

And that wherever these systems have been brought into use, great advantages to the public have resulted.

That improvements in time reckoning and their application in every day life have so far not been legalized by Statute, and it would be in the general public interest to have them so legalized.

Wherefore your petitioners humbly pray that the 24-hour notation of time and the hour zone system of reckoning (commonly called Standard Time) be sanctioned and permitted by law throughout the Dominion of Canada.

And as in duty bound your petitioners will ever pray :

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President Canadian Institute.
F. B. BROWNING,
Vice-President do
ALAN MACDOUGALL,
Secretary do
E. F. CLARK,
Mayor of Toronto.
JNO. BLEVINS,
City Clerk, Toronto.
JOHN J. DAVIDSON,
Pres. Board of Trade, Toronto.
EDGAR A. HILL,
Secretary do
CHARLES B. LEE,
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MRYANT BALDWIN,
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No. 5.

THE WASHINGTON CONFERENCE, 1884.

CIRCULARS from the Department of State, Washington, in reference to the calling of an International Conference to determine a common zero of Longitude and Standard for Time-Reckoning throughout the Globe.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE, WASHINGTON, 23rd October, 1882.

SIR,—On the 3rd of August last the President approved an Act of Congress in the following words :—

“ Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, that the President of the United States be authorized and requested to extend to the governments of all nations in diplomatic relations with our own an invitation to appoint delegates to meet delegates from the United States in the City of Washington at such time as he may see fit to designate, for the purpose of fixing upon a meridian proper to be employed as a common zero of longitude and standard of time reckoning throughout the globe, and that the President be authorized to appoint delegates, not exceeding three in number, to represent the United States in such international conference.