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Q. It is purely a social organization?—A. Purely social as I understand it. As I say I am not a member of it.

Q. If this organization were seriously taking any action in regard to the lumber trade you would hear of it, would you not?—A. I think so, yes.

*By Mr. Crocket :*

Q. I have now a resolution at page 280 of the minute book of the association which you desired to have brought to your attention. On May 29, 1905, this resolution was submitted (reads) :

'Moved by Davidson,

'Sec'd by Robson, That the secretary-treasurer in making out lists from time to time of the wholesale firms and manufacturers, drop off all who are not in accord with the general requirements of the association in their trade relations, from the leaflets recording those in harmony with the association members, and withholding therefrom all members who sell to non-members or consumers or contractors.—Carried.'

—A. Well, that resolution was carried apparently. You will notice it refers to consumers or contractors.

Q. There is an interlineation here? The words 'suspended independent dealers' are struck out and the words 'non-members' are written above it?—A. I would like to see the book please (book handed to witness). This is July 26, 1905. ?

The CHAIRMAN.—You will see it is not 1905 ?

*By Mr. Crocket :*

Q. It is the minutes following the meeting of May, 1905, I think it is a meeting of the executive.

*By Mr. Lancaster :*

Q. You were vice-president that year?—A. Yes.

*By the Chairman :*

Q. This is 1906?—A. No, it is in 1905.

Q. How can it be 1905 when you have July, 1906, just preceding it?—A. July 26, 1905, that is all right.

Q. This is May?—A. No, excuse me, it is July 26, 1905. This is July and these minutes were confirmed on that date, I signed them on July 20, 1905.

*By Mr. Lancaster :*

Q. You were vice-president then?—A. Yes, I was vice-president, you see these minutes were confirmed in July, 1905, and these were the minutes of May 29, 1905.

*By Mr. Crocket :*

Q. These are the minutes of the proceedings of the executive committee held at the office of the secretary in the McIntyre block, Winnipeg, on Monday, May 29?—A. Yes.

Q. And these were the previous minutes?—A. Yes, these were confirmed at the same time probably, July 26, 1905.

*By Mr. Lancaster :*

Q. They could not have been confirmed before they happened?—A. Certainly not.

Q. It was after they happened that they were confirmed?—A. Certainly they were.

*By Mr. Crocket :*

Q. And that date at the bottom is the date at which they were confirmed?—A. Certainly.

Q. And that is July 2, 1905?—A. Yes.