

APPENDIX No. 6

By Mr. Sloan :

Q. I want to ask Mr. Sprague about the refusal of the application of the Gillespie Lumber Company at Brandon. I see you were present at that meeting?—A. Yes.

Q. I would like you to explain why these people were refused this application, they appear to be lumber people. It was brought up by Mr. Fowler?—A. The Gillespie Lumber Company of Brandon?

Q. Yes.—A. I think everything in connection with that, all the facts in connection with it, are in evidence. I must say that personally I would have been in favour of granting them membership, but that is a matter in which the association was governed by the majority.

By the Chairman :

Q. Mr. Cockburn told us it was because they were contractors?—A. Yes, they were contractors, that was the reason given why they should not be accepted.

Q. There were five directors at that meeting?—A. Yes.

Q. And they refused this application, and I see another one was refused at that time.

By Mr. Lancaster :

Q. You say it was because they were contractors?—A. Yes, that was the reason given.

By Mr. Sloan :

Q. This is the reason, 'On the ground that they are not regular retail dealers and do a contracting business which is not in accordance with the constitution and by-laws.' Then there is another application from Robert Morrison for membership at Beresford, 'be not granted.' The information being given that there is not sufficient lumber sold to warrant it.'

By the Chairman :

Q. To warrant what? What is this that you are reading about?

Mr. SLOAN.—It is the minutes of a meeting on the 10th of July, 1906.

By the Chairman :

Q. There is another question on that point that you are just giving us and that is as to the quantity of lumber. That was one thing you told us a little while ago that there was no question about the quantity of lumber with regard to the number of members at any point?—A. No, no, excuse me, if I gave that impression it was entirely erroneous because I certainly could not say that because we have always adhered to the rule in accepting our members. We will not accept them unless we think there is room enough for an additional yard.

Q. I thought you said that after the withdrawal of the manufacturers everyone could come in?—A. Oh, no, I say that the manufacturers could sell to anybody whether they were members or not, and they have done so.

By Mr. Sloan :

Q. Are there any other yards at this point, at Beresford?—A. I think so.

Q. Do you say that the manufacturers will sell now to anyone?—A. They are doing it, Mr. Herron.

By the Chairman :

Q. We cannot get a bit of evidence in support of that, that is the unfortunate part of it.