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DEDICATED
TO THE
COMMISSIONERS
OF THE
STATE RESERVATION AT NIAGARA
Both Past and Present
With Whom I Have Been Associated



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A WORD OF INTRODUCTION

The history of the State Reservation at Niagara is recited in these pages by a man who has for fifteen years given his great ability, much of his time, and his extended influence to the work of opening to the whole world under agreeable conditions and without the sordid influence of commercialism, the stupendous natural wonder of Niagara Falls. The author has been for a decade the President of the Commissioners of the State Reservation at Niagara, and he was intimately associated with the movement to create and beautify the Park from its inception. No other man in the State is more completely informed as to the gradual, and at times most discouraging, progress of the work which has resulted in the beautiful and admirably administered Park which exists at Niagara Falls today, and it was in accordance with the earnest desire of his fellow Commissioners that he has undertaken and completed the record which is contained in this volume. For this, as for a vast amount of other voluntary service to the people, extending through many years, Mr. Dow finds his reward in the consciousness of service and in the grateful appreciation of those who have the honor of his acquaintance and friendship. Among these, with the other members of the Niagara Commission, I am most glad to be numbered.

WILLIAM B. HOWLAND.

January 1, 1914.