

By Mr. Lancaster :

Q. And the resolutions are all against it.

By the Chairman :

Q. And there are the letters, every letter we read, there are 100 letters there?—

A. If it is the fact that there is at least one company, we will confine ourselves to one company, now if it is a fact that one company conducts 20 yards and can get all the lumber they want, that they have no difficulty in securing that lumber, and they say themselves they have bought from nearly every mill at the coast and in the mountains, and that they have done a business which according to their own letters, they are on file, that they have \$200,000 of outstanding accounts amongst farmers, if that is a fact, that that has occurred, that they are doing business and that they are not members of the association, and yet if that fact does not go for anything then of course there is no use in giving evidence.

By the Chairman :

Q. We have no evidence of that.

By Mr. Herron :

Q. There is no evidence of that kind.

By Mr. Lancaster :

Q. We are in this awkward position, that the efforts of the individual and the efforts of the association both seem to have been directed towards doing away with that very thing, which you say exists. They have always said by resolution, by their efforts in all sorts of ways, that it should stop?—A. But I know it does exist. It is like the man in jail, he is there.

Q. They have done their very best to stop it.

By Mr. Herron :

Q. They have gone further than that, they have fined them?—A. They have never fined them since they were honorary members.

Q. One man has paid a commission?—A. Yes, one man paid a commission.

Q. Because he had by chance shipped some lumber to a man not a member.

By Mr. Sloan :

Q. I think you paid commission yourself and said so?—A. Yes, but that was long ago. I do not want to be misunderstood. If a manufacturer sent a car of lumber to a customer where there is a member doing business the secretary would probably suggest that the manufacturer should pay the dealer a commission, and if he does that it is all right. If he does not, there is no remedy, that is all.

By Mr. Crocket :

Q. You penalize them now by striking their name off the list—A. Yes.

Mr. SLOAN.—The penalty now is the boycott of course?

The CHAIRMAN.—We are just having the same experience with this witness that we had with Mr. Heaps. He told us over and over again that they would sell to anybody and shortly after he left here we obtained a lot of his own letters saying he would not do anything of the kind.

Mr. SLOAN.—He had been doing it, but was reported for it

The WITNESS.—It is all right. Notwithstanding all the evidence you have that they cannot buy, the fact still remains that they do buy.

Mr. CROCKET.—But the effort of the association is to prevent it.

The CHAIRMAN.—Yes, to prevent them from doing it.