

of Great Britain was now a well organized and formidable combine, which did not scruple to use its power to escape the just claims of shippers and consignees, and unfortunately possessed a parliamentary influence which made its power most dangerous. Your delegates naturally supported the resolution which would make clear the responsibilities of common carriers, and leave the smallest loophole for escape therefrom. They found that in the above resolution.

"On the subject of Emigration and Colonization Sir Frederick Young, K.C.M.G. introduced the following short but pithy and comprehensive resolution:

"That colonization, while equally desirable as an outlet for our congested population and for the development of the colonies, can be carried out most successfully by individual energy and enterprise and private agencies supplemented by state aid."

"Sir Frederick supplemented the resolution with a strong speech in favor of directing the surplus population of Great Britain into British colonies, and your delegates took strong ground in the same direction, besides advising great care in the selection of settlers for the different colonies. The resolution was unanimously and enthusiastically carried by the Congress.

"The following resolution in favor of a decimal system of currency, weights and measures was moved by Mr. Rowlatt of Leicester:—

"That the introduction of a decimal system of weights, measures and money is urgently needed, in order to increase our foreign trade, facilitate commerce, and render elementary education more effective and less expensive."

"There was some keen discussion upon this resolution, and some of our Canadian delegates insisted upon the Canadian dollar being the standard on which to fix currency values. Some English delegates favored the separating the currency from the weights and measures, and some amendments put forward were voted down. Your delegates supported the original resolution, and advocated strongly the acceptance of the same, as broad and clear in principle, and leaving, as it ought to do, all details for statesmen and legislators to arrange. The resolution was carried.

"The original resolution in favor of direct telegraph communication throughout the Empire being withdrawn, the only other subject of great importance was that of an Imperial system of penny postage, and to a resolution in favor of such your delegates gave a firm support, although again there was division in Canadian ranks upon this matter, one delegation being over solicitous about the difficulties such a move would bring upon the Canadian Government. Their opposi-