

spring up all along the border, under the British flag, our workshops would be deserted, and our smokeless chimneys serve only as monuments of our folly.

Resolved, That the admission, duty free of any article into the production of which American labor enters, while the articles on which that labor, in whole or in part, subsists, are subjected to a duty, is an oppressive and unjust discrimination against the labor producing the articles so admitted free.

Resolved, That a special Congressional Memorial Committee of twelve persons, with power to increase its number to twenty, be chosen by this Association, to compile facts and statistics, and prepare statements and arguments based thereon, touching the lumber business of the United States and Canada, and the effects of so-called "Reciprocity" upon our business and the general interest of our country, and to memorialize Congress against the Reciprocity Treaty.

Unconstitutional, and Violates Treaties with other Nations.

As there is an express provision of the United States Constitution (Article 1, section 7) under which all revenue measures must originate in the House of Representatives, it is matter of grave question whether the Senate has rightful power to conclude a Treaty which would decrease our revenue some \$12,000,000 yearly for twenty five years. It may be that the hesitation of that august body, and their declining to consummate this measure last summer, arose in part from a wise and laudable desire not to transcend the limits of their high prerogatives.

Another grave objection comes up, seriously affecting our commercial treaties and tariff arrangements with all the leading nations of the world. In forty-nine treaties with foreign powers, including the great commercial nations of Europe, we agree to charge them no higher duties on their productions than are levied on the like products of the most favored nations, and also agree that when we reduce duties to others we will make a like reduction to them. Manifestly there can be no justice without such agreement, and there can be no possible reason why we should be asked to depart from, or violate it, for Canada,