

patience for action which would be tried by delay, and most sadly disappointed by indifference to the proposals which are now brought forward.

A ready and generous consideration of them would be hailed with intense satisfaction.

I cannot conclude without expressing my sincere acknowledgement of the kindness and consideration which the delegates extended towards me, and which rendered my position both easy and pleasant.

Our Canadian hosts took every opportunity of showing their good feeling and hospitality.

I must also express my obligations to Mr. W. Hepworth Mercer, whose ready and intimate knowledge of colonial affairs was always willingly placed at the service of myself and the members of the Conference.

I enclose a copy of the official report of the proceedings, and also a copy of the advertisement issued by the Canadian Government calling for tenders for the construction of the Pacific cable, with a letter addressed by Mr. Sandford Fleming to the Canadian Minister of Trade and Commerce urging the issue of that advertisement.

I have the honour to remain,

Your Lordship's obedient servant,

(Signed) JERSEY.

OTTAWA CONFERENCE, 1894.

No. 1.

THE MARQUESS OF RIPON TO THE GOVERNOR GENERAL OF CANADA, THE GOVERNORS OF THE AUSTRALASIAN COLONIES (EXCEPT WESTERN AUSTRALIA), AND THE GOVERNOR OF THE CAPE.

DOWNING STREET, June 28, 1895.

MY LORD,

SIR,—In my despatch of the 13th of December last I transmitted to you copies of the Report of the Earl of Jersey, G.C.M.G., on the proceedings at the Colonial Conference at Ottawa, together with copies of the proceedings of the Conference.

2. Since then the questions discussed at the Conference have been under the consideration of the various departments specially concerned, and I am now in a position to place you in possession of the general views of Her Majesty's Government on the questions which formed the subject of the three resolutions classed together by Lord Jersey as dealing with trade relations.

3. The first two of these resolutions have for their object the repeal of legislation and the cancelling of treaty stipulations which, in the opinion of the delegates, obstruct the realization of the policy indicated in the third resolution, and it may be convenient that I should in the first instance explain the views of Her Majesty's Government with regard to that policy before discussing the first two resolutions.