

Nelson, McLeod Stewart, R. W. Shannon, Major Sherwood, Major Clark, Dr. Kingsford, Dr. Beattie Nesbitt, Prof. Robertson, Dr. Rholston, Lt.-Col. Scoble, Captain Smith, George E. Evans (Hon. Secretary), and others.

THE PRESIDENT moved the adoption of the annual report, which contained a copy of the constitution of the British Empire League, and recommended that the Canadian League affiliated with that body. He referred to the dissolution of the Council of the Imperial Federation League in London, and to the delegation which had been sent to England pursuant to the resolution passed at the annual meeting held in Ottawa in May, 1894, for the purpose of aiding to reorganize a central organization in London. He described the meeting which took place between the delegation and a number of members of the City of London Branch, at Sir John Lubbock's on the 20th July, 1894, the outcome of which was the constitution which was now before the meeting. He thanked Sir Charles Tupper for the very kind and valuable assistance he rendered to the Canadian delegation on that occasion.

The present was a most opportune time for the Colonies to unite together and aid in bringing about the consolidation of the British Empire. Reference had been made to the "splendid isolation" of the British Empire. He would like to see it firmly and closely consolidated, so that whenever any danger threatened from abroad, a firm and unbroken front would be presented to the enemy, and if any point was threatened, our full strength and power would be thrown with overwhelming force to its support.

Canada is an outpost on this continent, and in some respect, the most exposed outpost in the Empire. Its whole future is at stake in this question of having the Empire thoroughly consolidated. When that is done, the people of this country will have more confidence. Men emigrating to this country would have confidence; they would look upon its future as assured, and realize that there was no possibility of any change taking place. Men would come here knowing that they would not be