

PROGRAMME

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That this Conference respectfully, but strongly, urges the Premier of this Dominion to take up with the Law Officers of the Crown in England and with the Colonial Premiers assembled in London at the time of His Majesty's coronation, this question of such immense and practical importance to the many industries engaged directly and indirectly in the making, publishing and selling of books, to the end that an understanding may be finally reached by which at once Canada may, without further friction, make her own laws in matters Copyright, and that an English and American monopoly shall no longer be perpetuated in this self-governing country.

MINERAL RESOURCES OF CANADA.

**SAULT STE. MARIE
BOARD OF TRADE**
(Mr.) to
move:—

RESOLVED, That Canada contains vast and varied mineral resources, equal in all probability to that of the United States.

THAT the rapid and successful development thereof is the paramount question for Canadians to solve, as the development of each mine secures the investment of millions of outside capital in the development of mining prospect in such mining district, and creates an ever-increasing and excellent market for the product of the Canadian farm and factory.

THAT to accomplish this either British or American capital, directed with ability and judiciously assisted by the Governments of the Province and Dominion respectively, is, we believe, all that is required to accomplish the same grand result secured in the United States.

AND we would respectfully submit that the usual Government assistance, both from the Dominion and Province, should be granted to all mineral railways, and that the Dominion Government should erect a refinery within Canada, or secure the erection thereof, by granting a suitable subsidy, and retain the right to regulate the rates chargeable by such refinery.

AND we would further respectfully submit that if the Imperial Government could be induced for a number of years to expend annually a sum not exceeding \$150,000, in maintaining three eminent British Mining Engineers, to annually examine the various mining centres in the Dominion, and from time to time report to and advise with the British investors as to the progress and the prospects of such mining centres, and during a certain period of the year to deliver lectures throughout Great Britain to those interested in mining investments, that it would aid more materially in the development of Canada's mineral resources than if a preference was secured for the product of the Canadian mines, and would assist the British capitalists in making profitable investments.

RESOLVED: That this Conference of Boards of Trade of the Dominion of Canada hereby expresses its appreciation of the important assistance rendered by the Boards of Trade of the Dominion of Canada in successfully urging, by resolution and deputations upon the respective Governments of Canada and Ontario, the subsidizing of the Algoma Central & Hudson Bay Railway, the construction of which has so forcibly proven that the subsidizing of a colonization and mineral railway, from a Government standpoint, is not the incurring of an additional indebtedness on behalf of the Dominion, but is the creating of an ever increasing source of revenue to the Treasury of the Do-