

can revise them and make the suggestions which they may deem advisable.

The report on measures tending to facilitate international commerce, reads as follows:

Engrossing Committee.—The undersigned have the honor to submit the following text for the resolution adopted by the Conference, in view of the report of the Committee on Maritime and River Transportation:

The International Conference of Mexico resolves: The Customs Congress, which is to meet in New York, United States of America, in accordance with the resolutions of this Conference, adopted in its session of the 27th. of December, 1901, in the course of its labors shall investigate the following subjects:

A. The simplification of charges collected from merchant vessels, limiting them to that of tonnage only, which shall be collected in an equitable manner from the vessels which may bring cargo, and from those in ballast.

B. Uniformity in the collection of the charges to which the foregoing article refers, taking as a basis the gross tonnage of the vessels.

C. The advisability that all the Governments of the Republics of America should enact laws, ordinances or port regulations, facilitating the entry and clearance of vessels, with the greatest possible dispatch.

D. Measures tending to facilitate the loading and unloading of vessels.

E. Adoptions of a maritime and administrative nomenclature for the Custom Houses, in which all articles upon which duties are charged at present, or upon which they may be charged in the future, shall be enumerated in alphabetical order, and in equivalent terms, in English, Spanish, Portuguese French, in order that this nomenclature may be used in manifests, consular invoices, entries, permits and other Custom House documents.

The Customs Congress shall submit the result of its labors relating to the subjects mentioned in this report to the Republics of America.

Hall of Committees of the Second International American Conference.

Mexico, January 27, 1902.—(Signed)—*Alberto Elmore.*—*Rosendo Pineda.*

The resolution on measures tending to facilitate international commerce, expressed exactly in the same terms as the above report, was signed on the 29th day of January, 1902, by the Delegations of the Argentine Republic, Bolivia, Colombia, Costa Rica, Chili, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, United States of America, Guatemala, Hayti (taking exceptions of paragraphs A and B), Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Paraguay, Peru and Uruguay.

NUMBER 13.

Reorganization of the International Bureau of American Republics.

SESSION OF NOVEMBER 27, 1901.

Secretary Duret.—The Delegation of Guatemala has submitted a project for the reorganization of the International Bureau of American Republics. Said project, which the Chair rules be referred to the consideration of the Committee on the Reorganization of the said Bureau, reads as follows:

PLAN for the Reorganization of the Bureau of American Republics presented by the Guatemalan Delegation.

The Delegation for Guatemala has the honor of submitting to the Conference, for its consideration, the following plan, with the idea of reorganizing the International Bureau of American Republics.

The Association entitled International Bureau of American Republics created in Washington by the First Pan-American Conference, on the 14th of April 1890, is reorganized in accordance with the following bases.

Object.

1. The object of the Association is:
 - A. To carry into effect the decisions and resolutions of the Pan-American Conferences.
 - B. To prepare the propositions, reports, projects, statistical data, etc. and in general all the work, tending to facilitate for the next Conference, the fulfilment of its program.
 - C. To form, keep and look after its own archives and those of the Conference.
 - D. To continue and develop the prompt compila-

tion of data of commerce, industry and agriculture which may be of interest to the countries forming the association.

International Bureau.

2. The International Bureau is represented by that established in Washington under the name of «International Bureau of American Republics.» The purposes of the Association are carried into effect by it, and its powers, to that end, are the following:

- A. To carry on the correspondence with the Governments forming the Bureau.
- B. To prepare the special reports demanded by any of said Governments with regard to commerce, finance and other matters under its jurisdiction.
- C. To publish the Bulletin which is to serve it as its organ; and
- D. To attend to all other matters which may arise pertaining to the purposes of the Association, or which may be assigned to it by the Board of Management.

Management.

3. The management of this Bureau shall be in charge of a Board of Directors, composed of the diplomatic representatives of the signatory countries accredited in Washington, D. C., and of the Secretary of State of the United States of America, who shall be its President.

4. The powers of the Board of Directors are:

- A. To reorganize the International Bureau, which

shall remain entirely under its jurisdiction and direction.

B. To draw up and amend its own regulations and those of the Bureau.

C. To decide all the questions which may arise with regard to the manner in which the Board itself and the Bureau must act.

