

IMPERIAL FEDERATION LEAGUE.

OTTAWA BRANCH.

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Your Committee in submitting this the First Annual Report of the Ottawa Branch of the Imperial Federation League in Canada, beg, at the outset, to draw your attention to the fact that owing to the organization of the Branch in November 1887, and a subsequent desire on the part of the members to have the year commence in January, this the first Annual Report will necessarily embrace the proceedings of the Branch from the date of its organization to the expiry of the year 1888.

The idea of forming an Ottawa Branch of the League was first considered by certain members of the Executive Committee of the League in Canada, resident in Ottawa, and as a result of their deliberation a meeting of those in sympathy with the objects of the League was duly called, and held on the 8th day of November, 1887.

At this meeting the resolutions passed by the Conference held in London, England, on the 28th of July, 1884, and in Montreal, on the 9th of May, 1885, were considered and adopted. The sense of the meeting being unanimously in favor of the formation of a Branch of the League in Ottawa, a resolution to this effect was carried and consequent thereupon those active in organization of the Branch caused to be issued lists for