

*Resolved*, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the First Minister of the Government.

The following resolution was passed regarding the undervaluation of imports:

*Whereas*, by a recent decision of the Exchequer Court of Canada, it appears that job or unsaleable goods can be imported at slaughter prices, although, in consequence of combinations amongst the foreign manufacturers, they cannot be sold for consumption in the home market at less than regular prices; and

*Whereas*, it is unfair to the manufacturers of this country that such undervaluation should be allowed;

*Resolved*, That the secretary be instructed to communicate with the Government with a view to having the Customs' Act so amended that such goods shall pay duty upon the regular and not upon the slaughter prices; and that where such goods have, for any reason, been withdrawn from the market where manufactured, the duty price for Canada shall be the lowest price at which *bona fide* sales have been made for consumption in the country where they were manufactured.

A resolution of condolence was passed regarding the death of the Duke of Clarence and Avondale, and the secretary was instructed to forward the same to Her Majesty Queen Victoria, and to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales.

A resolution was passed creating a committee to consider the question of the compulsory furnishing of models to the patent office when applications for patents are made. The committee will consist of experts, who will report to the Executive Committee with a view to making such suggestions to the Government as may be deemed advisable.

The Secretary made the following statement:

It is understood that the Dominion Government are arranging to have a creditable display made of Canadian products at the forthcoming World's Columbian Exposition at Chicago. This is exceedingly gratifying, and it is to be hoped that a spirit of national pride and enthusiasm will prevail throughout the country which will ensure a display which will impress upon the minds of those who may visit there the fact that Canada is qualified and entitled to take high rank among the nations of the earth in all that makes a nation great.

In the competent hands of those whom the Government may place in charge, no doubt the specimens to be shown there representing our various industries will be of a most instructive character; and while we may point to these with commendable pride, the claims of Canadian artists should not be overlooked.

I am pleased to call the attention of this Association to the fact that, with a view to bringing Canada most prominently to the attention of the world, Mr. Hamilton MacCarthy, R.C.A., the well-known Canadian sculptor, proposes to produce an allegorical statue of colossal size, representing Canada and her products to be exhibited at Chicago. In this statue Canada will be represented in the character of a typical Canadian maiden in all the glory and beauty of form

and feature of her race. The attitude chosen by the artist shows the figure in a dignified and graceful position. With pleased and interested enquiry she gazes into the future where her destiny lies hid. Her features are radiant in the consciousness of strength to pursue her course—radiant in the faith which will sustain her in it. She contemplates her vast Dominion and the treasures which a beneficent Providence has bestowed upon it. She bears a cross in her right hand—symbol of her faith in God and in her ability to rule in righteousness. Her left hand rests upon an anchor, emblematic of her hope in her future, and upon an oar, suggestive of the maritime interests of her country. These symbols form part of a trophy which is at her feet, and which includes emblems of her varied products, suggestive of the mine, the fishery, the forest, the farm, the factory and the workshop, her merchandise, her transportation facilities and her many other industries. Disposed in graceful folds about this trophy is the British flag, indicating Canada's connection with and loyalty to that mighty empire in whose crown she is the brightest jewel. The height of this statue will not be less than nine feet; and it will be constructed of adamantine.

The colossal bronze statue of Col. Williams (who was killed while fighting for his country in the North-West a few years ago), is a familiar object to us. While it was on exhibition here in Toronto it excited much admiration, and it demonstrated the ability of the sculptor, Mr. MacCarthy, to comprehensively grasp his subject and to carry out and develop his design in a most artistic manner. Canada may not be very rich in such works of art, but the statue of Col. Williams, which now stands upon its pedestal at Port Hope, reflects a credit upon its maker of which all Canadians are proud. Mr. MacCarthy has produced other similar works, notably a life-size bust of Sir John A. Macdonald, which does him infinite credit.

I allude to this proposed statue in the hope that Mr. MacCarthy may meet such financial encouragement as may enable him to carry out his design.

Mr. J. J. Cassidey read the following paper:

#### THE VALUE OF ORGANIZATION.

THE history of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association is familiar to most of its members, and there are many of its members who were present at its inception and who assisted in giving it life and activity. It may be interesting to know something of other similar organizations, and what they are doing in the direction of advancing the interests of their members and of manufacturing industries generally, and of shaping and influencing legislation. Many organizations exist not only among manufacturers but among tradesmen and professionals as well, looking generally to the special interests which they were intended to conserve. Most of these are intended to control prices, direct trade and to prevent overproduction.

The Canadian Manufacturers' Association is the only organization in Canada which is distinctive and exclusive in its objects in securing, by all legitimate means, the aid of both public opinion and Governmental policy in favor of the development of home industry and the home market; the promotion of Cana-