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ONTARIO LUMBERMEN'S ASSO-CIATION

The annual meeting of the Lumbermen's Association of Ontario was held on Tuesday, 29th January, in Toronto. Mr. John Waldie, president, occupied the chair, and between twenty and thirty members were present. Much that was of interest to the trade was referred to in the address of the president, and we comment upon this editorially. The secretary, Mr. W. B. Tindall, presented his report, which gave the total production of white pine lumber in the mills in Northwestern Ontario, embracing all mills on the Georgian Bay, northern division of the Grand Trunk to Callendar, and C.P.R., North Bay to Rat Portage, as 476,000,000 feet, against 351,000,000 feet for the previous year. [This, it will be observed, does not include the Ottawa Vallev1.

The decrease in production of mills in Saginaw Valley and Lake Huron shore of Michigan, hitherto supplied by Canadian logs, was 92,282,000 feet, a net increase of 32.718,000 feet entering into the market usually supplied by these mills. The decrease in United States mills in the northwest district of Michigan, Wisconsin and Minnesota, which competes in the same market, for 1900 was 478,603,000 feet. The Canadian stock on hand, which was principally white pine lumber, on December 31, 1900, amounted to 216,349.000 feet, against 120,000,000 feet for the end of the previous year. There is thus an increase of 06.340,000 feet. Of the stock on hand on December 31, 1900, there was: Sold waiting delivery, 92,109,000 feet, and unsold, 124,240,000 feet; in the year 1896 the stock at mills in pile (exclusive of Rat Portage), was 406,000,000 feet.

The volume of the trade of 1901 in Canada is estimated at 501,900,000 feet, an increase of 25,900,000 feet over the estimated production of 1900. As regards the volume of trade in the United States, the highest year was 1892, the production being 8,594,222,000 feet. In 1900 the production was 5,485,261,000 feet, and the stocks on hand amounted to 2,839,705,000 feet, which are both less than in previous vears.

Those present at the meeting were: John Waldie, president, in the chair: John Bertram, Toronto; John Charlton, M.P., Lyndoch; Thomas Charlton, Tonawanda; C. Beck, Penetang; W. Laking, Hamilton; Robt. Watts, Wiarton; N. Dyment, Barrie; W. T. Toner, Collingwood; R. Cook, South River; Geo. Thomson, Goderich; A. A. Wright, Toronto; D. L. White, jun., Midland; Mossom Boyd. Bobcaygeon; R. Laidlaw, Toronto; W. A. Charlton, M.P.P., Toronto; J. L. Hotchkiss, Duluth; J. L. Conlon, Thorold; M. Brennan, Hamilton; W. B. Tindall, Toronto, secretary.

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