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#### NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

The **ELECTRICAL, MECHANICAL AND MILLING NEWS** has removed to new offices at No. 14 King Street West where subscribers and friends of the paper will always receive a hearty welcome.

CANADIAN millers are invited to attend a meeting to be held in Toronto on July 9th and 10th, for the purpose of taking into consideration the present condition and the future prospects of milling, and to adopt such measures as may seem to be fitted to remedy the existing disabilities under which this industry is suffering. The arrangements for this meeting are in the hands of the following gentlemen: Messrs. Chas. Whitlaw, E. W. B. Snider, W. M. Stark, D. Plewes, M. McLaughlin, A. McFall, John Brown, J. C. Hay, W. F. Howland, T. Todd, sr., W. Galbraith, S. A. Lazier, J. E. Edmondson, W. Hutchinson, H. S. Howland, J. D. Flavelle, Jas. Goldie, David Goldie, E. W. Rathbun, C. Hunt, R. J. Stark, J. D. Saunby, I. Warcup, R. Noble, J. L. Spink, E. Peplow, A. Campbell, Geo. Esterbrook, H. N. Baird, J. A. Moody and James Cumming.

We trust this meeting will prove to be a "mass meeting" in fact, as well as in name. Interests of great importance hinge upon its success. It is to the individual interest of every miller to do his utmost to make it a success. The first and foremost duty in this direction is to attend the meeting yourself and bring as many others with you as possible. Come prepared to say or do something that will assist the meeting to arrive at wise conclusions, and help to secure the objects sought to be attained. Don't stay away and then grumble because things were not done to suit you.

We repeat what we said on this subject last month—this movement to secure justice for the millers under what is known as the National Policy, cannot succeed unless the millers throughout Ontario are aroused to

spontaneous action. Whatever has been done in the past has been done by a mere handful of millers, and almost entirely at their own expense. The great majority have been content to sit as idle spectators of the efforts of a few to lift the burden of tariff injustice from the shoulders of the milling fraternity. Again and again has the effort been made, but as might have been expected, the burden proved too heavy. Nothing short of "a long pull, a strong pull and a pull all together," will effect its removal.

How can united effort be brought to bear for the desired purpose? Only by means of organization. There will be required first of all a live, vigorous, aggressive central association. Occasionally since this agitation began we have seen and heard references to the "Dominion Millers' Association." We are aware that such an association was formed some years ago, and that it served the millers to good purpose in their patent infringement fights. For four or five years past, however, the association has been to all intents and purposes dead, although having a name to live. A Dominion Millers' Association should be something possessing more life and tangibility. Its officers should be on the look-out to serve the millers' interests, especially in circumstances like those which at present exist in the Dominion. The membership of this Central or Dominion Association should be truly representative of the whole Dominion.

In addition to a central organization such as we have described, there should be Local Associations, each composed of the millers of two or three adjoining counties. The only active working association of millers existing in Canada to-day, is the local association of western millers under whose auspices such a successful meeting was held at Listowel recently. These local associations should work in conjunction with the Central Association in carrying out a well-matured and comprehensive scheme for the amelioration of the disabilities from which the millers of Canada are suffering.

The forthcoming millers' mass meeting should accomplish: (1) The attendance of every Canadian miller who feels that the milling interests of Canada demand a readjustment of the present flour duties. (2) The formation of a workable and well-considered plan for the purpose of securing such readjustment. (3) The formation of a Dominion or Central Millers' Association, representing the milling interests of the whole Dominion. (4) The appointment of representative millers from the different sections of the country to assist the Secretary of the Dominion Association to organize Local Associations in their several localities. (5) The intelligent, systematic working together of Central and Local Associations along the lines which shall be laid down for the accomplishment of the purpose in view.

Without some systematic organized effort such as we have outlined above, the present movement will come to nothing; with it, the objects sought can certainly be attained. Let every miller feel his individual responsibility, and come to the meeting on July 9th and 10th prepared to join hands in a movement to place the great milling industry of Canada on equal footing with other branches of manufacture.

PRESIDENT S. E. Dawson, of the Council of Arts and Manufactures of the Province of Quebec, expresses wonder at the slight notice which the work of the Council has excited from the press and people of Montreal. There are in Montreal alone 570 students pursuing a course of technical training, and in the schools throughout the Province last year the number of such students was 1346.

THE W. F. Cochrane Roller Mill Supply Company, of Hamilton, have made an assignment to Mr. Alexander Bruce, of that city. A meeting of creditors has been called for July 2nd, at 3 o'clock. If we have been correctly informed, the estate should be able to pay creditors' claims in full. The machinery plant at Dundas has been purchased by the Cochrane Company, of Escanaba, Mich., who have had it removed to their works across the line.

THE terrible destruction of life and property resulting from the breaking away of the dam at Johnstown, Pa., should lead to Governmental inspection of such structures and the compelling of means to ensure the safety of the lives of persons residing in the neighborhood of such dams or reservoirs. The immense jam of saw logs at present existing at the Cascades on the Gatineau, is giving rise to serious apprehension. The Johnstown disaster would be repeated on a smaller scale should this mighty log jam suddenly give way. The whole country to the Ottawa river, including the village of Gatineau, would be swept by the flood.

THE box shoo manufacturers of Michigan, about twenty in number, finding the competition of Mr. E. B. Eddy, of Hull, Que., detrimental to their business in the Eastern States, combined their efforts and succeeded in getting the appraisement on Canadian box shooks entering the U. S., increased to an extent which will probably make their exportation in future impossible. The United States Government is quick to move for the protection of the American manufacturer. The influence of twenty manufacturers is sufficient to secure action on the part of the United States authorities. The interest of two thousand mill owners has so far failed to receive recognition at the hands of our Canadian legislators.

THE action of the Dominion Government in issuing an Order-in-Council providing that all logs found to measure, inside the bark, eleven inches or less diameter at the butt end thereof, irrespective of length, when exported for piling purposes, or as piling, be not subject to the export duty of \$1 per 1,000 feet board measure, is generally regarded as a preliminary step towards the removal of the recently imposed additional export duty. No good object can be served by continuing the duty in the face of the strong disapproval which it has met with from lumbermen on both sides of the line. Since the above was written we learn from a despatch to the *Empire* from its Ottawa correspondent, that a most important proposition has been made by the Dominion Government to the United States Government through the medium of the Foreign Office, viz., that both Governments should consider the propriety of removing the import and export duties on lumber of all kinds, or in other words, that the Canadian Government will abolish the import and export duties on lumber providing the Washington authorities reciprocate. As an earnest of good faith, the Dominion authorities have meanwhile reduced the export duty on pine logs from \$3 to \$2 per thousand feet board measure, the figure at which it stood in November last, previous to the representations of the lumbermen asking for an increase. This reduction in the export duty takes place on July 1.

IT is difficult to understand the reasons actuating the City Council of Toronto in refusing to allow the Consumers' Gas Co., to compete with other companies for the privilege of lighting the streets by electricity. The Gas Company should be in an advantageous position to supply cheap electric light. Furthermore, in