D. To determine the number and class of the employees of the Bureau, and to appoint, suspend and remove them.

E. To determine the estimate of expenses, specifying the salaries of the employees and the nature of the expenses; and to watch over the disbursement of the funds;

F. And, in general, to decide on anything which may be most convenient for the development of the Bureau and for the fulfilment of the objects pursued by the Association.

General Provisions.

5. The presence of five members at the meetings duly called, shall be sufficient for the Board of Directors to deliberate and pass upon questions with due validity.

6. The Board must inform, without delay the signatory Governments which have been the regulations adopted; and send them every year a report on its labors, working of the office, expenses, etc.

7. The Governments of the Union shall send to the Bureau two copies of all documents, maps, plans, books, pamphlets, etc., which they may publish and which shall be preserved in the library of the said Bureau.

8. They shall also send to the Bureau all the statistical data relating to commerce, agriculture and industry, which the International Bureau may require so as to prepare the general statistics which it is to publish each year.

9. With the object of avoiding delays in the reorganization herein described, the Delegates to this Conference shall, without loss of time, communicate this plan to their respective Governments, in order that they may notify the Secretary of State of the United States whether or not they accept the terms proposed.

10. The resolutions of the First International Conference of April 14, 1890, shall remain in force in all matters not contrary to the present stipulations.

SESSION OF JANUARY 22, 1902.

Secretary Duret.—The Committee on the Reorganization of the Bureau of American Republics has presented its report, which the Chair rules be printed and distributed among Their Excellencies the Delegates. It reads as follows:

REPORT of the Committee of the Reorganization of the Bureau of American Republics.

The Committee on the Reorganization of the Bureau of American Republics believes that the establishment of said Bureau was one of the most important acts of the First Conference of the American Republics. They recognise that the Bureau has been a useful factor in bringing the American Republics into closer relations, and that credit is due to those who have been concerned in its management. Each of the Republics has obtained, through its agency,

knowledge of the resources and productions and of the commercial needs of the others, resulting in the extension of commerce and in benefit to the countries interested in the Bureau. It is the belief of the Committee that the usefulness of the Bureau may be increased by broadening the basis of its organization, by enlarging its powers, and by imposing upon it additional duties.

With this end in view the project submitted to the Conference by the Honorable Delegate from Guatemala, as well as the suggestions of the Director of the Bureau, M. W. W. Rockhill, have been carefully considered.

The plan of the reorganization recommended by the Committee is based on the fundamental principle that the Bureau should be truly international in its organization and operation. With that end in view it is proposed to have all of the American Republics participate in the active management of the Bureau, by providing that their diplomatic representatives in Washington, in conjunction with the Secretary of State of the United States of America, shall constitute a Governing Board to be charged with its general management. It is provided that the Governing Board may appoint such Committees as it may deem proper. The Bureau is further internationalized by being given express authority to correspond with the Executive Departments of the several American Republics through their diplomatic representatives in Washington. It is believed that this will result in greatly expediting its business, and in enabling it to gather information and place it at the disposal of all the Republics, much more promptly than could otherwise be done.

In addition to the existing provision that each Republic shall send to the Bureau two copies of every official publication which it issues, the acceptance of this report by the Conference will be equivalent to an agreement that the several Republics will supply such other information to the Bureau as may be requested by the Director, as far as it may be practicable for them to do so.

The recommendation of the Committee contemplates the gathering by the Bureau of much more complete statistical and commercial information from all of the American Republics than has been done heretofore, and provide for its communication to those interested through the medium of the Monthly Bulletin and through replies to special inquiries. As bearing on this subject, attention is directed specially to the resolutions of the Committee on Resources and Statistics and to the provisions of Article IX of the accompanying project of Regulations. These Regulations, so far as they relate to the gathering of information and its publication in the Monthly Bulletin of the Bureau, are so drawn as to give to the Governing Board and the Director the widest discretion as to the character of information to be gathered and published, and it is not doubted that this direction will be wisely exercised. The Committee recommends to the Governing Board that it should collect, compile, and keep on file, and should publish, to such an extent as may be practicable, information regarding Commercial Laws, and the Banks of the American Republics, their capital stock and deposits, the Patent Laws of the several countries, changes in said laws, patents granted, and decisions of the courts of the several Republics, in patent litigation; complete monthly reports of exports and imports of the