

successfully to carry on my mission. The remainder of the press of Monte Video also did everything they possibly could to forward my interests as a representative of the Canadian Government.

BUSINESS FIRMS, &c.

Appended hereto is a list of the names of firms and merchants doing business either in Buenos Ayres, Monte Video or Rio de Janeiro, who are reliable to the fullest extent and to whom Canadian business can be safely entrusted and from whom Canadian manufacturers and merchants can obtain all kinds of mercantile intelligence, and from nearly all of whom I received the most spontaneous intimations that they would gladly furnish Canadian merchants and manufacturers with any information upon the subject of South American trade within their power to give. I also in the appendix give the names, amount of capital and circulation of the banks of Buenos Ayres.

CONCLUDING REMARKS.

I am deeply impressed with the idea that if an attempt be made (and I think it should be made) to develop trade between Canada and South America, the Dominion should have at least one representative there, whose duty it should be to study the trade of the South American countries and report at least once a year to the Canadian Government as to the state, tendency and probable volume of business and other things connected therewith, in order that the merchants and manufacturers of Canada might have continually before them the requisite information to deal intelligently with all trade questions between the Dominion and South America. This duty is now performed by the British Consuls in South America for the people of Great Britain, and it has been a great factor in enabling British merchants and manufacturers to take the advanced position in South American commerce that they now hold. It should be arranged that such representative should not permanently reside in one place, but travel from city to city at different times during each year, reporting as frequently as need be to the Government in this country upon the matters given him in charge, which reports should be given to the public as soon as possible after being submitted to the Governor General in Council.

Trusting that from a mission, upon which I entered with much diffidence and the duties of which I have discharged to the best of my ability, there will arise some good to the Canadian people,

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
SIMEON JONES.

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