From the Evidence of Mr G. P. Wells, Secretary of the Mountain Lumbermen's Manufacturing Association Before the Special Parlia-

mentary Committee on March

of his association?

would or not

and ship lap?

A. I do not know whether h

Q. Do you not think it implies

With regard to prices?

. . .

CHAPTER II.

Informed on One Point.

Q. On pages 207 to 213 we find mir

utes regarding this selling company. On page 215 I see there was a letter

General Rumor.

Was that about this time?

No Fines.

No provision for fines?

Fines Provided For.

Q. And you say that there is a pro-

Not Collected.

operation.
Q. Will you answer my question?

Well, there might have been.

Whence His Knowledge Began.

By Mr. Knowles: Q. I have here a minute book, ex

A. I won't affirm the correctness of

What date would that be?

anything except what I have in

A. Yes. So far as that book is con-

About that season.

I do not recall it.

I do not know.

about the letter?

ween the two associations?

20th 1907

Q. At any rate you have no knowldge about the selling company? edge about the selling company? Tried to Get up Selling Company. Very little. I know very little about it except that there was an attempt made to organize a general selling company. Q. You do not know that as sec retary, you know it simply as a lumberman before you took office?

Will you tell the Committee if nothing transpired after you took of-A. I do not remember that there in the Mountain mills? was any occasion on which it was

A. That was very much on the same lines; the outcome of the selling | that letter?

Q. On page 199 I see there was a resolution moved by Mr. J. A. Dewar:
"It was resolved that the members immediately proceed to organize and fect? incorporate a selling company, the retary would sit down and read up ciation only and that the secretary e instructed to proceed with the formation of such company, the association to advance the cost of incorpor-

Then further on it was resolved: 'That those present organize a company to be known as the Interior Lumber Company, Limited, to be corporated in the Northwest Territories with a capital stock of \$250.-000 of \$10 shares to buy and sell lumwhole product of the Mountain imply; whether it implies anything ber with the object of handling the

That was a pretty large order to handle the whole product sof the Mountain market?

I cannot help that. It may be Q. They went so far as to get in-They spread it on their

minutes and still you know nothing about it? A. I know it was begun and that the Interior Company really obtained a charter Q. How do you know that? Was

They obtained a charter beI took office.

They obtained a charter beI took office.

They obtained a charter beI took office.

They obtained a charter beknow anything about that?

A. I know that the Coast associa-Q. So that you did not know that In your connection as a prom-

nberman can you explain why it did not afterwards live; why it did not continue to do business or I believe that the reason was that there was not sufficient of them the Coast people, if the cutting of would take an interest in it, and prices were going to continue, would t was deemed impracticable.

Q. There was no differences among the members that you know of? Do you know that some of them

said they could not trust the rest? You swear that?

Q. Do you know that that was a reason why it was abandoned?

A. No, I did not know what the reason was.

Q. Do you know who composed the company? A. No, except it was a certain number of the millmen. Q. Did your company go into it

A. I do not think we did. I do not think we were members.

By Mr. Herron—Q. You surely know whether they did or not? A. I cannot tell whether we did or

By Mr. Knowles-Q. Do you mean the Committee to believe that you do not know whether you took part in such a radical and mammoth enter prise as that?

Changed His Mind.

A. I think we did take part. Are you sure?

What recalled it to you? What you said just now. I do not know whether we subscribed to you ask whether we took part in it remember that we did; we took part in the transaction relative to it.

Q. I see here in the minute book

on page 205:
"The president referred to the fact maintained and that there were no outside influences affecting the situation to cause such a condition. He then outlined a scheme whereby this company would handle the products of the mills and thus relieve the sit-

Do you know what he meant by A. Outside competition, I pre-

Q. Do you mean American compe-Yes, and Eastern and the coast.

All the lumber that comes into the Q. What do you think he meant

by saying that no outside influences of this large incorporation would re-A. I do not know what that

Q. You did not understand what the policy was?

thing since you are ready to affirm Q. I see here on page 206 a min-te of date July 3rd, 1905. "The letter from the secretary of cerned my belief is that the formal minutes written in that book are corthe Coast Association of June 25, 1905, stating that a reduction would be made on boards and ship lock, which satisfactory arrangements were not made by the 6th by the association

