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RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED  
AT THE  
NATIONAL CONSERVATIVE CONVENTION  
OCTOBER 11, 1927.

THE TARIFF

The resolution on the tariff submitted to the convention reads:  
"This convention desires to record its feeling of pride in the growth, progress and prosperity of Canada, under the historic fiscal policy of the Liberal-Conservative party.  
"It affirms its adherence to the principles of that policy in its declared objects of stimulating the development of the natural resources of the Dominion; preserving and enlarging the market for Canadian farm products; building up the industries of Canada, and thus creating employment for our workmen; promoting inter-provincial trade, and generally providing a diversified economic life which will be effectual in retaining Canada's sons and daughters within our own boundaries.  
"This convention affirms the principle that from time to time, as changing conditions require, the customs tariff should be revised and its rates adjusted and brought into conformity with such conditions. In such revisions regard should be had not only to the objects of fiscal policy herein enumerated, but to the welfare of the consumer, and it is desirable in the national interest that in such revisions the cost of living and the cost of the implements used in production of whatever nature should be given special and attentive study, with a view to the reduction of such costs to the extent practicable.  
"This convention affirms the policy first introduced by the Liberal-Conservative Government in 1912, that with a view of having tariff rates under scientific investigation, a permanent tariff commission should be appointed, representative of the three great classes of Canadian industry - agriculture, labor and manufacturing - entrusted with the duty of studying tariff problems, and making such recommendations to the Government as it deems in the public interest with reasons therefor. Should it find that unfair advantage is being taken of tariff duties it shall make recommendations to be given effect to by the Government for reducing or removing tariff schedules or imposing special duties of excise upon products in respect of which such advantage has been taken, and its reports, findings and reasons therefor shall be laid before Parliament and made known to the public.  
"And this convention expresses the view that while strong effort should be directed towards the establishment of a system of preferential tariffs throughout the empire no preference should be given at the expense of the Canadian farmer or workman, and all such preference should be conditional upon the use of Canadian ports".

IMMIGRATION

The resolution on immigration reads:  
"Whereas, the present Dominion Government's immigration and colonization policy

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