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## Lumbermen Again in Session

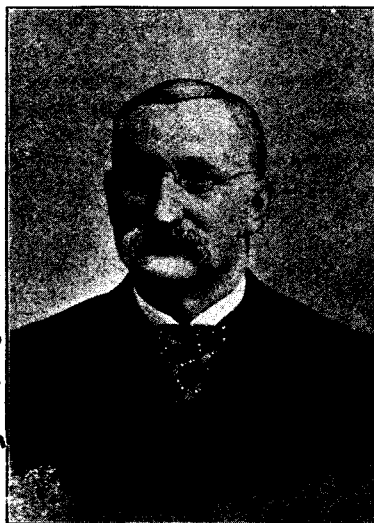
ANOTHER IMPORTANT MEETING OF ONTARIO LUMBERMEN.—THE COMMITTEE SUBMITS THE REPLY RECEIVED FROM THE ONTARIO GOVERNMENT.—RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED IN FAVOR OF IMPORT AND EXPORT DUTIES.—MR. CHARLTON AGAIN OPPOSES RETALIATION.—CONSIDERATION FOR THE HARDWOOD TRADE.

At a meeting of lumbermen held in Toronto in August last, a committee was appointed to present to the Ontario government the resolution passed at that meeting. For the purpose of hearing the report of this committee, and also to consider what further steps should be taken in the interest of the lumber trade, invitations were issued for a meeting of lumbermen to be held in the Board of Trade Building, Toronto, on October 6th. The attendance was not as large as on the previous occasion, when the sale of government timber limits had brought to the city a large number of lumbermen from outside points. Notwithstanding, there were present nearly one hundred persons interested in the lumber industry, and the meeting proved to be of great importance, resulting in lively discussions on the different aspects of the trade. The chief opposition to the tenor of the meeting was found in Mr. John Charlton, of Lynedoch, and Mr. Levi Crannell, of the Bronsons & Weston Co., of Ottawa.

When the meeting was called to order there were present, among others, the following persons:

Levi Crannell, Bronsons & Weston Co.,	Ottawa.
J. Fleck, J. R. Booth,	"
H. K. Egan, Hawkesbury Lumber Co.,	Hawkesbury.
Jas. Scott, Georgian Bay Lumber Co.,	Toronto.
John Bertram, Collins Inlet Lumber Co.,	"
John Waldie, Victoria Harbor Lum. Co.,	"
W. H. Pratt, Conger Lumber Co.,	"
Col. Davidson, Davidson & Hay,	"
Robert Laidlaw, R. Laidlaw & Co.,	"
A. L. N. Weller, Ontario Lumber Co.,	"
Chas. D. Warren, Imperial Lumber Co.,	"
J. S. Playfair, Musk. & Geor. Bay Nav. Co.,	"
F. N. Waldie, Victoria Harbor Lum. Co.,	"
A. A. Scott,	"
Wm. Leek,	"
Geo. A. Anderson, J. G. Cane & Co.,	"
Geo. Gall, Gall Lumber Co.,	"
Thomas Southwork, Clerk of Forestry,	"
C. H. Clark,	"
T. Barnes, Muskoka Mill & Lumber Co.,	"
C. E. Ayer,	"
S. Crangle,	"
C. A. Maston,	"
H. C. Salmon,	"
Jas. Tennant,	"
Robert Fleming,	"
C. H. Mortimer,	"
A. Oakley, Davidson & Hay,	"
John Gray,	"
Joseph Oliver, Oliver Lumber Co.,	"
Hugh Munro,	"
S. C. Kanady,	"
C. E. C. Newton, Chas. Newton & Son,	Victoria Harbor.
C. W. Newton,	"
C. H. Foster,	Collingwood.
W. S. Toner, Toner & Gregory,	"
D. G. Cooper,	"
Alan McPherson,	Longford.
J. S. Pinch,	Owen Sound.
D. Hadden,	Foxmead.
John Charlton,	Lynedoch.
D. Davidson,	Penetanguishene.
C. Beck,	"
Dr. Spohn,	"
C. S. Hanes, Blind River Lumber Co.,	Blind River.
W. R. Rodd,	"
E. W. Rathbun,	Deseronto.
O. G. Anderson, Anderson Furniture Co.,	Woodstock.
Wm. Laking,	Hamilton.

Jas. Brennan, M. Brennan & Sons,	Hamilton.
H. S. Brennan,	"
Robert Watt,	Warton.
J. P. Newman,	"
Angus McLeod,	Bracebridge.
Geo. Towner,	Trout Creek.
Geo. Cormack,	Whitby.
D. C. Cameron, Rat Portage Lum. Co.,	Rat Portage.
C. M. Bowman,	Southampton.
C. G. Marlatt,	Oakville.
J. Harriman,	Niagara Falls.



