreal; T. Wolbertson Thomas, general manager Molsons Bank; J. G. Bourinot, Ottawa; E. F. Clarke, M.P.P., mayor of Toronto; Bishop Courtney, of Nova Scotia, and Archbishop O'Brien, of Halifax. In Great Britain the number of leading men who favor our principles is so great as to defy mention, Lord Aberdeen, Lord Ashbourne, Lord Charles Beresford, Lord Brabourne, Henry Broadhurst, M.P., a pronounced Radical and formerly Under Secretary of State; Prof. James Price, M.P., Lord Carnarvon, Sir Donald Currie, M.P., Lord Dunraven, Sir James Fergusson, M.P., General Sir Gerald Graham, Lord George Hamilton, M.P., Lord Herschill, Sir M. Hicks-Beach, M.P., Rt. Hon. Ed. Stanhope, M.P., Prof. Montague Burrows, M.P., Prof. G. G. Stokes, M.P., the Bishops of Littlefield and Rochester, Lord Knutsford, Sir Jno. Lubbock, M.P., Sir Lyon Playfair, M.P., Lord Tennyson, Prof. J. R. Seeley, Lord Rosebery are all upon the list of our council. Sir John Macdonald is a member of the council in Britain, while Hon. Oliver Mowat seconded the resolution which formed the league in London in the year 1884. In Australasia a few of our prominent supporters are Hon. James Service, late Premier, and the Hon. D. Gillies, present Premier of Victoria; Sir Samuel Griffith, late Premier of Queensland; Sir John Downer, Premier of South Australia, and Hon. J. C. Bray, late Premier; Sir Arthur Blyth, South Australia; Sir Daniel Cooper, of New South Wales; Sir Charles Gaven Duffy, late Premier of Victoria; Sir William Fox and Sir William Fitzherbert, Sir Robert Stout and Sir Harry Atkinson, of New Zealand; Sir Arthur Hodgson, of Queensland; Sir Charles Nicholson, N.S.W.; Sir Saul Samuel, N.S.W.; Sir Francis Smith, of Tasmania, and many more. I think that I have named sufficient to controvert any statement as to our lack of prominent supporters.

Is the league then satisfied with the progress it has been making?

Yes. I feel certain that we have no cause for discontent, but every ground for satisfaction. Throughout the self-governing parts of the Empire the sentiment is daily growing in favor of closer union, and this is most clearly shown in the utterances of men high in position in the Mother Land and elsewhere, who dare not run counter to this rapidly rising tide of opinion. Mr. Gladstone, when he said in a recent letter that he "should view with the utmost satisfaction throughout the British Empire, a more thorough and substantial union of the different countries