A. In the first place I do not kno anything about these minutes at all Q. That is part of the minutes, and you say you believe they are correct. Do you say that you believe they are

I suppose you are familiar with A. I never read them; I never had to look back. Q. So far as you are concerned there might not have been any min utes. On page 185 I find this: Visiting Delegates.

the Coast association every alternate month. The Coast association to send similar delegation on alternate to uphold our prices and requestin months to meet this association, our executive to carry out the plan. Car-In regard to that entry, you cannot Can you give us any information state anything from your own know-A. No, sir. Q. Does th Does that not mean that the

two associations were acting in conuntil this moment. Q. Inis was written on 25th March, junction or expecting to act in con A. In my opinion that would sim I don't know anything about it. ply be advice that they were going When did you come in? October, 1905. I was appointed secretary at the meeting held in Revelstoke in September 28, 1905. I By Mr. Herron-Q. Does not that

ndicate that they had lost confidence ent and took charge in October. Q. What were you doing before A. I do not know what it means. By Mr. Knowles—Q. You are an experienced lumberman of twenty I do not know what it means. Firm Was Member Previously. Q. Were you a member of years' standing and you cannot give us any light as to the meaning of

ciation, or was your firm. The firm was. Had you attended any of the A. It states as well as I can d Q. As an experienced lumberman did some do you not know its retrospective ef Were you at the meeting One would think that a sec 27th March, the minutes of which

have read an extract from? I do not think so. Q. It was held at the office of the ecretary in Cranbrook. This is the first you have heard of any plan with regard to a meeting of the business relationship be Absolutely the first I know of. No, sir, I do not think it does The former secretary, Mr. Gurd.

A. I do not think it implies any presume he is in Cranbrook. Q. What do you think it does A. I would not say what it does

Didn't Know Some Things. Q. Now turn to pages 190 and 191. see under the heading "Post Dele-ation: It was resolved on motion that Mr. Manning or Mr. Billings be authorized to go to Vancouver at the expense of the association to interiew the Coast association with Mr. Jones next week. I do not know anything about it.

of the Coast association stating that: Who could you recommend us to A meeting would be held on 3rd into in Ottawa to get information stant to reduce price to meet cuts on with regard to that? board and ship lap now being made A Rejuvenated Organization. A. I do not know that there is nd secretary was instructed to advise anybody here who was an active memhim of result of the meeting." That ber and knew the particulars of these means, I suppose, that the coast association was going to reduce prices

tion did reduce their prices to such everything out of business. Q. Do you know anything about that statement that they would re-Same Name; Different Work. duce price to meet the cuts on boards Q. Different men. work is different. Who appointed you, the old A. I remember a general rumor that or the new?

A. It was a meeting of the lumbermen in Revelstoke. I am sure that some of them who attended that Q. The Coast people would take a meeting were not members of the old Q. Who did appoint you?

That meeting.
What did the meeting call Didn't Know Who Appointed Him. A. I do not know whether it was Q. You do not remember whether meeting of lumbermen or of this had the effect of making the mounassociation. I think it was a general meeting of lumbermen. I did not from the manager and the auditor approach to the manager and the manager ain men stiffen their prices or not?

Q. But you expected an appoint-Q. Did I understand you to say ment made in that irregular way? vesterday that there were no fines Q. Did you take the trouble to ask whether it was a meeting of the or-ganization or a meeting of the in-

Are the typewritten minutes A. I expected the appointment as Q. But did you not know whether you were appointed by the associa-Except the first meeting-after that they are mine.
Q. Is your appointment in these?
A. I believe it is.

A. I did not know whether it was Did you ever read them? by the association or not. I received a telegram from Revelstoke asking And will you say that this asme if I were at liberty—asking me if A. Yes; not that I know of. would consider accepting the sec etaryship of the association.

