

## COLONIAL CONFERENCE.

On the 28th June, 1894, the formal opening of the Colonial Conference took place in the Senate Chamber of the Parliament Buildings, Ottawa, Canada.

Accredited to the Conference were the following Imperial and Colonial delegates :—

The Imperial Government—The Earl of Jersey, P.C., G.C.M.G.  
New South Wales—Hon. F. B. Suttor.

Cape Colony—Sir Henry DeVilliers, K.C.M.G. ; Sir Charles Mills, K.C.M.G., C.B. ; Jan. Hendrick Hofmeyer.

South Australia—Hon. Thomas Playford.

New Zealand—Albert Lee Smith.

Victoria—Sir Henry Wrixon, K.C.M.G., Q.C. ; Hon. Nicholas Fitzgerald, M.L.C. ; Hon. Simon Fraser, M.L.C.

Queensland—Hon. A. J. Thynne, Hon. William Forrest.

Canada—Hon. Mackenzie Bowell, P.C. ; Hon. Sir Adolphe Caron, P.C., K.C.M.G. ; Hon. George E. Foster, P.C., LL.D. ; Sandford Fleming, C.M.G.

Addresses were delivered by His Excellency the Governor General, the Premier of Canada, Sir John S. D. Thompson, the Earl of Jersey, and several of the representatives from Australasia and the Cape of Good Hope.

Sir John Thompson said :—

“ After the address which you, Sir, have made, little remains for me but to express in a few words the heartiest of welcome to the delegates assembled, on behalf of the Canadian Government, the Canadian Parliament and the people of this Dominion. (Applause.) Your Excellency, I can assure the delegates here assembled, in the name of the people of Canada, that the people, filled with zeal for the greatness and development of their own country, and for the strengthening of the Empire, are delighted to see the kindlings of the same ambition in the sister colonies throughout the world. (Cheers.) While entertaining these opinions, the people of Canada rejoice that the business which has assembled you on this occasion is not necessarily connected with our relations with foreign countries, not necessarily connected with considerations of peace or war, but is immediately concerned with all these questions which relate to the prosperity, the peace, the promotion of civilization throughout the most distant colonies of