

for several weeks, and the officers of the steamer were to load it at the first opportunity. The excuse usually made was that the ship already had a load but this excuse could not be justly used on the following trip of the steamer as the lumber billed at Albany was bought from the same source as the lumber shipped over later consignments from Victoria. This action was injurious to the interests as it was forcing the lumbermen to pay for the delay which they could not stand the delays experienced on orders placed at New Albermarle. The members spoke of the attitude of the steamship company in numerous cases of delay were mentioned. It was also stated that lumbermen were left to wait for a long time in the sample room for it on the deck of the steamer. The transportation committee was instructed to send data to the members of the steamship company in Victoria.