

Columbia with old Canada, by the construction of the National Railway, has completely changed the conditions and opened up the way for great possibilities in trade and commerce between the Dominion and the Sister Colonies in the South Pacific.

That it is of great importance to establish trade and friendly intimacy between those two great divisions of the British Empire.

Your Memorialists believe that the attainment of these objects would be greatly facilitated by a conference of delegates representing the Canadian and Australian Governments. Wherefore your Memorialists desire to express the hope that your Excellency will be pleased to take step to invite the Australian Government and the Government of New Zealand to join in constituting a conference to devise means for the development of reciprocal trade and commerce.

And Your Memorialists, as in duty bound will ever pray.

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It may not be out of place to mention that following the action taken by the Ottawa Branch, similar memorials were afterwards forwarded from Toronto, Halifax and other places where Branches of the League are established. When the Governor General visited Toronto in March last, a deputation waited upon His Excellency and submitted to him the great importance which was to be attached to the establishment of a more perfect means of communication between Australia and Canada, and to the promotion of mutual trade relations between the two countries. Before Lord Lansdowne left Canada, a deputation of Members of Parliament waited