

closed with fences, and much of the land not under cultivation is not so enclosed. While it would perhaps be going too far to compel huntsmen by law to keep off a private property, the extension of this prohibition to enclosed lands might be considered reasonable. At present there is no regard for either enclosed or open lands. Complaint has reached us, that huntsmen not only shoot upon enclosed lands, but that they cause annoyance and loss by breaking down fences, in driving across farms, letting out stock, etc. One party in the Winnipeg district who was much annoyed in this way, reports that he had put up notices forbidding such trespass, but no attention was paid to it whatever.

Commercial Men Meet.

The annual meeting of the Northwest Commercial Traveller's association was held Saturday evening, Dec. 17, in the board of trade rooms, Winnipeg. The president, L. C. McIntyre, occupied the chair. There were also present: Vice President A. Strang, Secretary J. M. O'Loughlin, and Directors A. L. Johnson, M. R. O'Loughlin, J. M. Lamb and about thirty active travellers. The minutes of last meeting were read and approved. The secretary then read the following annual report of the board of directors:

To the members of the Northwest Commercial Traveller's Association of Canada.

Gentlemen, In presenting the tenth annual report, your directors have very much pleasure in referring to the continued growth in members of the association this year, showing an increase of twenty-nine per cent over and above last year.

Our relations with the railway companies continue to be pleasant and satisfactory with one exception, that being the matter of the privilege taken away from the travellers of riding on the freight trains on the Canadian Pacific railway, and which has caused a great deal of dissatisfaction and inconvenience to many members of our association, whose route extends from Brandon west to the mountains. Your directors took this matter up with Mr. Whyte, the general superintendent of the western division of the road, both before and since this regulation came into effect; we have had interviews repeatedly with him, and urged strongly the necessity of continuing to allow members of our association the privilege of using the freight trains, and he has promised to try and arrange it, if at all possible, during his visit to Montreal, where he goes to consult with Mr. Van Horn, within the next few weeks.

So far we have been unable to complete arrangements to our satisfaction, but have strong hopes of something being done in the immediate future, so as to meet this requirement.

We have tried to effect an arrangement with railway companies to issue to the members of our association a mileage ticket, at a price of \$25, covering 1,000 miles of transportation, and we have already received assurance from the Northern Pacific railway that they are ready to issue this mileage book as soon as the Canadian Pacific railway company will agree to do the same. We have laid this matter before Mr. Kerr, the general passenger agent of the Canadian Pacific railway. He is now in correspondence with his head office at Montreal, and promises to give us a decided answer at an early date.

We carried during the last year, under our mortuary benefit scheme, life insurance amounting to \$24,182.05, and upon which no calls have been made so far in the year; and according to the resolution passed at the last annual meeting, your directors took up the matter of increasing the amount of the mortuary benefit,

but after going into the details carefully, they concluded that it would not be advisable to increase the amounts over and above the natural annual increase to the members, until such time as our reserve fund was materially increased.

With the view of strengthening the association generally, your directors recommended an increase in their number to be elected for the ensuing year, and in accordance with the change in the by-laws proposed to be made at this meeting, by the increase in their number from seven to twelve. This is for the purpose of having directors elected who reside outside of Winnipeg, at points in Manitoba Northwest Territories and British Columbia; and which course, we think, would strengthen the hands of our local secretary in Victoria, and enable him, through a director resident there, to help increase the membership of our association.

Your directors would also earnestly urge upon each member of the association the necessity of doing all in his power towards making the annual celebration for this, our tenth year, a grand success; and they are pleased to note the satisfaction expressed by many members of the change adopted this year, from the usual dinner as held heretofore.

The directors have to express their sincere regret at the death of their late member, Mr. C. F. Church, caused through accident, and they have taken steps to collect the insurance coming to his estate by virtue of his membership in this association.

In retiring from office, your officers and directors express the hope that prosperity may continue to attend the association, and as the years roll by, the records may show an increase, both in regard to membership and finances.

