

Establishment of the League in Canada.

The Canadian Branch of the League was formed at a large meeting held at Montreal on the 9th May, 1885, when the following resolutions were passed unanimously.

1. That this meeting has observed with satisfaction the increased interest in the outlying portions of the Empire displayed by the people of the Mother Country, and the formation under the auspices of many distinguished practical statesmen of THE IMPERIAL FEDERATION LEAGUE.
2. That to the end that the Mother Country and the Colonies may remain perpetually under a common sovereignty, a United Empire in its foreign affairs, with constitutional liberty for every part as regards internal administration, a readjustment of the several constitutional authorities of the Empire should, as occasion arises, be made in such manner as to increase the practical efficiency of Imperial unity.
3. That the resolutions passed at the Conference held in London, on the 29th July, 1884, and at the inaugural meeting of the League on the 18th November, 1884, and notably the following:—

That, in order to secure the permanent unity of the Empire, some form of federation is essential.

That no scheme of federation should interfere with the existing rights of local parliaments, as regards local affairs.

That any scheme of federation should combine on an equitable basis the resources of the Empire for the maintenance of common interests, and adequately provide for an organized defence of common rights.

meet with the hearty acceptance of this meeting.

4. That a Canadian Branch of the League be now formed, to be called THE IMPERIAL FEDERATION LEAGUE IN CANADA, and that the object of the League in Canada shall be to promote the discussion of means whereby the permanent unity of the Empire may be maintained, and its practical efficiency increased, to further the development and interchange of the resources of its various parts, and to resist any measures tending to disintegration.
5. That the co-operation of men of all political parties in every part of Canada be sought for the establishment of branches.