

nications; and your Council feel satisfied that the prospects of the supporters of the Niagara Ship Canal, and those who advocate the enlargement of the Erie Canal, were not improved by the showing of your Representatives as to the facilities the Canadian route would soon afford to American trade.

One of the questions of which notice had been given, related to the wreck of the propeller "Philadelphia," in Canadian waters, —and respecting which the following preamble and resolutions were adopted:—

Your Committee, to whom was referred subject No. 8, on the official programme, beg leave to report that, on consultation with the delegates from the Dominion Board of Trade, they received assurances that the disaster referred to had promptly been brought under the notice of the proper authorities in Canada, and some steps taken to make that portion of the channel more safe. It would seem, however, that the width of the channel, at the point where the "Philadelphia" was wrecked, is not sufficient for the requirements of trade, as at present carried on; and it is believed that there are, at other points, in the common waters used by both countries, which are under the control of the Dominion of Canada, difficulties and obstructions in the way of navigation, such as were not specially important, till recent changes in the class and size of vessels employed in our lake marine have rendered them dangerous. Your Committee would therefore recommend the following resolutions:—

*Resolved*, That this Board has learned with pleasure of the prompt action of the Dominion Government, in enquiring into the wreck of the "Philadelphia," and in placing a buoy at the spot where the disaster occurred.

*Resolved*, That in view of the larger class of vessels now in service on the lakes, and the enlargement of Canadian canals now going on, the necessity for a more thorough supervision of these common waters is apparent; and the Executive Council is hereby instructed to present this subject to the Dominion Board of Trade, in order that the attention of the Dominion Government may be called to it, and obstructions to navigation, if any such be found, may be removed.

The delegates desire to express in the highest terms, their sense of the courtesy and kindness they experienced at the hands of the National Board and the people of Chicago; and, as a large delegation from the National Board is expected to be present at our meeting, your Council trust that they will receive such attention at your hands as will justify a similar expression from them on their return home.

#### THE INVITATION FROM THE ST. JOHN (N.B.) BOARD OF TRADE.

It will be remembered that at last Annual Meeting an invitation was given by the Representatives from St. John, N.B., for a meeting of this Board at that City, at some convenient time during