From the lumbermen. I see at the bottom of page 220 Q. By whom was the telegram sent? All members of the association are required to attend the meetings (f A. I cannot tell the individual's the association in person or by proxy Q. On page 178 is a list of the or pay a fine of ten dollars," and 'carried" is written after it. Did you were present at ...is Q. arch. Look over the ink neeting in March. A. I presme I did. I remember list and tell me are there any of them

A. No sir.
Q. Would you tell us a little more about the old and new organizations? Well, it has never been put in Wells Became the Animating Power. A. It simply amounts to this-that when I took the secretaryship I took There is a provision for a penalty?

A. Well, I have read the corresdeemed best for the interest of the lumbermen, and the work, it was understood, would be left largely to Q. Certainly; but you don't answer question. I ask is there a pro-on for a penalty in your organiz-to run it on broad business lines and

do what I could for the interest of the trade. The details were left Having read this, do you still largely to myself.
Q. But it was the same association? A. It was in a way. There is this ierence—that a great many came into the association at that time and who did not know the nibit 45. Are you able to affirm the correctness of this minute book? work of the previous organization.

Great Difference. Q. But that was a radical differ-A. I consider there was a great difference in the organization from I went in there in October, 1905. what previously existed. Q. I understand you to say that prior to October, 1905, you cannot make an affidavit, but regarding anyknow of no reason for it beyond what you have told us.

A. No; I know it is an entirely A. No; I know it is an entirely R. Francis, Alexander E. Orr, James different organization so far as the H. Eckels, John G. Milburn, Robert work is concerned.

Q. The bylaws were not changed at Mackay, and Julius Fleishman. work is concerned. A. The bylaws were never re'erred

Winnipeg ermits.

Did you elect a new president

Or new directors? Not that I know of. They elected a new n the person of yourself; that was all that was all the business so far as vou know?

Didn't Know About Fees

A. Not that I know of.

Q. I see on page 189 that a men rship fee of \$40 was charged. Do you know anything about that? A. It has never been charged sinc "It was resolved that a committee was secretary.
Q. Do you know of any such

being prepared? A. I do not remember of any such Q. You never heard of that either? bodies of fish, chiefly maria and ling,

I never heard of the proposition On page 189 I find this: Q. On page 189 I find this:
'It was resolved that a membership of the all members for fee cf \$40 bepaid by all members for

> What I want you to understand first you heard of it. I don't know whether it is cr Q. You may have heard of it, or

you may not Q. You would swear that you have ever looked over the minutes or the correspondence.

Another Unknow Resolution. Because the page I am going refer to is page 193 in this exhibit 45. It says: "The letter of the secretary of the Coast association stating that they had appointed an intant to audit and check the books of their members with a view to prevent price cutting was read and ordered to be filed." Do you know

Q. You don't know anything about the means used in getting informa-

anything about that?

No Communication With Coast Association. Q. You have never had any com mication with the Coast company your own company?

Never had any? ondence with the Coast associ Q. Do you mean there was no cor-

Still Uninformed. ember at Revelstoke that the asso- secretary was instructed "to write to popular, a fact demonstrated ember at Revelstoke that the asso-ciation was considering re-organiza-tion. Now we are not members of the old organization at all; it is prac-tically a different organization enber company as to the maintenance dance to a close, of prices and what security there is that the sales to retailers will be acmerry dance on W

A. The first I heard of that. In the Dark. Q. You are left in the dark so far s being secretary of the association

ponds with your association as to the prevention of cutting the prices in

"This plan was fully con pointed: sidered and was deemed workable with respect to this association." As to that do you know anything?

A. No sir.

A. Coming in Coming in as you do three cr

our months afterwards and having been one and a half years secretary of the association, you know nothing

A. I know nothing about that.
Q. Den't you think these are things about which a secretary would be likely to inform himself?

Had Other Business. A. I had other things to do.

Q. As secretary the matters of the rapid growth; if this weather contincorrespondence with smaller organiz-ations—the matter of cutting prices—doubt we shall have a number one these are things which you don't think men in your position should Mannville district received a visit stand and be familiar with?

A. The matter of keeping up prices, ink up prices?
Q. Was any work in any way ac-

No sir. It was simply dropped? Mr. Sloan: Then penalty has never been I know nothing about it.

Mr. Knowles: Who is Mr. Jones of your asso-A. The former president of the as-

Q. Mr. Wewar was a president, was A. I don't think so. He has been

(To be Continued.)

