

"And whereas, business and trade with the people of that portion of British Columbia is rapidly increasing, and likely to more largely increase in the near future, by reason of its mining industries attracting population and capital,

"And whereas, a railway through the southern portion of British Columbia by the Crow's Nest Pass, connecting with the present railway system of Canada, would afford better facilities for the transportation of passengers and goods, and open up a district containing good coking coal, which, if made available, would give a great impetus to those mining industries ;

"Therefore, be it resolved, that the Dominion Government be urgently requested to immediately take such steps as will result in the construction, at the earliest possible time, of a railway through the Crow's Nest Pass, so that those portions of Canada lying east of British Columbia may have better means of communication and trade with the Kootenay and Okanagan Districts of British Columbia, and so that such trade may not become diverted from Canada."

The matter is now under consideration by the Government, and this Council trust that some active operation will be carried on this year. After the Board had taken action as above, the following resolution was received from the Lethbridge Board of Trade, with a request that we should co-operate with them :—

"Whereas, the projected railway through Crow's Nest Pass will be a most important factor in developing the mineral resources of British Columbia on one side of the Rocky Mountains and the agricultural and ranching industries of the Northwest Territories on the other side ;

"And that this Pass, being the only one south of that occupied by the Canadian Pacific Railway, is the only means of obtaining access to the immense mineral wealth on the Canadian side of the International boundary ;