MR. LEVI CRANNELL,  
(Bronsons & Weston Lumber Company, Ottawa.)

P. J. Loughrin,	Sault Ste. Marie.
John Piggott,	Chatham.
Jas. Playfair,	Midland.
J. Chew, Chew Bros.,	"
Jas. Vincent, Arthur Hill Co.,	"
F. R. Weston,	"
P. Potevin,	"
D. L. White,	"
C. W. Carter,	Fesserton.
Geo. W. Stevens,	Buffalo.
Wm. Irwin,	Peterboro.

The chair was again taken by Lieut.-Col. Davidson, and Mr. A. A. Scott was appointed secretary.

The chairman then read the notice calling the meeting, and said: Gentlemen,—You have all, perhaps, followed more closely than I have the action that has been taken with regard to the lumber business since we last met. I have no doubt it has been disappointing to a number of you, but from what I have been reading in the party newspapers, I think it only a forerunner of what is likely to follow. This meeting will be better able to express its views after it has heard the report of the committee appointed to wait on the government. After this report has been received, should there be any other business, I would like to limit the speeches to fifteen minutes; I think that is necessary in order to get through the business in a reasonable time. I think everybody can say all they wish within that time. The first business, then, is the report of the gentlemen who waited upon the government.

Alderman Scott presented the report, which was as follows:

Your committee beg to report that, by appointment, they waited on the government of the province of Ontario, all the ministers being present but one, and presented the resolution. After a very extended discussion of different phases of the subject of the resolution, your committee were informed that the request would be very carefully considered. Your committee were also informed that the Lumbermen's Association had requested the government to defer their decision until that association had an opportunity of being heard in opposition to the request contained in the resolution. As that association had not held a meeting of its members for many years and is practically defunct, your committee regard the request as wholly unauthorized and an unwarranted assumption of authority. Yesterday your committee received the report of the government, which reads as follows:

"The government has had under consideration the resolution passed at the meeting of lumbermen held on 19th of August, and has had the benefit, furthermore, of the discussion which has taken place in the public press, as well as the letters which have been addressed to the Department from time to time upon the subject. A deputation of American owners of limits also waited upon the government some time ago, and urged their views.

"I understood that a meeting was to be called of the Lumbermen's Association of the province of Ontario, and was asked by a representative of that association that action should be deferred until their meeting took place. Subsequently it was intimated, for reasons that I am not aware of, that the meeting would not be held.

"It has already been announced that the government entertains the opinion that during the currency of the existing licenses such action as was proposed by the resolution of the meeting of 19th August could not well be taken. I may say, however, that the government is very carefully considering what policy should be adopted with reference to logs cut after the expiration of the existing licenses, and it is hoped that in a short time the public will be made aware of the course which may be determined upon."

(Signed) J. M. GIBSON.

From this it appears that the government has decided not to grant the request so far as existing licenses are concerned, and that the matter so far as timber cut under future issues of licenses is concerned, is still under consideration. All of which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed) { JAMES SCOTT.  
JOHN WALDIE.  
JOHN BERTRAM.  
E. W. RATHBUN.

Ald. Scott: Mr. Chairman, it is my duty to move the reception of this report. I did feel in the earlier part of the day that I would make some comments in connection with the matter. Upon further consideration, however, I have decided to defer anything I may have to say on the subject until a little later on. I desire only to express my regret—and I think I can speak for a large number of those who are present this afternoon—that the government has not seen fit to act promptly with regard to timber cut under licenses current at the present time. I am aware that there is some difference of opinion upon that subject, but if I interpreted the meaning of the resolution, and the temper of the meeting at which the resolution was passed, I think I am justified in saying that the lumbermen of the province of Ontario, by a very large majority, felt that the government ought to have acted even with regard to the present licenses. (A voice: "That is right"). That they have not done so, as I said before, I regret exceedingly. The position that Ontario lumbermen find themselves in to-day is simply this, that there is a penalty and fine on them of two dollars per thousand feet for doing business in Canada. That condition of affairs arises through no action of theirs; it arises entirely through the action of men whose representations to the government have been accepted as a policy to be pursued in regard to this matter on behalf of the province. It does seem to me to be an anomalous position for lumbermen to occupy, that the men who brought about this condition of affairs by their representations and their actions at Washington should have their action confirmed in the province of Ontario. These men should hardly have any standing in the province of Ontario on this question, because it is