

# The Pacific Coast Logging Congress

The third annual session of the Pacific Coast Logging Congress was held at Vancouver, B. C., June 22 to 24, 1911; this was the first session of the congress ever held in Canada. The Vancouver Hotel was the headquarters of the congress, while the sessions were held in the Imperial Rink. The attendance was a large and representative one, some two hundred signing the register.

The first session opened at 10.30 on Thursday morning, June 22, the president, E. P. Blake, of Seattle, Wash., presiding at this, as at subsequent sessions. The first item of the morning's program was an address of welcome, which was read by J. A. Smith, president of the British Columbia Loggers' Association.

The president and the secretary-treasurer (Geo. M. Cornwall, of Portland, Oregon) then gave their annual addresses, touching on many matters of interest to the congress. The financial report was given by the assistant treasurer, David Davis, and showed the membership of the congress to be 102.

The chief address of the morning of interest from the standpoint of forestry was that of E. T. Allen, of Portland, Oregon, forester for the Western Forestry and Conservation Association. After complimenting the lumbermen for their support of proposals for the better protection of the forest from fire, he referred to the good work accomplished by the fire associations and compared the records of the states where these associations existed with those where there was no such body. He discussed briefly the fire laws of the states of California, Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana.

Other papers given at the morning session were 'The Hill-climbing Locomotive', by E. O. Potter, of Portland, Oregon, and 'Topographical Surveys', by W. W. Peed, Samoa, Calif.

At Thursday afternoon's session Otto Lachmund, Manager of the Arrow Lakes Lumber Co., Arrowhead, B. C., gave a paper on 'Logging in the Interior of British Columbia'. He noted the difference between the logging methods used in the East and those in vogue in British Columbia, and also the dissimilarity of the methods in use in the coast district of British Columbia and those employed in the interior of the province; on the coast, for instance, donkey engines were used, while in the interior horses were found more economical. He discussed the shortage of labor and the danger from fire. Papers were also given at the afternoon session

as follows:— 'Logging in Montana', by W. E. Wells, of Somers, Montana; 'Logging Redwood', by D. L. Albert, of Oakland, Calif.; 'Logging Contracts', by A. J. Hendry, Vancouver, B. C.; 'Logging on the Sky-line', by C. E. MacFarlane, Portland, Oregon; 'Firwood Distillation', by W. E. Young, Portland, Oregon; 'Logging in U. S. National Forests', by H. M. Strathern, Port Falls, Idaho, and 'Cost of Wire Rope', by Jas. O'Hearne, Mt. Vernon, Wash.

On Friday morning the subjects discussed were 'The Adaptability of the Cable Locomotive on Steep Grades', by R. L. Fraser, Vancouver, B. C.; 'Electricity as applied to Logging and Logging Equipment', by A. E. Ransom, Seattle, Wash.; 'The Application of Electric Power to Logging Operations', by E. G. Robinson, Arlington, Wash.; 'A New Type of Donkey Engine Fire Box', by A. W. Clark, of Portland, Oregon; 'Gasoline Logging Engine', by R. J. Mullin, Seattle, Wash.; 'Lidgerwood Logging System', by R. D. Merrill, Seattle, Wash., and 'The Necessity for Uniform Scaling of Logs', by J. T. O'Gorman, Portland, Oregon.

On Friday afternoon J. A. Harvey, of Vancouver, read a paper on 'Employers' Liability Legislation' in British Columbia. He quoted the provisions of the legislation of the province in regard to workmen's compensation and criticized the clumsiness of the machinery for putting it into effect. He advocated raising an insurance fund to which the province, the employers and the workmen should contribute and which should be administered by a paid commissioner appointed by the province.

The employers' liability legislation of the Western States was also treated by Jas. B. Kerr, of Portland, Oregon.

The Resolutions Committee then submitted their report, which was adopted, and the election of officers was then held, which resulted in the re-election of the old officers.

On Friday evening a banquet was tendered the visitors by the British Columbia loggers, and on Saturday the delegates and their friends, to the number of about two hundred, visited the plant of the Canadian Western Lumber Company at Fraser Mills, at the mouth of the Pitt river. During the afternoon Prof. H. W. Sparks, of Pullman, Wash., gave a demonstration of his char-pitting method of clearing land of stumps.

Tacoma, Wash., was selected as the next place of meeting.