

new members to properly understand what we were trying to do it would be hard to get it in every instance." Then on 25th April it was moved and seconded that the time for sending in the notices of jobs to the secretary start on 4th May, and that on and after that date all notices be handed in to the secretary in accordance with the new rule; that a circular be issued to all the members that his office would be open on and after 4th May, and that they would call on him to receive the book and instructions, and then a very important clause in regard to tenders, that members notify the secretary of all tenders submitted by them prior to 4th May; and on 6th May, the date when it is said the agreement came into force, we find that it was decided to have only necessary typewritten copies of price lists for supply houses, and that lists be not printed until further additions, that the secretary prepare lists of members and mail to each supply house that had signed the agreement, and calling their attention to the fact that the agreement went into effect on 6th May, and on motion of Mr. Armstrong, seconded by Mr. Wilson, the report was adopted and the committee discharged. That is the committee that had had in charge the negotiations which resulted in the agreement which was finally assented to on 6th May.

That agreement provides amongst other things and sets forth that negotiations have been under way for some months between parties hereto with a view to improving the condition of the trade generally and to protect the Master Plumbers' and Steamfitters' Association by giving the association a preference over non-members, and all plumbing and steam-fitting goods purchased from the undersigned firms.

In other words, here is a plain intimation of the object of the negotiations that had taken place between these two associations, and that the object was simply the carrying out of what had previously existed in less perfect form for some time, probably for over a year prior thereto, as evidenced from the minutes of both of those associations. The agreement provides that the members of the Master Plumbers' and Steamfitters' Association will endeavour to buy all goods for their work from, and will give the preference on all purchases where prices are equal to, the jobbing and supply houses signing this agreement; that the undersigned supply houses will not sell to the general public plumbing goods,