

right with us. Why not use it more, and at once, and thus relieve congestion.

I do hope that when you take hold of the matter you will see to it that you form your organization with a very live wire at its head. Form a central organization for the Province of Ontario. Let the Province of Ontario see to it that all her cities are awakened to the possibilities of this movement.

Mr. Craig said that we should look forward; I believe in that. We have just come through a great crisis. It reminds me of the children of Israel in their trial, with the Egyptians pursuing after them and the Red Sea in front. We also are in difficult times - times of unrest.

Jehovah said then to their leader: "Speak unto the Children of Israel that they go forward." Let us likewise go forward.

The Chairman having duly thanked the speakers, the Conference then adjourned until 9.30 A. M., the following day.

9.30 A. M. Wednesday 10th Nov., 1919:

The session re-opened in the hall of the Essex Border Utilities Commission in order to give the House Committee an opportunity to prepare for the 12.30 Luncheon at the dining room of the Chamber.

The Chairman, Mr. F. A. Nancekivell, opened the meeting with a few suitable remarks, making a particular point of emphasizing that development of our inland waterways was, as Mr. Craig had pointed out, a matter of real emergency. It was consequently suggested that a permanent Canadian Inland Waterways Association be forthwith organized for the purpose of pushing the project. He then called upon O. E. Fleming, K.C., Windsor, to lead the discussion as to the advisability of forming such Association.

Mr. Fleming's Remarks:

In a clear, incisive and compelling manner, Mr. Fleming touched first upon the wisdom of co-operating toward the common advantage of communities, and indicated that, in this great international Waterways proposition, the widest co-operation was imperative to achievement. He felt that such co-operation should find its focus in a strong organization capable of bringing forcefully to the Government the urgent necessity for the earliest possible development of our waterways. Such organization could, in addition, co-operate to mutual advantage with the similar body in the United States, of which Mr. Craig was the moving spirit. He mentioned that these Municipalities were now working on a bill empowering the appointment of a local Harbor Commission, with powers somewhat similar to those enjoyed by Toronto and Hamilton. The deepening of the waterways for ocean shipping was now inevitable, and the Border Cities intend to be ready when that time came. In conclusion, he referred to the inspiration and educational value of yesterday's addresses, all of which seemed to point in the most unmistakable manner to the necessity for the proposed organization.

Mr. Simmers' Remarks:

Mr. Simmers ably supported the views of Mr. Fleming. This representative gathering, he said, was making history. For years, he had dreamt of just such a gathering which would indicate the general degree of interest necessary to progress on the vitally important proposition of inland water transportation. He believed that now was the right moment for the organization of the suggested Association. Inland points should follow Toronto's example by preparing for the