

APPENDIX No. 6

Q. And these minutes follow and are dated May 29, without indicating the year? Do you say these were in 1905?—A. Yes.

By Mr. Sloan:

Q. There must have been a lot of minutes confirmed at the one meeting?—A. Yes, that is the way it was.

By Mr. Crocket:

Q. This was after the manufacturers had withdrawn from membership?—A. Some of them I think, I do not know whether they had all.

By Mr. Lancaster:

Q. You say that you were at that meeting and that you are vice-president?—A. Yes.

Q. That is why you signed the minutes?—A. That is why I signed the minutes.

Q. Then you put the resolution, I suppose?—A. Yes.

Q. Then if you put the resolution, I suppose you would realize the aim of it when you put it?—A. I fancy so.

Q. You do not want to qualify in any way the minutes, do you?—A. No, I do not, I do not want to qualify it at all, these minutes evidently passed as they were recorded.

By Mr. Knowles.

Q. I understood you to say a moment ago that you did not approve of the system that confined the sales to members of your organization instead of to bona fide dealers?—A. To bona fide dealers, certainly.

Q. To whom you limited by a former motion, to the members of your organization?—A. Because, as I say, the association would prefer to have the sales confined to dealers.

Q. I understood you to say a moment ago that in your opinion that ought to be spread out so that bona fide dealers could get it?—A. As a matter of fact, the resolution may pass as it is, and correspondence may pass between the secretaries of the two associations, and they might attempt to do lots of things, but what I say is that the facts are that any recognized dealer can buy all the lumber he wants from the mills.

By Mr. Lancaster:

Q. The only way to reconcile your statement with the minutes is that you say the association was going too far, that as an association it was too harsh in control over them than was exercised individually?—A. I do not know that I can reconcile that, because I would prefer that they sold only to members.

Q. As I understand it you would never have gone so far as to restrict the trade as it was by the association, that is if you had been individually doing it, and that is the only way I can reconcile the action of the association with your statement and with what you think. You must think that the association went too far in its restrictions?—A. Well, of course the association went a good deal farther than that in the way of restricting previous to that date.

Q. As a matter of fact, you would not have restricted half as much as they did, as I understand it?—A. I think the association would compel the manufacturers, if they could, to sell only to dealers.

Q. And more than you would individually?—A. Yes.

By Mr. McIntyre (Perth):

Q. When you say dealers you mean members?—A. Well, I think the association would prefer to sell to dealers only.