

The Empire-Girdling Cable.

On May 17th, 1911, the Royal Society of Canada placed on record its resolution, the deep interest felt by the members in the projected establishment of a world-encircling system of State-owned cables and telegraphs; and expressed the ardent hope for its early realization as a means of promoting the unification of the Empire.

On the following day (May 18th) the Royal Society, with entire unanimity adopted as its deliverance the following communication for transmission to the Coronation Conference now assembling in London.

A quarter of a century ago communications were exchanged between the Colonial Office, London, and the Government at Ottawa which shortly afterwards led to the projection of a scheme of the highest importance to the whole Empire.

The scheme was in part unfolded at the Imperial Conference of 1887, and at each succeeding Conference of representatives of the autonomous Dominions held in Ottawa and in London the subject was further considered and developed, the advantages to result from bringing into close telegraphic touch each one of the overseas British states and all with the Mother Country, became more and more apparent. The feeling in course of time became strengthened that all