

Representatives were present from Toronto, Cobourg, Trenton, Guelph, Goderich, New Hamburg, Elora, Elmira, Galt, St. Catharines, Preston, Waterloo, Hespeler and other points. A resume was given of the year's work by the Executive of the Union, and the foregoing report was read. After full discussion, the report was adopted, and the following resolutions were passed unanimously.

Moved by Mr. Lyon of Guelph and seconded by Controller Church of Toronto:

"WHEREAS the Great Waterways Union has given over one year to the careful study of the question and value of Inland Water Transportation to Canada, examining numerous reports issued by the Dominion and United States Governments, having interviewed leading engineers and experts on the subject, including those who have been employed on the surveys, the result of which study and inquiry is embodied in the report now presented to this meeting, all of which will, we believe, strengthen the hands of the Government to carry on and carry out the great work which they have begun, as evidenced by the two millions of dollars in the estimates for construction work on the Welland Canal this year, therefore, **Be it resolved** that this meeting accept and endorse the report herewith submitted.

"FURTHERMORE, in view of the early completion of the new Erie barge canal and the Panama Canal, making time of very great importance, we earnestly urge the Dominion Government that larger appropriations, and all reasonable haste be made to secure the earliest possible completion of an improved Welland Canal.

"FURTHERMORE, we especially urge the Dominion Government to appoint at the earliest possible date a commission, the same to include business men and representatives from Ontario and the Western provinces, to investigate and report upon the development of the St. Lawrence River to a depth of not less than 30 feet for the passage of ocean vessels via St. Lawrence and the Welland Canal route to the head of the Great Lakes; also on the development of waterways from Lake Superior to the Western provinces, and it is further urged and suggested that the commission include the chairman of the Hydro Electric Power Commission, as the larger portion of the proposed developed route lies in Ontario, and involves to a large extent the development and use of hydro-electric power.