



R. CHAIRMAN and gentlemen of the British Empire League, it is much diffidence, that I approach a subject with which I am familiar, but which, when viewed from an Imperial standpoint, has such far reaching possibilities, and that subject is a uniform IMPERIAL PATENT ACT OR ACTS

to cover Great and Greater Britain and dependencies including Great Britain and Ireland, Canada, Australia, Tasmania, New Zealand, Newfoundland, India, Ceylon, Cape of Good Hope, Natal, Transvaal Colony, Orange River Colony, Bahamas, Barbadoes, British Guiana, British Honduras, British North Borneo, Hong Kong, Jamaica, Mysore, Perak, Rhoderia, St. Helena, Straits Settlements, Trinidad and Zululand, the Colonies where Letters Patent may at present be obtained.

It may be a matter of surprise to you that I should advocate a measure, which, if consummated, would undoubtedly curtail the amount of business of Pat