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the manufacturers of certain classes of textiles suffer so grievously, formed an important subject of consideration. Two resolutions were passed bearing on the matter. One, dealing with trade relations with foreign countries, was as follows:

"Resolved, That the Dominion Government is hereby respectfully urged to make such alterations in the tariff upon importations from foreign countries not having reciprocal relations with this country, as will serve to protect the natural products and manufactures of Canada against the present discrimination under which they suffer, and thereby bring about in the near future fairer trade relations between Canada and said foreign countries."

The other bore on the preferential rebate on goods imported through the United States. It was expressed in the following words:

"Resolved, That in order to encourage the importation of British goods via Canadian ports this conference desires that the preferential rebate on goods imported from Great Britain arriving by United States ports shall be limited to 25 per cent."

Views deliberately expressed by such an influential body of representative business men should carry great weight, and we have no doubt the Canadian Premier—and the conference—will give due consideration to their representations.

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THE BOARDS OF TRADE CONFERENCE.

The convention of Boards of Trade, which assembled in Toronto a couple of weeks ago, was a representative gathering. One hundred and forty-one delegates, representing sixty-three boards in all parts of Canada, were present and adopted a series of resolutions, which were afterwards taken to Ottawa and submitted to Sir Wilfrid Laurier for his guidance at the conference on trade relations shortly to be held in London. Of course the preferential tariff, from which

FLAX GROWING IN MANITOBA.

Some time ago we drew attention to the question of flax growing in the North-West. The Department of Agriculture in Manitoba has taken the matter up, and has issued a bulletin for the guidance of farmers in that province who may be disposed to adopt flax as one of their regular crops. The enormous yield in North Dakota and Minnesota last year, as well as the success which has attended the Manitoba Mennonites in the raising of flax has had a stimulating effect, and this seems to be an opportune time for the department to assist in furthering what may become a very important industry. The area so far devoted to this crop has not been far from 20,000 acres.