

mittee on Resolutions be immediately appointed. He therefore moved that such Committee be immediately appointed by the Chairman. Seconded Mr. Maxwell and carried. The Chairman thereupon appointed the following gentlemen:—

Resolution Committee:

E. L. Cousins; Major Lewis; W. M. Oerman; Alex. Simms; O. E. Fleming; E. S. Little, with C. P. Craig in an advisory capacity.

These gentlemen then retired.

Resolution to Organize:

It was moved Mr. Maxwell, of Chatham, seconded Mr. Bowden, of Goderich, THAT THE DELEGATES FROM THE VARIOUS MUNICIPALITIES REPRESENTED AT THIS CONFERENCE DO NOW FORM AN ORGANIZATION HAVING AS ITS OBJECT, THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE GREAT WATERWAYS. Carried unanimously.

Mr. Bowden, Goderich:

This gentleman suggested that, at the outset, it was probably all right to look for our finances to the Municipalities; but, later, we should aim at Provincial Government support, involving not merely the eastern provinces, but also the Prairie Provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta. This, after the whole proposition had been placed intelligently and forcefully before the farmers, manufacturers and every other section of the community throughout the entire country. In this connection, our propagandists should be directed along definite lines.

Mr. Saunders of Goderich:

Mr. Saunders enquired as to whether anything had been done to interest in our project, points in the territory between Montreal and Halifax, inclusive. The Chairman replied that no points so far east as Montreal had been approached. It was felt best to thoroughly interest first the people further West who would be so obviously benefitted by the development of the Waterways, and thereafter, at the opportune moment, extend our efforts to the further East. He did not anticipate that there would be any marked or serious opposition from Montreal or other further eastern centres.

Mr. Maxwell:

It was suggested by Mr. Maxwell that, in our Constitution and By-laws, the door should be left wide open for the later inclusion of these further eastern points.

Mr. R. J. Maclean, Detroit:

This gentleman urged the importance of creating the most widespread and favorable interest in our object. He emphasized that a vote from B. C., was as important in the Dominion House as was one from Ontario. He spoke from experience in this matter. He suggested that the Annual Conference of the Association should be a moveable feast, and should be held both at eastern and western centres, such conference possessing an educational influence which could scarcely be overestimated.

Mr. N. S. Corneli, Port Stanley:

Mr. N. S. Corneli, coincided with Mr. MacLean, and impressed the advisability of our organization being thoroughly national.