

had not served upon a larger class of vessels than traded on these minor waters. A third-class engineer could not be promoted on these waters, and the provision requiring a fireman to serve 48 months before presenting himself for examination as an engineer was entirely unjust. The effect of these regulations was to create a dearth of engineers upon these northern waters. There were, to his knowledge, on the minor lakes many eligible and likely young men who could qualify upon their merits as engineers, and would serve the purpose of the vessel owners better than strangers, but, owing to the regulations, they could not present themselves for examination, and were compelled to enter other employments or leave home. He and others had endeavored to have this injustice to the inland lakes remedied and was able to secure some concessions, but still more were required.

Capt. Fairgrieve, R. C. Carter and Capt. Gaskin, having made some remarks about the old association, on motion of Acton Burrows and E. W. Rathbun it was resolved that a permanent organization be formed in the interest of the Canadian marine, and that another meeting be held in the afternoon to take the necessary steps towards the formation of such an association. This was adopted.

The meeting was continued in the afternoon, when on motion of T. Donnelly, King-

ston, it was decided to organize under the name of the Dominion Marine Association. The following officers were elected: President, C. F. Gildersleeve, Montreal; Vice-Presidents, J. J. Long, Collingwood; E. W. Rathbun, Deseronto; other members of executive committee: Capt. Crangle, Toronto; R. O. McKay, Hamilton; T. Harling, Montreal; J. A. Cuttle, Montreal; R. C. Carter, Deseronto; Capt. T. Donnelly, Kingston; Capt. J. Gaskin, Kingston; A. A. Wright, Toronto. The selection of a Secretary-Treasurer was left in the hands of the executive committee, F. King consenting to act till some one else was selected, in case he could not accept the position, which the meeting desired him to do, his work in the preliminary organization having been so satisfactory.

#### DEPUTATION TO GOVERNMENT.

On the following day, the members of the Association waited on the Government to present their views on the matters that had been under discussion. The ministers present were: the Premier, the Postmaster-General, the Minister of Railways and Canals, the Minister of Public Works and the Minister of Customs. Hon. J. I. Tarte, ex-Minister of Public Works, was also present, and the deputation was introduced by W. Harty, M.P. for Kingston.

The memorial, which was addressed to the Premier, the Minister of Marine, the Minister of Customs and the Minister of Railways and Canals, asked for the abrogation of: (1) Tonnage dues and inspection fees imposed on steam vessels in Canada; (2) Fees payable to Customs officers for service after hours and on holidays; (3) Tolls imposed on vessels using the Dominion canals. The memorial also recommended the substance of the additional resolutions passed by the convention in favor of steps being taken to harmonize the Canadian and the U.S. Rules of the Road from the head of the Great Lakes to Montreal; and also in favor of the abolition of landing charges at government wharves. An additional memorial of the steamboat owners upon the minor inland waters, addressed to the Minister of Marine, was also read, asking that the regulations respecting the examination of engineers be amended to allow firemen who have served two seasons, or twelve months, as firemen on minor inland waters, to stand examination for 4th-class papers on their merits; that 4th-class engineers be allowed to stand examination for 3rd-class certificate on two seasons, or 12 months' service as engineers; and that 3rd-class engineers be allowed to run an engine of any size found necessary to put in boats on minor inland waters, at the discretion of the Inspector.

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