

ought to buy, as far as possible, at net prices, as large discounts are always deceptive.

*Resolved*, That it is the duty of the wholesale and manufacturing trade to restrict themselves to selling to the legitimate wholesale trade, and that any wholesale or manufacturing house persisting in selling to the consumer is unworthy of the support of any member of this Association.

The Association then adjourned till morning.

#### MORNING SESSION.

The Ontario Booksellers' and Newsdealers' Association resumed business at the Philharmonic Hall, the next morning. Owing to the illness of the President, J. A. Nelles, Guelph, occupied the chair. The Constitution was brought up for final consideration. A clause was inserted appointing the President, Secretary-Treasurer, and Executive Committee, a Board of Arbitration to adjust differences in the trade. The Constitution was then adopted. We give it elsewhere.

On motion of Mr. Clappison, seconded by Mr. Elmslie, it was determined to pay the rent of an office for the Secretary.

Mr. Isaac Huber moved: "That any member of the Association report to the Secretary all cases that they may discover of wholesale or manufacturing houses supplying consumers direct. The following instances to be excepted:—Supplying Railroads, Telegraph Companies, or purchasers of 100,000 lots of envelopes. Such reports to be read at the following meeting of the Association."—Carried.

A resolution was passed authorizing the Executive Committee to organize branches of the Association in cities, towns, or groups of towns and villages.

The following were appointed a deputation to wait on Hon. Mr. Carling, with reference to the desired change in the Canadian postal law, so as to reduce the rate for second class matter from four cents per pound to two cents:—Messrs H. F. Sharp, A. S. Irving, James Hope, W. Bryce, and R. C. Burpee.

Mr. H. F. Sharp, moved, seconded by Mr. Isaac Huber, "That the Ontario Booksellers' Association recognise BOOKS AND NOTIONS as its official organ."

#### ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The election of officers resulted as follows:—President, Mr. H. F. Sharp, St. Mary's; First Vice President, Mr. S. R. Hart, Toronto; Second Vice President, Mr. W. Middleton, Kingston; Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. J. J. Dyas, Toronto; Executive Committee, Messrs T. J. Day, Guelph; J. Bam, Toronto; W. Bryce, London; J. Hope, Ottawa; and J. T. Hornibrook, Toronto.

Votes of thanks were then tendered to the retiring officers, after which the annual meeting adjourned.

#### PLEASURE EXCURSION.

The visiting members of the Association were entertained by the Toronto Booksellers yesterday afternoon and evening to an excursion on the steamer "Kupert." The boat left Yonge Street wharf about half-past two o'clock. There was a large party on board. Music was furnished by the band of the Queen's Own Rifles. Tables with refreshments were provided in the cabin for the excursionists. The visitors were shown the water front, the scene of the great fire, and other points of interest. The party returned after having had a very pleasant outing.

## CONSTITUTION OF THE BOOKSELLERS AND STATIONERS ASSOCIATION OF ONTARIO.

### ARTICLE I.

This Association shall be known as the Booksellers and Stationers Association, and shall be composed of the Booksellers, Stationers and Newsdealers, doing business in Ontario, having for its object the promotion and protection of the interest of its members. Any one wishing to join this Association, shall be recommended by two members thereof, and on payment of the membership fee of one dollar, shall become a member of the Association with full privileges, and any one engaged in the bookselling and stationary trade, either as proprietor or salesman, who is over eighteen years of age, shall be eligible for such membership.

### ARTICLE II.

This organization shall have power to make laws for its government, alter, amend or rescind those already made. Propositions to amend, rescind or add to any Article of this Constitution or By-Laws must be made in writing to the Executive Committee, at least two months previous to the Annual Meeting, and on receipt of such notice, each member shall be notified of the proposed change, when, if three-fourths of all the members present shall vote in favour, they shall stand as the law or laws of this organization.

### ARTICLE III.

SEC. 1. The elective officers of this Association shall consist of a President, two Vice-Presidents, Secretary-Treasurer, and an Executive Committee of five members, to be elected by the members of this Association at its annual meeting. The officers shall be ex-officio members of the Executive Committee.

SEC. 2. No member shall hold two elective offices in this Association at the same time.

### ARTICLE IV.

SEC. 1. The Annual Meeting of this Association shall take place in Toronto, on the last Wednesday in October, in each year, for the election of officers and other necessary business.

SEC. 2. Candidates for office shall be voted for by ballot, and must receive a majority of the votes cast, to be entitled to an election.

### ARTICLE V.

SEC. 1. It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings of the Association, enforce a due observance of the By-Laws and Rules of Order, and appoint all committees not otherwise provided for; he shall be ex-officio a member of all committees.

SEC. 2. It shall be the duty of the Vice-Presidents to perform all the duties of the President in his absence.

SEC. 3. It shall be the duty of the Sec.-Treasurer to keep a faithful record of the proceedings of the meetings of the Association, and issue notices for meetings of the Association. He shall prepare, previous to the annual meeting, a minute statement of all important matters or other useful information to the Association, and perform all other duties appertaining to his office not herein mentioned. He shall collect all the dues, admission fees, pay all bills