

large number of Americans from all parts of the Union, were present during the opening days of the Congress. After the interchange of courtesies, which occupied three sessions and were very interesting, the Congress got down to work.

I attended nine sessions, and, of course, find it impossible to report in detail, but I will take pleasure in presenting to the Board a volume containing the official records, as soon as it comes to hand. I think, however, it will not be out of place to report specially upon the work done by the Canadian delegates, of whom there were about 30 present. Owing to the fact that there was no organization of Canadian delegates, Canada got very little prominence during the first few days, but this was partly corrected later on, when a meeting of Canadians was held and a programme formulated. Hon. R. R. Dobell, Member of the Canadian Government, was Chairman, and Mr. Wills, of the Toronto Board of Trade, was Secretary of this meeting. The following resolutions were proposed and submitted later to the Congress, as opportunity offered :—

“ 1. That in the opinion of this Congress the Transportation problem is of the greatest importance to the Western Agriculturist, Miner and Lumberman, and with the completion of the Canal System of Canada to a uniform depth of 14 feet, which can be used on equal terms by the ships of the United States and Canada, and in view of the large consumption of American Products by Canada, and the community of interest growing between the two countries justifies the reasonableness of a request that the Inland Waters and Canal Systems be extended to the shipping of both countries, including the right to trade between any ports.”

“ 2. Whereas expression has been given at earlier meetings