

call of the Convention, your motion, dealing with the progress of a work which when completed will so largely affect the Carrying Trade.

I would also call your attention to the following facts :

1st "The improvement required for the development of the trade with the Great West and with the Sea-Board" was part of the basis of Confederation, and it was stated at the time that "Our canal system must be improved, so as to accommodate the large trade that is coming from the North-West."

2nd. In 1874, the Dominion Government adopted the policy of enlarging the capacity of water-ways between the great lakes and the sea, the canals to be 14 feet deep, the locks 270 feet long, and 45 feet wide.

3rd. On the 19th of March, 1890, the Premier of the Dominion assured a joint deputation of the Hamilton, Kingston, Montreal and Toronto Boards of Trade that the work of enlarging and deepening the St. Lawrence canals would be "completed, with all speed, in $5\frac{1}{2}$ years."

4th. The action of the Government in dealing with the required improvement of our great national water-way, has been dilatory and unsatisfactory.

5th. Without constant pressure, there is great danger of unnecessary delay.

I would, therefore, further recommend that a memorial be presented to the Dominion Government, praying for the speedy completion of the work of improving the St. Lawrence canals, in accordance with the policy adopted by Parliament, and that such joint action be taken, by the various Boards of Trade, as may be best calculated to urge these views upon the members of the Dominion Legislature.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

HUGH BLAIN,
Chairman.

Presented to the Council, October 1st, 1894.

Having considered this report, the following resolution was unanimously adopted :—

"That the report of the committee *re* Deep Water Ways Convention now submitted be received and adopted, and that copies of same be forwarded to the Montreal, Kingston and Hamilton Boards of Trade, asking that they co-operate with this Board in such joint action as may be best calculated to urge the views expressed in the report upon the members of the Dominion Legislature. In the meantime a memorial to be prepared and forwarded to the Dominion Government."

Advice has since been received that the Boards of Trade mentioned have cordially approved of the resolution, and signified their willingness to co-operate at any time.

A requisition having been made to the President asking that a General Meeting of the Board be called for the purpose of considering the subject of Deep Water Ways, and to consider the advisability of adopting the platform of and affiliation with the Deep Water Ways Association, a meeting of the Board was held on October 22nd.

MOVED BY MR. JNO. BROWN, SECONDED BY MR. R. C. STEELE,—

"That the Toronto Board of Trade hereby approve and endorse the platform of the National Deep Water Ways Association."