

PROGRAMME

DUTY ON LEAD.

**NELSON, B.C., BOARD
OF TRADE**
(Mr. A. S. Goodeve)
to move :

RESOLVED: That it is desirable in the interest of Canada that the duties on pig lead and the products thereof should be so increased as to encourage the development of mining, smelting and refining of lead and the establishment of various manufactories of lead products within the Dominion.

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**BRITISH COLUMBIA
INLAND BOARD OF
TRADE**

RESOLVED: That this Conference of Boards of Trade of the Dominion of Canada favors securing such re-adjustment of the tariff in respect to imported lead products as will meet the requirements of the silver-lead mining industry in British Columbia.

DEFENCE.

**MONTREAL BOARD OF
TRADE**
(Mr.)
to move : —

RESOLVED: That in the opinion of this Conference it is the duty of this Dominion, as an important division of the Empire, to share in the cost of the general defence of said Empire, and therefore that an annual appropriation should be provided in the Dominion Budget for this purpose, to be expended as the Dominion Government may direct.

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**BARRIE BOARD OF
TRADE**

RESOLVED: That in the opinion of this Conference of Boards of Trade of the Dominion of Canada, the time for defining and entering into a well considered and practical scheme for the general defence of the whole British Empire is exceptionally opportune; that the hostile attitude of many of the European nations suggests the prudence, if not the absolute necessity of concerted action upon this line at an early date; and that such a scheme, framed upon an equitable basis, would not only stimulate trade within the Empire, and pave the way to closer and increased commercial relations, if not to commercial unity, but by consolidating the Empire and concentrating the resources of the whole, will decrease the total military expenditure, and at the same time secure comparative immunity from attack, mutual defence if attacked, and unquestionable ability to defend every portion of the Empire.

THAT it is the duty of Canada, as Britain's greatest Colony, to contribute to the cost of the general defence of the Empire, upon some defined and well understood principle; taking a fair share of the burden assumed for the safety of the whole, and this being as we believe it is, the sentiment of Canadians generally we trust that question will be approached and discussed from this standpoint, by our Canadian representatives at the Coronation Conference.