

LUMBERMEN'S ASSOCIATION OF ONTARIO.

NEW CONSTITUTION ADOPTED AND OFFICERS ELECTED.
CHANGES IN THE CANADIAN LUMBER TARIFF
ASKED FOR.

IN accordance with a resolution passed at the annual meeting on Tuesday, March 22nd, the Lumbermen's Association of Ontario convened in the Board of Trade building, Toronto, on Thursday, April 7th, to receive the report of the committee appointed to revise the constitution.

In the absence of the president, Mr. A. H. Campbell, sr., Mr. James Scott was voted to the chair, Mr. J. B. Miller acting as secretary. Among the members present were the following: John Bertram, Collins Inlet Lumber Co.; James Scott, Georgian Bay Lumber Co.; A. H. Campbell, jun., Muskoka Mill & Lumber Co., Toronto; T. Conlon, Thorold; John Waldie, Victoria Harbor Lumber Co.; J. B. Miller, Parry Sound Lumber Co.; C. Beck, C. Beck Manufacturing Co., Penetanguishene; N. Dymont, Mickle, Dymont & Co., Barrie; R. Cook, South River Lumber Co.; W. A. Charlton, M.P.P., Lynedoch; and C. H. Clark, Toronto.

The following new members were elected: Wm. B. Toner, of Toner & Gregory, Collingwood; T. A. Pickard, Pickard & Rowan, Owen Sound; Wm. Milne, Milne & Heffernan, Trout Creek.

The secretary read the minutes of last meeting, which, on motion of Mr. Beck, were adopted.

The committee appointed to revise the constitution presented its report, each clause being read and considered separately. The first and second clauses brought up the question whether the association should include dealers, the final decision being against their admission. It was pointed out that persons engaged in making board timber would be eligible for membership, and that there might also be a separate hardwood section.

Clause 5, relating to the annual fee, created an animated discussion, the result being that the fee for the first year of membership was placed at \$5, and for each succeeding year at \$2.

The constitution, as finally adopted, is as follows:

CONSTITUTION.

1st. The object of the Association shall be to promote the interests and conserve the rights of those engaged in lumbering operations or in the manufacture of lumber, to hold meetings of the members for the consideration and discussion of questions affecting those interests, and by union and co-operation to build up and foster the lumber business.

2nd. Any person engaged in lumbering, in the manufacture of lumber, or holding timber lands in the province of Ontario, shall be eligible for membership.

3rd. Any person desirous of becoming a member of the Association may make application to the Secretary, and on payment of the proper fee shall immediately become a member of this Association, subject to the approval of a majority of the members present at the next special or general meeting.

4th. No member shall vote at any meeting of the Association who has not paid his fees, but when a member of the Association, who is entitled to vote, but is not present at a meeting, belongs to a corporation or firm, he may be represented by an officer of that corporation or a member of that firm.

5th. A fee of \$5.00 shall be paid by all members on their joining or being elected to the Association, and an annual fee of two dollars thereafter on the first day of January of each year.

6th. Any member who may wish to withdraw from the Association may do so by giving notice to the Secretary

and paying up his subscription to the expiration of the year then current, together with all arrears.

7th. The affairs of the Association shall be managed by a board of ten members elected at the annual general meeting of the Association, and who shall hold office for one year or until their successors are appointed. The board shall meet at such time and place, and so often as they may be called together by the President, or on the requisition of three members of the board, by giving five days' notice thereof, and stating the purpose for which the meeting is called.

8th. At the first meeting of the Board of Management in each year, a president, first vice-president and second vice-president shall be elected, who shall hold office for one year, or until their successors are appointed, and a secretary and treasurer, who need not necessarily be a member of the Association. The secretary and treasurer's remuneration and amount of security to be given by him shall be fixed by the Board.

9th. The annual general meeting of the Association shall be held in the city of Toronto, at such hour on such day in the month of February as the Board of Management shall decide, and notice thereof shall be sent to each member at his registered address at least ten days before the day fixed for such meeting.

10th. The Board of Management shall have power to call special and general meetings at such times as they see fit, the object for which the meeting is called to be stated in the circular convening the same.

11th. Seven members present shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at all meetings of the Association, four at meetings of the Board of Management, and three at all meetings of committees.

12th. In the event of any dispute as to the intent or meaning of any of the sections of this constitution, or of any by-law which may hereafter be made, the interpretation by the Board of Management shall be final and conclusive.

13th. The constitution and any amendments thereto which hereafter may be made may be altered by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any special or general meeting of the Association called for that purpose.

14th. The Board of Management shall have power to frame by-laws for the carrying on of the work of the Association, which shall be in force until the next general or special meeting of the Association, when they shall be submitted, and if not confirmed by a majority of the members present, shall cease from that date to have any validity.

