

## FOREWORD.

THE idea of a World Power Conference originated in England in the year following the declaration of war when the relationship of power to production was brought forth with vivid force. It remained, however, quiescent until the British Electrical and Allied Manufacturers Association evolved the scheme of holding such a conference at the time of the British Empire Exhibition. A British Committee was thereupon formed comprising the various technical and scientific institutions and industrial organizations in the British Isles and invitations were sent to various countries throughout the world to participate.

Upon the receipt of the invitation of the British Committee a provisional Canadian Committee was formed early in 1923 comprising sufficient Dominion, Provincial and Corporate interests to make it geographically representative of the whole Dominion. At the meetings of this committee it was unanimously decided to participate in the conference and arrangements were made to have as a commencement five papers prepared covering the most outstanding features of the power situation in Canada. Later a general advisory Canadian Committee was organized comprehensive of all power and allied interests in the Dominion. This committee met in December, endorsed the actions of the preliminary committee and formed a management committee to arrange for appropriate Canadian participation in the conference.

A preliminary meeting of representatives of national committees held in London in August 1923, was attended by a member of the Canadian Committee and an outline of programme and procedure agreed upon. It was also arranged that papers for submission at the conference will be printed and distributed by the British Committee to the members of the several national committees sufficiently early to allow examination and study prior to the opening of the conference. These papers will not be read but the sessions will be devoted to oral discussion of the subjects with which they deal.

The scope of the conference covering the power resources of all participating countries and the technical and economic problems of power development, transmission and utilization should prove of surpassing interest and value to those who are privileged to attend and to those countries which they represent. For Canada it will afford a unique opportunity to present before the world her magnificent power resources both hydro and fuel and the efficient and economic manner in which they have so far been utilized.