

The system of Empire cables is not designed simply to earn large money profits for shareholders by imposing a tax on mutual intercourse. Its purpose is as far as possible to remove that tax. It is not designed to pay ordinary dividends—its dividends will take a new form. Its objects are to render a distinct service to all classes of the British people in all quarters of the globe, to safeguard their vital interests, and effectively promote the continued growth and free development of the Empire.

The Views of Well-known Canadians.

Attention is invited to the letters I have mentioned as having been received from a number of gentlemen of the highest eminence in Canada. I have already referred to the emphatic opinions of the commercial men of the Empire, deliberately declared by their representatives in the meetings and Congress of Chambers of Commerce. But the men of business, although a unit in support of the movement advocated, are not more emphatic than other men of equal patriotism and wisdom, the learned writers of the letters to which I now refer.

The letters received are singularly interesting and are characterized by remarkable unanimity, especially on one essential point, the advantages to result from a properly established Intelligence Department. There is not in the more than a hundred responses a single expression adverse to the proposal. I append extracts from the letters received from such of the gentlemen as are not actively engaged in Dominion politics. There are many letters from other gentlemen equally favourable to the movement, including nine Ministers, ex-Ministers, and members of the Canadian Privy Council, which I would gladly append, but for obvious reasons, I refrain from doing so. Those now submitted I have classified, and arranged in four groups, A, B, C, and D, comprising statesmen, judges, scholars, and divines.

GROUP A.—Statesmen and Students of Political Science.

1. His Honour Sir Henri G. Joly de Lotbiniere, Lieut.-Governor of British Columbia	...	...	...	...	...	Victoria.
2. His Honour Alfred G. Jones, Lieut.-Governor of Nova Scotia	...	...	...	...	...	Halifax.
3. His Honour William Mortimer Clarke, Lieut.-Governor of Ontario	...	...	...	...	...	Toronto.
4. M. H. A. A. Brault, Président de la Chambre de Commerce du District de Montreal	...	...	...	...	...	Montreal.
5. Dean Bovey, LL.D., &c., McGill University	...	...	...	...	...	Montreal.
6. Lieut.-Colonel Denison, President British Empire League in Canada	...	...	...	...	...	Toronto.
7. Hon. Sir William Howland, P.C.	...	...	...	...	...	Toronto.
8. I. George Garneau, Esq.	...	...	...	...	...	Quebec.
9. Very Rev. Monseigneur Laflamme, of Laval University	...	...	...	...	...	Quebec.
10. Sir William C. Macdonald	...	...	...	...	...	Montreal.
11. Professor Adam Shortt, Professor of Political Science, Queen's University	...	...	...	...	...	Kingston.
12. Benjamin Sulte, Esq., Historian and Ex-President Royal Society of Canada	...	...	...	...	...	Ottawa.
13. Hon. Sir Robert Thorburn, formerly Premier of Newfoundland	...	...	...	...	...	St. John's.

GROUP B.—Each Name in this Group represents the Bench.

1. Chancellor the Hon. Sir John Boyd, K.C.M.G., LL.D., President of the High Court of Justice of Ontario	...	...	...	...	...	Toronto.
2. Hon. Mr. Justice Fraser, Supreme Court of Nova Scotia	...	...	...	...	...	New Glasgow.
3. Hon. Mr. Justice Hall, Judge of the Court of Queen's Bench	...	...	...	...	...	Montreal.
4. Hon. Mr. Justice Hanington, Supreme Court of New Brunswick	...	...	...	...	...	Dorchester.
5. Hon. Mr. Justice Hodgins, Master-in-Ordinary, Supreme Court of Judicature of Ontario	...	...	...	...	...	Toronto.
6. Hon. Mr. Justice Johnson, Newfoundland	...	...	...	...	...	St. John's.
7. Hon. Mr. Justice Landry, Supreme Court of New Brunswick	...	...	...	...	...	Dorchester.
8. Hon. Mr. Justice Meagher, Supreme Court of Nova Scotia	...	...	...	...	...	Halifax.
9. Hon. Mr. Justice Russell, Supreme Court of Nova Scotia	...	...	...	...	...	Halifax.
10. Hon. Chief Justice Sullivan, Supreme Court of Prince Edward Island	...	...	...	...	...	Charlottetown.
11. Hon. Mr. Justice Wetmore, Supreme Court of Saskatchewan	...	...	...	...	...	Moosomin.

GROUP C.—Principals or other Heads of Universities and Colleges.

1. Rev. Principal Bland, D.D., Wesley College	...	...	...	...	...	Winnipeg.
2. Rev. Chancellor Burwash, D.D., LL.D., Victoria College	...	...	...	...	...	Toronto.
3. Rev. Principal Falconer, Litt.D., Presbyterian College	...	...	...	...	...	Halifax.
4. Very Rev. Principal Gordon, D.D., Queen's University	...	...	...	...	...	Kingston.
5. President Hannah, D.C.L., King's College	...	...	...	...	...	Windsor, N.S.
6. Rev. Provost Macklem, D.D., Trinity University	...	...	...	...	...	Toronto.
7. Very Rev. Principal MacLaren, D.D., Knox College	...	...	...	...	...	Toronto.
8. Very Rev. Monseigneur Mathieu, C.M.G., Rector Laval University	...	...	...	...	...	Quebec.
9. Rev. Principal Patrick, D.D., Manitoba College	...	...	...	...	...	Winnipeg.
10. Principal Peterson, LL.D., C.M.G., McGill University	...	...	...	...	...	Montreal.
11. Rev. Principal Scrimger, D.D., Presbyterian College	...	...	...	...	...	Montreal.
12. Rev. Principal Sheraton, D.D., Wycliffe College	...	...	...	...	...	Toronto.