The secretary read the report of a committee of the association which recently met a deputation of western lumbermen to discuss the question of an import duty. This report, on motion of Mr. Bertram, was adopted.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The association then elected the following Board of Management: James Scott, John Bertram, John Waldie, J. B. Miller, Toronto; W. A. Charlton, M. P. P., Lynedoch; N. Dymont, Barrie; Chas. Beck, Penetang; W. C. Edwards, M. P., Ottawa; Thos. Conlon, Thorold; R. Cook, South River. Subsequently John Bertram was chosen president, Jas. Scott first vice-president, and W. C. Edwards, M. P., second vice-president, the Board of Management appointing W. B. Tindall secretary-treasurer.

Mr. Beck read a series of resolutions which had been adopted at a mass meeting of the citizens of Penetanguishene, favoring an import duty on lumber.

It was moved by Mr. Waldie that the communication be received, and that the association approve of the general principle that they favor an import duty of \$2 a thousand on lumber, 30 cents on shingles, and 25 cents on laths a duty corresponding to the American tariff. A committee, consisting of Messrs. Bertram, Campbell, Charlton, Scott and Miller, was appointed to draft a resolution on the above lines, for presentation to the government, setting forth also that the lumbermen only wished to meet duty with duty, and

that they were willing to give free lumber and logs for free lumber.

Mr. Beck brought forward another grievance which Canadian lumbermen had to contend with. He stated that both British and American tugs towing logs from Canada to American mills were allowed to bring in large loads of coal in bond and dump it on the Canadian shore, and then come back and get this coal again, no duty being charged, whereas the Canadian tugs, towing to Canadian mills, had to pay a duty of 60 cents per ton on coal brought in from the United States. On motion of Mr. Waldie, the Board of Management was instructed to investigate the matter, and draw the attention of the government to the injustice.

The import duty question was again opened by Mr. Conlon, who expressed a fear that unless further action was taken the changes asked for in the tariff would not be granted. The secretary here read a letter from Messrs. G. & I. Prescott, of Albert, N. B., heartily endorsing the action of the association and expressing regret that the lumbermen of the maritime provinces had no organization.

The meeting then adjourned, and re-assembled in the afternoon, when by-laws were adopted and other routine business transacted.

TARIFF CHANGES.

In accordance with the resolution passed at this meeting, the Executive Committee has forwarded to the Dominion government a memorial asking for certain amendments in the Canadian tariff. These amendments make the clauses read as follows:

CLAUSE 328.—Sawed or split boards, planks, deals, pine and spruce clapboards, lumber and timber hewn or sawed, creosoted, vulcanized or treated by any preserving process, planed and dressed on one or both sides, manufactured lumber and timber not elsewhere specified, \$2.00 per M. feet B.M.

CLAUSE 329.—Laths, pickets, palings, shingles of wood, staves not listed or jointed of wood of all kinds, firewood, handle, heading, stave and shingle bolts, hop poles, fence posts, paving posts, railroad ties, telephone, trolley, electric light and telegraph poles of cedar or other woods, 20 per cent. ad valorem.

CLAUSE 611.—Free goods: Timber or lumber of wood, viz., lumber and timber, planks and boards of amarant, cocoboral, boxwood, cherry, chestnut, walnut, gumwood, mahogany, rosewood, sandalwood, sycamore, Spanish cedar, oak, hickory, whitewood, African teak, black heart ebony, lignum vitae, red cedar, redwood, satinwood and white ash, when not otherwise manufactured than rough sawn or split or creosoted, vulcanized or treated by any other preserving process; hubs for wheels, last blocks, wagon, oar, gun, heading and all like blocks or sticks, rough hewn or sawed only; felloes of hickory wood, rough sawn to shape only, or rough sawn and bent to shape, not planed, smoothed or otherwise manufactured; hickory billets and hickory lumber sawn to shape for spokes of wheels, but not further manufactured, hickory spokes, rough turned, not tenoned, mitred, throated, faced, sized, cut to length, round tenoned or polished; the wood of the persimmon and dogwood trees; logs and round unmanufactured timber, ship timber or ship planking, not specially enumerated or provided for in this Act.

Mr. A. J. Burton, formerly of Cape Breton, has recently returned to Canada from Massonville, Pa., and has taken charge of the filing and hammering of the band saws in Gilmour & Co.'s mill at Canoe Lake, Ont. Mr. Burton is not unknown to his present employers, having filed for them one season at the Trenton mills a few years ago. He has had eleven years' experience as a band filer, and is known by mill men to be one of the best filers in the country, having made some good records. An article from his pen on "The Care of Band Saws" appears on another page.