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TRADE RESOLUTIONS.

Ottawa, May 13.—Lord Strathcona has forwarded to the department of trade and commerce copies of the resolutions which the Canadian legislators propose presenting to the Congress of the Chamber of Commerce of the Empire in Montreal in August next.

The Canadian Manufacturers' association figures prominently in the text. They recommend that British capital and trade should be directed to the colonies rather than to foreign countries. That a reciprocal tariff be established whereby at all British ports all British goods should be admitted at lower rates than foreign, and that a preference be granted to the empire when instituting a tariff in South Africa; that British treaties with foreign countries should always leave Britain free to enter into expedient trade relations with the colonies; that the imperial postage system apply on all printed matter and parcels as well as letters and all British news service, a colonial contribution to imperial defence, the establishment of an imperial commercial consular, a preference to British subjects on all imperial public works, the appointment of an imperial commission to visit all parts of the empire and report on the resources and how they may best serve the interests of the whole.

The Paris (British) chamber of commerce offers a resolution approving of the resolution passed at the last imperial congress meeting. To the effect that the imperial government should take immediate steps in conjunction with the colonies, to obtain equality with the most favored nation treatment from those countries which have granted a most favored nation treatment to the United Kingdom and against which the colonies have discriminating in their customs tariff.

The Birmingham chamber of commerce wishes to treat goods on through postage between the different parts of the empire on all newspapers and periodicals published in the empire.

The Paris (British) chamber of commerce advocates that the French customs should treat goods on through bills of lading from a British colony, as coming direct and free of the surcharge imposed in addition to the regular customs duty on goods entering an empire-European ports.

The Toronto board of trade proposes a resolution for the adoption of a com-

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The Toronto exhibition board has decided to abolish horse-racing at the Industrial fair and in its place to appropriate \$2,500 for prizes for harness saddle, hunter, jumping, polo and other classes of horses to be exhibited in front of the grand stand.

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mercial policy based on the principle of mutual benefit to each component part of the empire; they also advocate the appointment of a joint committee to draw up a scheme along these lines.

Hon. David Mills, justice of the supreme court of Canada, died suddenly on the night of the 8th inst at his residence in Ottawa.

The new steel steamship Wahcunda, of the full Velsand canal size, built in Scotland for the Canadian Lake and Ocean Navigation Company, was caught on Tuesday by heavy cross currents between the canal sections at Farran's Point and forced out of her course, causing her to strike an obstruction and sink. She has a full cargo of foreign merchandise for lake ports. Wreckers have gone to raise the steamer.

Dominion Revenue Increasing.

Ottawa, May 9.—The statement of revenue and expenditures of the Dominion for the ten months ending April 30 has been issued. The revenue amounted to \$52,303,841, an increase of \$5,081,152 over the same time last year. There was an increase in the expenditure of over one million dollars, making a net betterment of \$4,322,689. The capital account was \$6,571,881, a decrease of \$2,628,797 compared with the ten months last year. The details for the ten months in each year are as follows:

	1902	1903
Customs	\$35,229,513	\$39,965,484
Excise	2,265,806	9,913,719
Post office	3,068,611	2,500,289
Public works	4,461,222	5,535,509
Miscellaneous	2,542,286	3,497,609
Total	\$48,000,738	\$62,508,541
Expenditure	\$52,917,025	\$54,526,814
Capital account	3,900,528	6,571,881

The statement for the month of April shows an increase of \$4,500,000 in revenue and an increase of about \$200,000 in the expenditure.