Before adopting the annual report there were some lively discussions in which J. H. Holman, J. K. Whinnery and others took part. The greatest bone of contention was the clause regarding riding on freight trains, as no doubt it is one of the most disagreeable circulars that ever was issued by the C.P.R. viz, withdrawing the privilege of riding on freight trains. It was pointed out that it simply means that travellers with light samples are of necessity, only able to do one town a day, whereas with the privilege of riding on freights they could do two or more. After full explanation by the president and vice-president showing the members that the board had done all in their power to rectify the inconvenience by repeated interviews with the C. P. R. officials, the report on motion of D. Hop, seconded by A. Strang, was carried unanimously.

The treasurer read the following report, which was adopted:

The increasing success which has attended our association during the past year, is again a matter for congratulation. Our membership now consists of the following:—Active, 293; honorary, 19; and honorary life, 4; making a total of 316, as compared with 246, being the total of last year, thus showing a net increase of 70 members. Your directors have succeeded in placing \$3,000 more of the surplus funds upon first mortgage security on real estate, bearing 7 per cent, making a total of \$5,000 invested in that way. There were a number of applications for loans during the past year, which have been declined by the board, because security offered was not acceptable to the directors. The balance of the funds are on deposit in the Commercial and Montreal banks and drawing 4 per cent interest. Interest collected during the past year amounted to \$375.25, and there are no arrears. It is very gratifying to know that our funds continue to show a steady increase, the balance on hand at the end of this year amounting to \$7,978.87 in cash and securities, which shows an increase over the balance of last year of \$2,009.73. There are no unpaid accounts. The books and vouchers have been duly audited and the auditor's report is submitted with statement. I have to thank the secretary for the assistance which he has rendered me, thereby lightening my work to a considerable extent. I have also to thank you, gentlemen, very sincerely for the honor conferred upon me by electing me as your president for the coming year, and I trust that at the end of the year 1893 we shall be able to report as favorably of the success of the association as at the present time.

On motion of A. Strang, seconded by F. Stevens, the amendment to the by-law as read increasing the number of directors to twelve, was carried. In conformity with the above it was decided by the meeting to empower the board of directors to elect a director at any point outside of Winnipeg that they deem advisable.

The letter from H. P. Hansen re grant to Morden Masonic hospital was ordered to be filed and the secretary was instructed to write Mr. Hansen in reference to same.

The scrutineers, W. A. Ronald, J. K. Whinnery, E. W. Low, having completed the scrutiny of the ballots, the following were named as the board for the ensuing year:

President—W. W. Rublee, acclamation.

Vice president—H. Bruce Gordon.

Treasurer—J. Y. Griffin, acclamation.

Secretary—J. M. O'Loughlin, acclamation.

Board of directors—M. R. O'Loughlin, L. C. MacIntyre, J. Mundie, J. C. Gillespie, F. Chilcott, J. H. Holman, A. S. Binn.

After votes of thanks were passed to the retiring officers and board, the auditors and scrutineers, briefly replied to by L. C. MacIntyre, M. R. O'Loughlin and others, the meeting adjourned.

Wheat Trade.

Since the first of December the winter wheat crop has not receded in average condition. The moisture has favored it, and recent snows in many localities have been serviceable. Still there are regions where the crop is far from being in a satisfactory condition. Compared with a week ago there is no essential change to note.

The week closed with larger receipts of wheat in Northwestern markets than the earlier portion of the period suggested, and the visible stocks were further enlarged, reaching 75,670,000 bushels in regular warehouses—about 12,000,000 in excess of the highest record in any previous season.

When the known urgency with which farmers have hurried wheat into market this season, aided by unusually favorable weather conditions, the fact that regular warehouses have acquired 12,000,000 bushels in excess of the previous high record does not appear to be an especially notable matter. It is reasonable to expect that a little later on in the season the margin will rapidly disappear.

There is continued light offerings of wheat at the winter grain markets, and in the interior. There is also an unrelenting call from millers southward for supplies in this market and others centrally situated—suggesting that home supplies have been absorbed, and that the demand from these regions will become more pronounced in the near future. This is an encouraging feature. Against this, however, is the other fact that Northwestern millers, who have pretty fully supplied foreign markets, are now extending their offerings in domestic localities where they have not been seeking business for some time past.—Cincinnati Price Current, Dec. 16.

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