

# PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## FIRST ANNUAL CONVENTION

OF THE

### International Deep Waterways Association.

Tuesday, September 24—Afternoon Session.

The first annual convention of the International Deep Waterways Association was called to order in A. my and Navy hall, Cleveland, Ohio, at 3 P. M., Tuesday, September 24, 1895, by President Oliver A. Howland, M. P. P., of Toronto, in the following words:

*Gentlemen:* This is not the formal opening of the International Deep Waterways Association. It is a complimentary reception by our kind friends, the honorable mayor and the corporation and the people of this beautiful city of Cleveland. They are receiving on this occasion not merely the association itself, with its formal membership, but the numerous delegates and guests and other attendants upon this convention who have come together to assist in its deliberations and to manifest their interest in the great question which we have humbly taken in charge, and who are not now enrolled in our organization. Therefore, we regard this as a reception by the honorable mayor and corporation to the whole convention—the members of the association, delegates and guests. From that point of view we think it is more expedient, and more suitable, I am sure, to his honor, and to our hosts, that the principal part in the proceedings this afternoon be taken by a representative appointed to this convention by the greatest of the states of the union. I therefore have great pleasure in calling upon Gen. Edward C. O'Brien of New York, president of the New York Dock commission, and ex-commissioner of navigation of the United States, to take the chair on behalf of the first convention of the International Deep Waterways Association.

On taking the chair, greeted by applause, Gen. O'Brien said:

GEN. O'BRIEN'S ADDRESS.

*Mr. President and Gentlemen of the Convention:* I thank you most heartily for the great honor you have done me in making me temporary