New Directors Chosen. New York, June 16.—The result of the recent election for directors in the New York Life Insurance Co. 28 a tie, 1—1. The game was a very shown by the certificate of election rough one. shown by the certificate of election issued by the canvassing board, gives the so-called administration ticket a majority of more than 135,000 over the international committee ticket .Am. majority of more than 135,000 over the international committee ticket .Among the candidates elected are David

Q. There are a few pages I am go-ing to refer to. One page I am going book?

Q. Did you get a new minute mits for the season now total three

DISTRICT NEWS

BEAVER LAKE EAST.

ing May 25. Barley is not all sown was feared they had started and were extends over eight or nine weeks, had this year to be done in five new government road that was built weeks, in consequence the farmer was here last fall.
obliged to work early and late. The grass is good and the cattle are rapidly regaining what they lost in the

The lake did not clear of ice unti the end of May, more than a month later than last year. The dead are to be found strewn along the

Q. I should have thought that it is a called not long ago by the government organizer. When those who the fall will be as late as the Trees have only been in leaf five were present at the meeting were days (June 12). called upon to vote either against having a school, four Englishspeaking settlers voted for the present year and afterward by new members only."

A. I don't think it was ever car
Catholics did not want a public school, they wanted a separate school with the two priests as trustees. The organization meeting was postponed.

> were no fatalities, however. of Equity, Mr. Harris, of Star, has been around lately and reports matters in that line as being in a much-needed rest. The doctor is goflourishing condition.

> Government road overseer, James A. Stewart, has a gang of men has not decided yet. Beatty & Calhoun of Brandon,
> Mrs. Angus McCallum, who has Man, have a fine pedigreed imported been ill, has recovered.
>
> Mrs. Fane continued to suffer, and The animal is for sale. It is one of we regret that her recovery is not as the finest animals that has come to rapid as we should wish to see it.

> > LAC STE. ANNE.

Mr. Ross, D.L.S., arrived in the ket. settlement with 20 head of pack horses and 13 men and proceeded

15th base line. Mr. Steward, D.L.S., and party are t present camped here and will out-Messrs, Connors and Chisholm have gone to Edmonton re the question of the partnership of the Hotel Ste. as to the probable result of proceed-

Constable G. F. Tyler's cavalry espondence in connection with this swing is once more to be seen round work, but is forcing the grain formatter? the worse for his recent illness.

A few at The home of Mr. Wellington Lee green feed. was en fete, a dance being given to Rev. Mr. McQuarrie recently had Q. Do you mean that you have celebrate the anniversary of his an adventure with his team, which to tound any amongst your corresbirthday. Mr. Lee is one of the might easily have had serious results. things at that time. Let me explain not found any amongst your correstant that at the meeting on the 28h Sep-pondence? because on page 195 the very old-timers and is certainly Mr. Wilson of Horse Hill recently

The Fort was the scene of a very the work. Mr. Dennis is going merry dance on Wednesday evening sink several shafts on the Powell cording to list.") You know nothing in honor of Miss Bessie Gun's birth-In spite of the severity of the A. No sir.
Q. There is nothing in the corresed by Mr. and Mrs. Goodwin (organ ed by Mr. and Mrs. Goodwin ed by Mr. and Mrs. Goodwin (organ ed by Mrs. and Mrs. Goodwin ed by Mrs. and Mrs. Goo A. I don't know.

Q. It is the first you have heard of old timers "shake their boots like

> The operations for improving the northwest of Edmonton road between here and the Capital are in full swing, and the new bridges in this flourishing part of a fertile and fixing of mud holes should be territory, then came the post-office

Mr. Harry Huddiestone has been enjoying a few days of the breezes of Settlement is advancing rapidly in the lake.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Goodwin and true to its name will not iail to do family, who were staying for a few its share in the work of bringing weeks here, left this afternoon for his its best this Glorious Dominion. ranch at the mouth of the Macleod River. Mr. and Mrs. Goodwin had a

great send off from their many friends here, and we hope they may pay the lake another visit

MANNVILLE. Crops of all kinds are looking splendid in this district, the warm rain of the past week has caused a very

this week from the secretary of the Peterborough Saskatchewan Land Co., the interests of his company, who own land southeast of the town. Mr. D. Robinson, one of the pineers of Mannville, has opened butcher shop on Main street The chopping mill owned by Bruce Thomas, has begun work.

