

# THE RETAIL AND Wood-Worker

## ANNUAL MEETING OF THE WESTERN RETAIL LUMBERMEN'S ASSOCIATION.

THE Western Retail Lumbermen's Association, of Manitoba and the Northwest Territories, held its seventh annual convention in the city of Winnipeg on Wednesday, February 9th. The chair was occupied by the president, Mr. T. A. Cuddy, of Minnedosa. On account of a slight railway accident the vice-president, Mr. J. B. Mather, of Glenboro, was unable to reach the city in time to attend the meeting. There were present about 70 members, including the following honorary members of the Association: G. A. Graham, of Graham, Horne & Co., Fort William; D. C. Cameron, of the Rat Portage Lumber Co.; R. A. Mather, of the Keewatin Lumber Co.; D. Ross, of Whitemouth, Man.

In his opening address the president congratulated the members on the improvement in business during the past year, and the bright outlook for 1898. Reference was also made to some of the difficulties which they had been obliged to contend with during the year. The statement of the secretary showed that an increase of four in the membership had been made during the year, the total now being 164.

Mr. Black opened an informal discussion as to the value of the Association to its members. The opinion was almost unanimous that the As-

sociation was of very poor quality, and sold to farmers at a low price. The feeling appeared to be that the home industries should be given the preference, which was stated to be the only way to build up the country and advance the general prosperity of the community. It was shown that lumber was being sold throughout the province on a very small margin of profit, much smaller than is usually secured in other lines of business.

The election of officer was next proceeded

with. Mr. J. B. Mather, of Glenboro, who last year served as vice-president, was elected president by acclamation. Mr. H. Byrnes, of Winnipeg, was chosen vice-president, also without a contest. Directors were elected as follows: D. E. Sprague, Winnipeg; R. H. O'Hara, Brandon; E. C. Jackson, Rapid City; D. McMillan, Morden; A. L. Campbell, Melita; G. Miller, Virden.

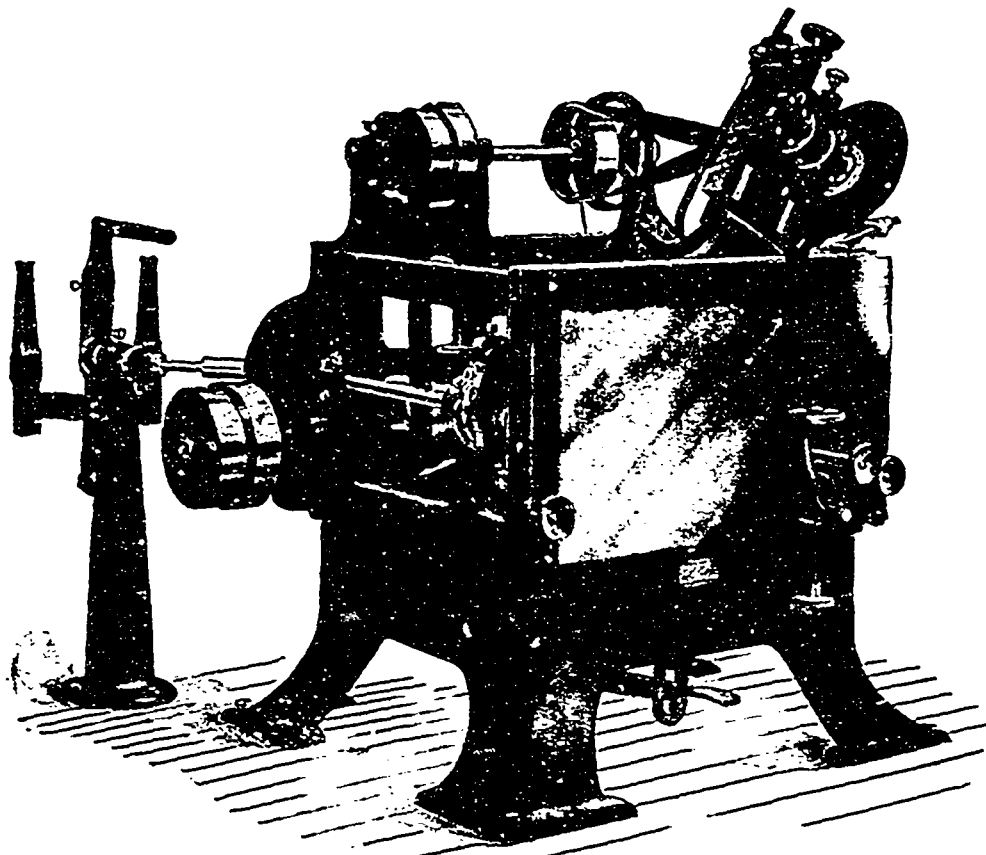
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The question of fire insurance for retail lumbermen was discussed at some length. It was stated that the Northwestern Retail Lumbermen's Association, of Minneapolis, covering the states to the south of Manitoba, had established an insurance feature, by which they secured insurance at half the price formerly paid. A suggestion to unite with the Northwestern Association for insurance purposes was not received with favor. The feeling, however, seemed to be in favor of some system of insurance for lumbermen in connection with the Association. A resolution was passed instructing the Executive Committee to take immediate action to investigate the matter and to formulate some plan of insurance, the members to be notified of the decision arrived at by the Executive at as early a date as possible. The meeting then adjourned.

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MR. J. B. MATHER,  
President-elect Western Retail Lumbermen's Association.

sociation had accomplished much good. It was pointed out, however, that the rules had in many instances been violated, to the detriment of the the Association. It was agreed that if the rules and by-laws were more rigidly carried out, the value of the Association would be greatly increased.

The manufacturers were then called upon to address the meeting, each one declaring himself to be in entire sympathy with the Association. Reference was made to the quantity of lumber imported from the United States, nearly all of