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THIRD ANNUAL MEETING OF THE WEIROWNERS AND WEIRFISHERMENS UNION

Election of Officers and Other Important Business Transacted

The Weirowners and Weirfishermen met in Court's Hall on Friday afternoon of last week. President J. A. Belyon called the meeting to order at 1.30 P. M. A large number of representatives from every section of the county were present, and a spirit of hopefulness animated all. The President's opening address dealt with matters concerning the Union, of work accomplished and prospects for the coming season. Mr. Belyon was convincing and enthusiastic in his talk. He said that concerted action by the members of the Union had accomplished much in the past, and would do more in the future. One question along which they had obtained from the Government, had revolutionized the industry in the County. The fishermen should never cease to thank those who had aided them in obtaining the right to keep the fish in their weirs over Sunday. It was worth thousands of dollars to them, no man could estimate how much. He exhorted those present to stand together, they had the fish and every effort should be made by them to induce the government to aid the industry, which he thought was entitled to as much encouragement as any other industry in the Dominion.

The report of the executive committee was then read by the Sec. George B. Frauley. It is as follows: To the Weir Owners' and Weir Fishermen's Union.

Third Annual Report of the Executive Committee.

Your Committee regret that they are unable to congratulate the members of the Union upon having had a successful season during 1909.

Although the fish struck in early in some localities, and some few weirs made reasonable catches, they did not run in our waters, except in very small numbers, after the middle of July.

The now almost annual visit of the squid and silver hake, proved as usual most disastrous to the fishing, driving them completely from our shores, and instead of the Fall fishing, which in former years has proved the most successful of the season, the last three years has proved a total failure. This is most disheartening to the fishermen, whose weirs have hitherto taken large fish, and many feel that if this state of things is to continue, the building of weirs for Fall fishing is a very doubtful investment.

The price as arranged last season proved only of benefit to the very early fishing weirs, and your committee, after a great deal of consideration and consultation, have decided to fix the price for the coming season at \$6.00 for the whole season, with no preference at the weirs to either American or Canadian packers, the first boat at the weir to take the fish. Your Committee hope that this arrangement will prove satisfactory to both the fishers and the packers, and they sincerely hope that each and every member of this Union will recognize the fact that your Committee have done their best for all concerned, and while they have had to sacrifice the interests of the early fishing weirs to some extent, they think that if the fish remain in the fall, the larger price for the fall fishing will make up to them what they must necessarily lose in the early part of the season, by obtaining a larger price for the Fall fishing.

And they sincerely hope that our friends, the packers, will also feel that your Committee have a difficult matter to deal with on account of the varied interests they have to consider, and that they will feel that your Committee have done their best to meet their wishes as to a reasonable price, and they hope that

they will consider that your Committee have, in fixing this price, for the coming season, done their best for all concerned. And they hope that the friendly relations which now exist between this Union and our friends at Eastport and Lunenburg, and in Canada, will continue, and that they as well as the members of this Union will have a successful season in 1910.

Your Committee beg to report, that they have had every sympathy and support from Mr. W. F. Todd, M. P. for this County. He has not only assisted them on all occasions when asked so to do, with the Department of Marine and Fisheries, but has attended the meetings of the Committee when it was possible for him, and consulted with them as to the best way, if any can be devised, to preserve our fisheries and if possible devise some means of fighting the squid and silver hake, the arch-enemies of our fishermen.

Mr. Todd has informed your Committee that he has given much consideration to the matter of obtaining a fertilizer plant for our vicinity, and has great hopes of accomplishing it in the near future. If that were done, there would be every inducement to our fishermen, to not only continually seine their weirs and keep them clear of these pests, but they would pursue them where they seemed most numerous, and we think a great deal could be done to break them up and thus allow the herring to escape from them.

Your Committee have also urged upon Mr. Todd's attention the great necessity there exists, of our Government to appoint at an early date, a small commission composed, not of professional experts, but practical experts, from among the fishermen themselves, to report upon the possibilities of canning our own raw material in Canada under Government inspection and entering the markets of the world, with our own products and claiming for ourselves as Canadians a share at least, with the Norwegians, the Dutch and Japanese, of our own markets and the markets of our neighbors over the border, and your committee think that we should not longer delay in the earnest consideration of this matter. And Mr. Todd has assured your Committee, that he will give the matter his earnest consideration.

There have been no breaks during the past year in the ranks of the members, as far as your Committee are aware, nor is there any dissatisfaction among the members, that cannot at all times be removed by friendly discussion.

They have found in the three years that have just passed since the formation of this Union, that being united as we are in a bond of common interest is the only way, and the best way, to forward our individual interests. Our friends, the packers, we think, now feel that it is much easier to deal with the Union, such as ours, than with individuals, and they express themselves individually in hearty accord with our Union.

Your Committee would beg in conclusion, to exhort all the members of the Union to stand fast and steadily by its rules and conditions, and by their individual efforts and hearty support, strengthen the hands and give encouragement to the President and officers of the Union, in their efforts, to better our conditions and assist us all to better and more certain results from our labors than we formerly have been able to obtain, and now they wish you all a Happy and Prosperous year in 1910.

