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SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

Canadian Manufacturers' Association.

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS.

The seventeenth regular annual meeting of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association was held in their offices in Toronto, Friday, January 15, 1892.

Among those who were present were W. K. McNaught, President; P. W. Ellis, Second Vice-President; J. J. Cassidy, Secretary; George Booth, Treasurer; Frederic Nicholls, Chairman Executive Committee; R. W. Elliot, D. C. Rutout, J. C. Copp, William Christie, Samuel May, Frederic Crompton, H. D. Warren, Robert Watson, Robert Crean, J. A. Parker, P. Freysing, C. E. Pease, Thomas Robertson, F. P. Birley, G. W. Beardmore, William Pender, Joseph Simpson and J. O. Thorn, Toronto; M. B. Perine, Doon; J. R. Barber, Georgetown; James Watson, Henry New, J. C. New, T. D. Murphy, Hamilton; John Cowan, Oshawa; C. J. Miller, Orillia; George Lang, Berlin.

W. K. McNaught, President, occupied the chair, and J. J. Cassidy, Secretary.

The minutes of the last regular meeting of April 16, 1891, and of the special general meeting of June 11, 1891, called to take

action relative to the death of Sir John A. Macdonald, were read and approved.

In business arising out of the minutes, the Secretary called attention to the resolution passed at the last annual meeting regarding the opposition of the Association to any change in the policy of the Dominion Government which would subject Canadian manufacturers to the unequal competition of foreign manufacturers, and protesting to the Government against any arrangement being made with any other Government by which there would be any trade discrimination whatever against Great Britain, and stated that, in accordance with the wishes of the Association, these resolutions had been presented to Sir John A. Macdonald. The Secretary also stated that the resolution bearing on these subjects, passed at the later meeting of the Association, had been presented to the new Premier, Hon. J. J. C. Abbott. With reference to the action taken by the Association upon the death of Sir John A. Macdonald, in carrying out the instructions of that meeting a copy of the resolutions then passed had been beautifully engrossed and illuminated on parchment, enclosed in a silver casket, and presented to the widow of the dead chieftain.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

President McNaught read the following address.

Gentlemen of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association:

It is a pleasure, as well as a duty to welcome so many of the members of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association to its Seventeenth Annual Meeting, for your presence is the best testimony you can give that the Association still enjoys your confidence and support.

In spite of all that has been said to the contrary, the objects of our Association are not only legitimate, but strictly honorable in every respect, and that we are not afraid to have them bear the light of day I give them as officially set forth on every document issued by the Association. They are as follows

"To secure by all legitimate means the aid of both Public Opinion and Governmental Policy in favor of the development of home industry and the promotion of Canadian Manufacturing enterprises.

"To enable those in all branches of manufacturing enterprises to act in concert as a united body whenever action in behalf of any particular industry, or of the whole body is necessary."

It has been charged against this Association that we are neither more nor less than an organized band of robbers, whose sole object is to wring from the toiling agriculturists of Canada exorbitant prices for the goods we manufacture, and which, under the present fiscal system they are compelled to purchase from us.

It is also charged that from these ill-gotten and illegal gains we have placed so much money at the disposal of the parliamentary supporters of the National Policy that the evils of protection have been perpetuated against the wishes and to the detriment of the Canadian people.

These seem to be the head and front of our offendings.