

American government admit our lumber free. Lumbermen of Owen Sound are with us.

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Ald. Scott, continuing: I think, in view of the necessity of getting a vote on this subject at an early moment, it would be unnecessary that I should say anything more, although I wished to reply to some of my friend Charlton's statements and arguments, as well as Mr. Crannell's. I had taken some notes to reply to them, but I think the whole subject has been pretty well threshed out, and even if they are not met by argument I don't think the meeting will lose anything by taking a vote at the present time.

Mr. Bertram: I intend also to forego any argument which I would make in reply to Mr. Charlton. I think we are ready for the vote. I would only say this, that when Mr. Charlton makes statements that the Ontario government should not take this action, the Ontario government does not agree with Mr. Charlton, because they have already taken action, at the last sale of timber limits here, in preventing the taking of the logs out of Canada. The two cases are exactly parallel.

Mr. Charlton: The condition was not made in respect to the licenses that are in question.

THE VOTE TAKEN.

The Chairman: As an outsider, gentlemen, it seems to me that this matter would stand a great deal of threshing out, and I think it is a pity that I have found it necessary to close the debate before everybody has had an opportunity of saying something on the subject if they wished to. I think every man interested in the lumber business should take a personal interest in this question, not only by his presence, but by speaking either in favor of or against the resolution. As a chairman, I have to be decidedly unbiased one way or the other. The matter of the Federal government's duty with regard to the export of logs has been brought into the discussion by two or three of the gentlemen; also an import duty on American lumber—that I understand also is a Federal question altogether. Therefore, to discuss these subjects I feel would require a much longer time than we here are evidently prepared to give it, as it is a matter that requires prompt attention, prompt action, and the enthusiasm of every lumberman who is interested in the business. It is none of my business to say so, but I think these meetings should be held frequently and the matter gone thoroughly into, because it is quite evident by what the



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provincial government say themselves that they are prepared to take some action.

A vote was then taken on the resolution, the result being 42 for and 4 against.

AN EXPORT DUTY ASKED FOR.

Mr. Rathbun then moved the following resolution:

Moved by E. W. Rathbun, seconded by James Playfair, that the Dominion government be urged to give notice at the earliest practicable moment, by order-in-council, of the application of an export duty of \$2.00 per thousand feet of lumber in log or timber form, and an equivalent duty on spruce pulpwood, cut during the season of 1897-8 and exported to the United States, and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded by the Secretary of this meeting to the Honorable the Premier of Canada, with the names of those supporting the resolution.

Mr. Rathbun: When we met the Ontario House we were confronted with the fact that the majority of the

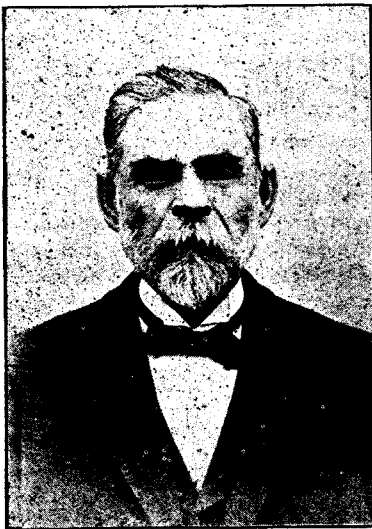
license-holders were against the last resolution, and for that reason it seems to me that we have reached a point where every man should be willing to declare where he stands upon this subject, and then the government can compute the interests that are for and against it, and draw their conclusions. This is only fair to the government.

The Chairman: Then you pass this resolution, that the names of those supporting the resolution be taken.

The resolution was declared carried unanimously.

Ald. Scott: I would like to move a resolution giving effect in another direction, if found advisable, a little later on:

Moved by James Scott, seconded by John Bertram, and resolved: That a committee consisting of Messrs. Rathbun, Waldie, Bertram and the mover be appointed to consider the advisability of petitioning the government of Ontario to grant the request contained in the resolu-



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tion just adopted by this meeting, and that this committee is hereby authorized to obtain signatures to such petition if deemed advisable, and to present the same to the government.

Ald. Scott: The idea I have in connection with it is simply this—it is just possible that an effort may be made by some who are interested to the contrary to belittle the importance of this meeting, and of the former meeting that we held on the subject. Efforts I know have been made to do that, and we were told that the men who were here were chiefly men who were not interested in the subject, or if so were interested only to a very small extent, and therefore that their views on the subject could hardly have any weight with the government in determining the course to be pursued as to the request made by the meeting. Now, in order to show that this is a live interest, that the people of Ontario take a deep interest in it, that not only the lumber interests, but other interests are deeply concerned, I propose that if the government shows any very great delay or hesitancy in dealing with the subject, that this committee should be empowered to obtain signatures to a petition asking the government to act and act promptly, and thereby carry out the views of the country at large on this subject. I ask that this committee shall have power in the name of this meeting to do that.

Mr. Rathbun: I ask, in the public interest, that this same committee deal with this export question. They can get information on that phase of the question just as readily as they can get it on the other; they can keep it separate. They can press the Dominion House, they can get others to work it. I hope you will secure the other members of the committee to go on with the work with the Dominion House as well as the Ontario.

Ald. Scott: I have no objection to doing it.

Upon a vote being taken this resolution was also carried unanimously.

Mr. Robert Watt: I want to read this resolution now: "Moved by Robert Watt, seconded by John P. Newman, that the Dominion government be urged to impose an import duty of two dollars on all sawn lumber imported into Canada."

The motion was carried unanimously.

The following letter was received by the Chairman:

GRAVENHURST, ONT., