

the date when it was to go into effect. But what I say is that the dealers have never adhered to that price list, they have sold just as their fancy prompts them.

Q. How many yards in Winnipeg go to the general meeting?—A. I think nearly all of them were represented.

Q. How many of them are there, roughly speaking?—A. Probably only eight or ten.

Q. Only eight or ten in Winnipeg?—A. I think so.

Q. Well, we have four or five in Moosejaw?—A. Yes, probably you are well supplied there.

Q. You think there are only eight or ten in Winnipeg?—A. Well, they are not all members of the association.

By Mr. Crocket :

Q. How many dealers in Winnipeg are members of the association?—A. (After referring to list). There are 12 that are members. I see on the list there, there are more members in Winnipeg than I thought.

Q. How many would there be that are not members?—A. Well, there will be—12 that are members, and there are two anyway that are not members.

Q. Are these non-members called into consultation for the purpose of fixing the price list?—A. Yes, for the purpose of arranging the prices.

By Mr. Knowles :

Q. So that you will probably have 15 yards represented there?—A. Yes, 14 or 15.

Q. In fact, you are sure about 14?—A. Yes, sure of about 14—well, they were probably not all represented there, but they were all notified of our meeting.

Q. They were all more or less parties to this arrangement?—A. Yes, certainly.

Q. How many of them would not adhere to it on the day it was to go into effect?—A. I do not know.

Q. Do you know that any of them would not?—A. I know that some of them have not, or we have been satisfied that they have not through our customers. Now, there is a way of determining whether they had or not, because in Winnipeg bills of lumber are often sold on tender, and we get a bill and tender on it. If there happens to be a customer of mine and I tender at the price that we arranged, and which is a fair one, and if I do not get it, it is a reasonable supposition that somebody else has cut the prices and given a lower price.

Q. It is quite a different thing selling in the open market and tendering?—A. I do not see that it is. If you do not adhere to the price list what is the use of it?

By Mr. Lancaster :

Q. It may be a large order?—A. Oh, well, if there was a small order for \$300 or \$400 worth of work and a tender was asked for it.

Q. Your proceedings seem to be a little different in Winnipeg from what we have understood in other places. I want to see if I am right. Do I understand you to say that the dealers, irrespective of whether they were members of the association or not, met and fixed the prices?—A. Yes.

Q. That was not a meeting of members of the association?—A. No.

Q. It was a meeting of dealers whether they were members of the association or not?—A. A meeting of dealers, yes.

Q. These prices were from time to time reported to the secretary of the association?—A. No, I do not suppose the secretary of the association has ever had any intimation of what our prices are, for use.

Q. He does from other meetings?—A. I do not think so.

By the Chairman :

Q. He told us some of them had reported, and we have quite a number of them here?—A. They do sometimes send in their price lists.