

Editorial Rooms, 51 Richmond street west, Toronto, Canada, June 5, 1899.

Dear Lord Jersey.—A movement has been recently inaugurated in Canada by the Hon. Geo. W. Ross, Minister of Education for Ontario, to which I beg to draw your Lordship's attention. Knowing the deep interest which you take in all matters connected with the general development of Imperial unity, I am sending by this post an official report dealing with the matter in question. It is, in brief, the carrying out of a suggestion made by the Hon. Mr. Ross that there should be one day set apart for the discussion and celebration, in all sections of the British dominions, of the principles and history underlying Imperial development and unity. The day before the Queen's Birthday was chosen in Canada, and has been most successfully celebrated, under the designation of Empire Day. The school children throughout the greater part of the Dominion gathered in their school-rooms, and, under the inspiration of patriotic songs, essays by the pupils and speeches by prominent men, received much effective information regarding the position and greatness of the Empire. The hope which we entertain here, and in connection with which I venture to write you, is that this celebration may be continued not only in Canada, but in other British countries. To this end, however, it is necessary to obtain the co-operation of the leaders in the Imperial movement in Great Britain, and I am sure that, whatever view your Lordship may take on the subject, you will not mind my drawing your attention to it.

With apologies for a typewritten letter, caused by much pressure upon my time, I beg to remain,

Very faithfully yours,
(Signed) J. Castell Hopkins.