The report was adopted as read and the Committee received the thanks of the meeting for their labors during the past year. The election of officers resulted as follows:

James A. Belyon, President, Capt. P. Cameron, Vice President, George E. Frauley, Sec. Treas. The Executive Committee is the same as last year, with the exception of John Catharine who takes the place of Mr. Cameron. The other members are: A. B. O'Neill, Ira McConnell, Bismark Dick, W. A. Holl, Hugh McGregor, G. W. McKay, Boos

Justason, G. H. Ellis and G. E. Frauley. The meeting being then opened for miscellaneous business, Mr. George M. Byron introduced the following resolution which was adopted and passed:

"Whereas in the opinion of this Union the only way at the present time it can be seen that the squid, Silver Hake, Dogfish and other enemies of the sardine fishery in other waters can be attacked, is by devising some means to induce the Fishermen to catch them for the purpose of converting them with fertilizer.

In order to obtain this object it will be necessary to have a large plant established in the vicinity.

Therefore, Resolved that this Union memorialize the Dominion Government to establish a plant at Charlotte, Co., and bar to the plant established by them, in Nova Scotia for the suppression of the dogfish."

A general discussion followed concerning the building and racking of weirs and much valuable information was given by Messrs. Mitchell, Holt, McGregor and Byron. General regret was expressed by the members of the Union because of Mr. Todd M. P. for the County, who was unable to get from his home St. Stephen owing to the lateness of the train. A resolution was passed thanking Mr. Todd warmly for the interest he had shown in the welfare of the fishing industry of the county. The meeting adjourned after cheering President Belyon, Sec. Frauley the executive committee and the King.

Mill on Coast of Strike

Quincy, Jan. 4.—James Duncan, first vice-president of the American Federation of Labor and secretary-treasurer of the Granite Cutters' International Association of America, stated to-day that the present labor controversy between his organization and the Barre Granite Manufacturers' Association of Barre, Vt., had cost the Granite Cutters' Association \$1,000,000 in wages lost to the men and money paid out of the association treasury for the support of their impoverished members.

The loss to the manufacturers cannot be exactly estimated, as it is believed to have very nearly reached a like sum.

6000 OUT OF WORK

The dispute had resulted in the lock-out of all granite cutters employed within the entire Washington county. Vt., about 3000 in number, and the consequent idleness of unattached quarrymen, lumpers, boxers, teamsters, derrickmen and apprentices, numbering in all fully 6000 more men. The granite industry in Washington county is at a complete standstill and not a stroke of work has been done in the many quarries since early in November last.

During the entire period of the struggle the locked out granite cutters have been supported on the defence fund of the mother organization, Mr. Duncan stating that 20,000 had been paid out of the treasury each week from the start of the lockout up to to-day.

The 300 men whose employment depends solely upon the actual activity of the granite cutters are practically all unattached and their conditions are indeed pitiful.

Create Heavy Dust

In explaining the situation to the Post Mr. Duncan said: "Hitherto the men of facing and polishing were employed upon the new machine at two years ago. In 1908, but its operation in the dust and noise of the machine men were To of we

entered into between us and the Barre Granite Manufacturers' Association on March 1, 1908, and which were to continue in force until March 1, 1911, it was expressly stated and agreed that this machine was not to be used except when provided with suction fans, or other appliances for partly removing the danger from the dust.

"During the summer just passed, the firm of Cross Brothers, granite manufacturers of Northfield, Vt., installed one or two of these machines, without providing suction fans, or other appliances for partly removing the danger from the dust. Our men strongly protested, but they were not heeded by the firm, and rather than cause serious difficulties to arise, submitted to being employed on these machines, as throughout the summer the work is carried on in a closed shed. The Cross Bros. continued installing more and more of these machines throughout the summer and by the beginning of November was using 10 such machines, some of them being equipped with the suction fans, in direct violation of the standing agreement. The cold weather necessitated the shutting in of the sheds and conditions quickly became unbearable.

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Refused to Work Machine

"On Monday, Nov. 15, one of the firm of Cross Bros. ordered a workman to operate a machine. He refused to endanger his life by working an entire day on the incomplete machine within closed doors. He was sent home. In like manner three other employees were ordered to work on the death-dealing machine, refused, and were sent home.

"The adjustment committee of the Northfield branch then called on the firm and asked to have the four discharged men taken back. The firm refused to do so, and the 40 men employed by that concern, and constituting the Northfield branch, decided to strike, and left off work.

"The following day, Tuesday, the Barre Granite Manufacturers' Association held their regular meeting. This association was composed of the manufacturers in the towns of Barre (three branches), East Barre, Montpelier, Williamstown, Waterbury and Northfield all in Washington county. Each of these towns had its own organization of granite cutters branches of the parental association, and each of these branches were working under separate and distinct agreements with the manufacturers in their respective towns.

"The firm of Cross Bros., in Northfield were members of the Barre Granite Manufacturers' Association, which controlled the granite industry in Washington county, and that association had already ordered a lockout of all men employed with the Granite Cutters' Association. Thus 3000 granite cutters, members of seven different branches and by many different firms, in different towns, were thrown out of employment on account of the dispute confined to the one firm of the Cross Bros., in town of Northfield, and many men did not even know of it there.

"The idleness of quarrymen, lumpers and derrickmen, since, upon the account of the unfair lock-out of the granite cutters, empty men were thrown out of employment on account of the dispute confined to the one firm of the Cross Bros., in town of Northfield, and many men did not even know of it there.