

Q. In January?—A. In January or February. The minute-book will tell you, the meeting was—

Mr. COCKBURN.—Friday, February 14.

By Mr. Knowles :

Q. It was either in January or early in February?—A. Yes, I think it was the 14th of February.

Q. Who is the secretary of the institution now?—A. Allan Stewart.

Q. Does he give all his time to it?—A. He is supposed to do that and the insurance, the Lumbermen's Insurance Company.

By Mr. Crocket :

Q. Is that a part of the association?—A. Yes, it is confined to the association members.

By Mr. Knowles :

Q. What salary does the gentleman get?—A. I think it is \$2,000.

Q. He is away from home, I suppose, a good deal in the course of his duties?—A. Well, he may be.

Q. How many directors have you?—A. There are eighteen, I think.

Q. Are there any from Regina that you remember?—A. Yes.

Q. Tell me who are there—do you remember any in Moosejaw?—A. Yes, the Vice-President, Mr. Davidson, lives in Moosejaw.

Q. Mr. W. W. Davidson?—A. Yes, Mr. W. W. Davidson, and I think Mr. Patton at Regina

Q. What does your institution exist for, what is the purpose of its organization?—A. Well, probably with the permission of the committee I might read you my views of its purpose, what I think it exists for, and the reason of its organization, which might be profitable if it is followed up probably.

Q. Have you it typewritten?—A. Yes.

By Mr. Lancaster :

Q. We have allowed other witnesses to put in statements if that is what you mean, of course we will examine you afterwards in regard to it?—A. Well, I have thought that from the way other witnesses were treated in regard to making statements, that I would be allowed to make one also, and with that view I prepared my statement because I had my views and convictions so far as the purport of the committee is concerned, that is in regard to the price of lumber.

By Mr. Knowles :

Q. Read your statement first, is it typewritten?—A. Yes.

By Mr. Lancaster :

Q. You will file it of course?—A. Yes, I will file it.

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COMMITTEE, HOUSE OF COMMONS.

LUMBER INQUIRY.

'This inquiry being to ascertain cause of present high price of lumber in the northwestern provinces.

'It would seem that the most useful information would be that which indicated the reasons for the advance in price of lumber from the minimum or lowest price at