STONEY PLAIN

The carpenters have started work on the Methodist Church on First

Gust. Zucht had the misfortunate to be bitten on the arm by Carl Madus horse. Dr. Oatway was hurriedly called from Spruce Grove to attend the injured man, A number of nimrods north of Blueberry on Saturday shoot a bear which was reported to in that vicinity, but they all returned Sunday without Mr. Bruin. hardware men and youths, and the reason why Henry Oppertshauser,

merchant, is on the sick list.

The Stoney Plain football team There will be

church on Friday evening. FLOATING STONE LAKE.

Mr. Boyle, M.P.P., was in Floating Stone Friday. He visited the home steaders and assured them that a good road would be built from Saddle

Lake reserve to White Fish reserve, two other gentlemen were with him, and it was their business to inspect the work done here last fall. So all the people are rejoicing to think that Seeding has been very late in this at last the three government men delegates being predistrict, the greater part of the wheat reached this place in safety, for it sier, of Brandon The spring work, which usually lost in some of the muskegs on the

> Mrs. Jackson spent a week in Floating Stone visiting her parents.
> Mr. Charles Jackson was in Vegreille last week in the interest of the Wm. McConnell is finishing hi eeding this week, June 12. Charlie Greenstreet has gone to Island Lake to sow his oats. Some people are still puttin

VEGREVILLE. nishing store of Vegreville, have sold out to Mr. Corbett, of Strathcona. Observer is to be cut down and a Joseph McCallum has returned from Ontario, bringing with him a carload of horses. There was a collision on the C.N.R., and some of his horses were severely bruised; there were no fatalities, however.

Observer is to be cut down and a new building to be erected to accommodate the large press that Mr. Horton is having installed. The Observer is to be on the same level as the rest of the town and can't

representative of the Society crow over its neighbors.

Dr. Rush, one of the pioneers of ing abroad for three or four months

this part of the country for a long

J. Duggan of Strathcona is loading his first consignment of steers. These go to Strathcona for the local mar Mr. Gilbert, who lives south of the

town, had a narrow escape from west to commence the running of the death. He was driving a spirited team of colts when they took Gilbert was thrown down and the wagon ran over his body and legs, the sinews of one of his feet be-Threshing is now in progress on the

Hutton farm. The year has been ed by my son, Thomas Clark.
rather unfavorable for anyone who was delayed in threshing. weather is still unfavorable for such A few are still sewing barley

by lost a valuable horse, it being kickdigging outfit are going to perform

farm as well. (Special Correspondence of Bulletin.)
"Great things from small beginnings grow," and so seemingly out three year olds." A delicious supper was served, and the evening was just the great success as might be great success as might be depended with such a granulation of the success of the s

was served, and the evening was just the great success as might be expected with such a genial host and charming hostess as Mr. and Mrs. P.

Great Northwest. The nucleus of another has recently come into existence by the establishment of a new postoffice at Diligence, 30 miles Sometime ago a school was built

horoughly appreciated by the freight- a general store is about to be con structed and there are prospects of other erections in the near future its share in the work of bringing t

WOLVES KILLING HORSES. Mr. Ally Brick, M.P.P. for Peace River, in a letter to the Bulletin to day gives an account of the accide which James Higgins lost his life Mr. Brick's sawmill on the 3rd of flay. Continuing, Mr. Bricks says: May. Continuing, Mr. Bricks says: We had a very late and cold spring. but this last week has been very hot, so that the crops are growing very rapidly. The loss of cattle has been very light through last winter, but horses are having a hard time it. The wolves and coyotes, having cleaned out the rabbits, are going after the horses, and in some locali ties have nearly killed them all. offering of a bounty by our government does not seem to increase the number of wolves killed. The fun catch has been very little over half what it was last year, owing to the

very severe winter.
The R.N.W.M.P. Peace River and Yukon road party passed through here on May 8th. Mr. Conroy, treaty inspector, and party, arrived at the son Bay Company's steamer from Vermilion to proceed to St. John's The R.C. Mission have not launched their steamer this spring, as they have to make some repairs on her. had a great trip in here after leaving

