

SEVERAL MEMBERS:—"We don't say so. That is Lord Rosebery's view."

MR. MCNEILL:—"For my part, I do not abandon it. I am glad to drop the word 'federation,' because all along I doubted the expediency of using it; but I do not pledge myself to drop the use of the term on that consideration."

MR. THOMAS MACFARLANE:—"I am sorry that the name Imperial Federation is to be abandoned; but, since it seems to be the wish of the majority, I must submit to the inevitable. Although Imperial Federation is not immediately obtainable, it seems to me that it should not be abandoned at once."

SIR DONALD SMITH:—"Having had the privilege of being present at a meeting in London, as mentioned by the Chairman, with Sir John Lubbock and others, I may say that it is the case that those from Canada, and representing Canada, at that meeting very strenuously contended for the retention of the old title; but after very seriously considering the matter, it was felt that it was much better to unite with our English friends in adopting the new title. I think we are quite safe in adopting a new name, and that in doing so we do not give up anything we contended for before. I have no doubt we are all, both in England and here, just as earnestly desirous under the new name of holding to the unity of the Empire, and of supporting it in every way, and it will have that effect just as much now as before the change."

In deference to the views of Messrs. McNeill and Macfarlane, it was decided that the Association, as a new organization, should adopt the report of the Imperial Federation League, presented at the beginning of the meeting, and so indorse the principles it contained.

At this point the President read a cablegram he had received from Mr. Freeman Murray, Secretary of the League in England, wishing the Canadian Branch God speed.