

was a matter well worthy of consideration whether it was not advisable to limit the cut and avoid a plethora of lumber on the Canadian market.

Mr. Gordon, representing the British Columbia lumber and shingle manufacturers, read a circular which had been sent to the Government, pointing out the disadvantages under which they were laboring, and arguing that it would be more advantageous to locate in Washington or Oregon. They held a meeting recently in Vancouver, and were very anxious to join the Ontario lumberman in a deputation to Ottawa in order to keep the matter before the Government.

Mr. Scott pointed out that while the local men were suffering as they once did, the principle remained the same, and the time would likely come when the same troubles

would again be experienced in British Columbia and Rat Portage.

Mr. Conlon thought the Dominion Government were ignoring them, and wished the association to pass resolution reaffirming the principle of all wood being manufactured in this country.

Mr. Bortram said the association had never taken any other stand than that of "free logs for free lumber," and he didn't think they should go any farther at present.

Mr. Conlon said the Government were still under the impression that they were willing to give free logs for free lumber, but he contended this was not the case.

Messrs. Dymont and Laidlaw favored leaving the matter in abeyance, as the time would come when they would be looking for an outlet for their lumber on the American market.

The following resolution, which is similar to the one passed at the previous annual meeting, was then passed:—

"That the Lumbermen's Association of Ontario express their satisfaction with the Provincial Government in putting the manufacturing clause in all licenses, and further that this association reiterate the opinion expressed on former occasions, that in the absence of reciprocity in lumber between Canada and the United States, the Government of Canada be requested to impose an import duty on lumber corresponding with that imposed by the Government of the United States, and thereby remove any injustice which at present exists to Canadian lumbermen."

The secretary was instructed to forward a copy of the resolution to Sir Wilfrid Laurier.

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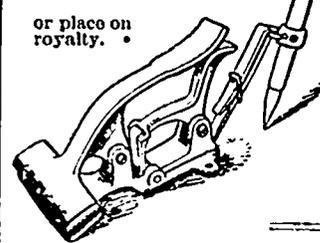
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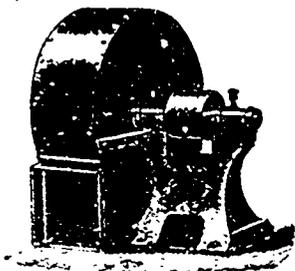
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