

proved so disastrous to both wool-growers and woolen manufacturers throughout every branch of these industries.

The tariff, which first acknowledged the right of the wool-grower to protection, was the result of a conference of sheep breeders and woolen manufacturers of the United States in 1865, and the terms of the resolutions are worth repeating since this question is being considered in Canada. They are as follows:—

“Resolved, That of the great industries with which the people of the United States can occupy themselves to advantage, the woolen interest is especially commended for combining and developing in the highest degree the agricultural and mechanical resources of the nation.

“Resolved, That the mutuality of the interests of the wool producers and wool manufacturers of the United States is established by the closest of commercial bonds—that of demand and supply, it having been demonstrated that the American grower supplies more than 70 per cent. of all the wool consumed by American mills, and, with equal encouragement, would soon supply all which is properly adapted to production here; and, further, it is confirmed by the experience of half a century that the periods of prosperity and depression in the two branches of the woolen industry have been identical in time and induced by the same general causes.

“Resolved, That as the two branches of agricultural and manufacturing industry represented by the woolen interest involve largely the labor of the country, whose productiveness is the basis of national prosperity, sound policy requires such legislative action as shall place them on an equal footing, and give them equal encouragement and protection in competing with the accumulated capital and low wages of other countries.

“Resolved, That the benefits of a truly national system as applied to American industry, will be found in developing manufacturing and agricultural enterprise in all the States, thus furnishing markets at home for the products of both interests.”

These resolutions were reaffirmed only last year at another joint convention of the representatives of these two great industries, supplemented by a declaration that in the coming revision of the tariff these duties should be maintained.