

APPENDIX No. 6

Q. Have you the only mill that is in Winnipeg?—A. Mine is the only mill in Winnipeg. The Rat Portage Lumber Company have a mill in St. Boniface.

Q. Is there any understanding between that mill and yours?—A. In what way?

Q. Any agreement with regard to the conducting of your business?—A. No.

Q. Or to the selling of lumber?—A. None, whatever.

Q. You have been raising the price of your lumber, I suppose?—A. Yes.

Q. The last year or so?—A. Yes.

By Mr. Lancaster :

Q. There is no agreement between your mills?—A. None, whatever.

By Mr. Knowles :

Q. When was your last rise in price?—A. I may say that I sell all my lumber at retail, the whole of it, what I manufacture myself, and in addition to that I buy a large quantity of lumber, and I sell it all at retail.

Q. You do not sell any to other yards in Manitoba?—A. I sell the lumber at the retail price and of course we have to raise it in sympathy with the rise in price of the wholesale product.

Q. So you are not a wholesaler at all?—A. No.

Q. You are a manufacturer and retailer?—A. Yes.

By Mr. Crockett :

Q. Do you ship any to Saskatchewan or Alberta?—A. No.

Q. Your sales are confined to Manitoba?—A. My sales are confined almost exclusively to Winnipeg.

By Mr. Knowles :

Q. What geographical area would this association cover of which you are president?—A. It covers Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta—or Manitoba and Saskatchewan rather.

Q. Does it cover any part of Ontario?—A. No.

Q. Kenora is not in it?—A. No.

Q. How often do you meet?—A. We have an annual meeting once a year and other meetings very rarely, probably a couple of directors' meetings in the year.

Q. Who attends your annual meetings?—A. The members of the association.

Q. From all over the two province you mentioned?—A. Yes.

Q. Where does that association meet?—A. In Winnipeg it has been in the habit of meeting.

Q. Are the offices in Winnipeg?—A. Yes, the head office is in Winnipeg.

Q. Where do they meet? Have they a large room or do they engage a special room for this meeting?—A. They hire a hall for the annual meeting.

Q. About how many attend that meeting?—A. I suppose it would be a hundred.

Q. Are the sessions secret?—A. Well, there are only supposed to be members present.

Q. You would not permit the press, for example, to be present; or would you?—A. I don't suppose so.

Q. Did you ever have any request from the press to be admitted?—A. I don't remember.

Q. You are quite clear they would not be admitted?—A. I don't think so.

Q. You do not think any would be admitted except members of the association?—A. No, I don't think so.

Q. When was your last meeting, Mr. Sprague?—A. The last meeting was in—well, I don't remember when.

Q. Roughly speaking?—A. It was in the winter.

Q. Before Christmas?—A. No, after.