

*By Mr. Lancaster:*

Q. I pointed out to you that the restriction that the association put on it was to limit it to members of the association?—A. Yes.

Q. Now then, the result of it, it seems to me was that you individually considered they were going too far in their restrictions, although you were bound by it as president of the association?—A. I do not just remember that circumstance, because my impression is, I know for a fact, that they do sell and that they have sold since then.

Q. I want to see if we understand each other's mind. You never thought it was right to restrict the sales any farther than to restrict them to dealers whether members of the association or not. You would still allow them the same liberty, that is your individual opinion?—A. Yes, up to the time the honorary members withdrew, now, after that, I think your construction of that is right, that after they withdrew and announced that they would sell to dealers, if they were dealers, that the sales should not be restricted beyond being limited to retail dealers.

*By the Chairman:*

Q. This is a year afterwards?

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Q. I want to see if our minds are one on this. Do you think it was intended they could sell as long as they sold to legitimate dealers, even if they were not members of the association. That was your idea, that they should be allowed to sell to all legitimate dealers without being obliged to limit it to members of the Retail Lumbermen's Association. That was the point you were trying to impress I think?—A. I do not think that is exactly right; when the manufacturers all withdrew from honorary membership they had a lot of independent dealers, that is yards that did not belong to the association, and, I think, the association at that time decided that any man who was in the lumber business and who was a dealer, could become a member of the association, and I think that, probably, is the reason of that resolution, that any of them who did not take advantage of that and did not become members should not be allowed to buy lumber.

Q. Should not be considered a legitimate dealer?—A. Should not be considered a legitimate dealer, I think that is the construction to be placed on that.

Q. That is that your association was not going to put a wide meaning on the word 'legitimate' that if he was a real legitimate dealer he did not have to be a member of the association, but going further, and saying 'we will decide that anyone who is not a member of the association, is not a legitimate dealer,' that is the construction they put on the legitimate?—A. I think that is all right, always with this qualification, that at the time the honorary members withdrew anyone engaged in that line of business could obtain membership in the association, no matter how many yards there were in the place.

*By Mr. McIntyre (Perth):*

Q. There is another point with regard to the possibility of obtaining membership?—A. Yes.

*By Mr. Lancaster:*

Q. Then I understand this, that as far as the retailers, the retailing of lumber is concerned, and the wholesalers, they are more restrictive after the period when the wholesalers withdrew from honorary membership than they were before. That is as to the dealer being able to obtain lumber. Because you have pointed out before the wholesalers withdrew they sold to any legitimate dealer, whether he was a member of the Retailers' Association or not, despite their honorary membership?—A. Yes.

Q. Then of your own accord you have drawn out attention to the fact that it was after they had withdrawn from honorary membership from the Retailers' Associa-