

RESOLUTION.

The proposition of the Toronto Board of Trade was as follows:—

WHEREAS it is generally recognised that an advantageous commercial bond is the strongest link in National Unity, and that the maintenance and strengthening of trade is the keystone of a State's successful development;

AND WHEREAS the existence of an Empire is largely dependent upon the material prosperity of its people;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That in the opinion of this Congress the bonds of the British Empire would be materially strengthened, and the union of the various parts of Her Majesty's Dominion greatly consolidated by the adoption of a commercial policy based upon the principle of mutual benefit, whereby each component part of the Empire would receive a substantial advantage in trade as the result of its national relationship.

FURTHER RESOLVED: That in order to make the foregoing operative, the Chair shall appoint, before this Congress dissolves, a representative and proportionate Committee of Home and Colonial Delegates to devise a scheme of this nature, and report to this or a similar Commercial Congress, and that a copy of this resolution be officially forwarded to the Home and Colonial Governments concerned in the proposition.

The amendment of the Manchester Chamber of Commerce was as follows:—

THIS Congress, rejoicing in the growing evidences of unity between the Colonies and the Mother Country, and recognising the material and political advantages of the largest possible exchange of commodities between the various portions of the Empire, is of opinion that all measures for the promotion of this end should respect the liberty of each portion to purchase in the cheapest market wherever it may exist.