Winnipeg, June 18.—The Anglican -aod of Rupert's Land, which meet

Hummel Suffers Alone New York, June 18 .- Abrahan person to suffer imprisonment on the enspiracy charge growing out of the Dodge-Morse divorce scandal

WANTED-A male teacher holding a first or second class certificate to Chipman P. P. School District No. 1473, duties to commence August 3 1907. Salary \$55 per month. Per sonal applications preferred.
W. C. POLLARD,

our brand S.H. front shoulder grey, other light grey, all went to-gether. \$10 reward. Barkedale Mine Boarding House, Parkdale,

forehead, branded "8 I" on right hind hip, white spots on back, also Dark Red Mare, about 2 years old white spot on face, two whit hind feet; mane was cut when lost These were lost over a year ago. Twenty dollars reward and all expenses paid.-Polyp Cjutash, Shan-

ing, etc., requires employment dairy farm. Apply D. Sm General Delivery, Edmonton,

WORK wanted by young man on Ranch. Apply A. Smith, General Delivery, Edmonton.

STRAYED-On Tuesday night, from corner St. Albert and Stony Plain Roads, a Gray-Brown Mare, weigh ing 1,000 to 1,100, branded "40 on the right back leg. A reward to anyone who will bring her to

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A SKILFUL GERRY

St. Petersburg, June

of the dissolution of the

ma was received through

ersburg with tranquillit; precautionery measures authorities. Order pre day in this city, and in Russia, so far as is know the dissolution reached ersburg papers too late formed through extras, street corners co announcing the dissolut asm or excitement was many of the readers as away spat on the ground deep contempt. Thou Dracheffsky, prefect of po charge, the provisions for ty were virtually in the l eral Hazenkampf, the air Duke Nicholas Nicholaeix urned from Krasnoyezlo command of the combin ncluding a guard crop infantry division, a large alry and Cossacks, and chine gun detachments. was chiefly disposed in the Tauride palace vicin not even Duma officials, to enter the precincts o laconic notice was pos upon application to the palace informed the hat he had orders to di collecting without parley spare the bullets in case Social Democratic lead named in the government including Prince Tzertzer Dzhaparidge, were taken The other seven succeed the elaborate provisions their arrest. Among thos not yet been arrested the report of whose cap not returned to Russia. tutional democratic depu caucus and appointed a draft an address to their cies setting forth the w plished by the Duma, their devotion to their pa labors throughout the sessi ticizing the radicals for to co-operate. In this a will attempt to throw the for the dissolution upon ment, but it will in nowise in tone with the Viborg occurrence which the Democrats have no inte peating. The new election garded as a masterly pi nandering, avowedly duce to a minimum the re on the register of the the population in dent. As a result of changes the new Duma v 442 instead of 524, and the of the suffrage to the we which Witte is responsible cally nullified, direct rep workmen being retain six provinces. But the o leaves the general basis vious law unchanged: Th class or person possessi chise under the existing population, namely, land sants, citizens and workme

Officer Shot. Sebastopol, June 16 .- C koffsky, assistant harbor ant, was killed by a revo the vicinity of the docks t assassin was arrested.

sured of a minimum numb

Swiss Guide Pilots Party Peak of Mount Beg Revelstoke, B.C., June 1 13th, Dr. Herdman, of C J. Robertson and Rupert with Edward Feuz. Swiss first ascent of centre peak Begbie, near Revelstoke Begbie is named for the m tablished law and order i ing town of Cariboo in facade of the Parliamer Victoria, B.C. Be the engine judge. Begbie noon, and hanged him o might have given an in

STORM IN MANITO

judge, "Come to breakfas

On Sunday Morning Did Deal of Damage Winnipeg express ware ca he track. The greate many barns, granaries Crowell suffered the loss Messrs, F. and G. Power the greatest loss, their being completely walso lost a couple of other horse was badl Both men also lost carria and wagons;

Powell will total \$4,000. English Capital in C Toronto, June 17.-The

Mine at Cobalt has been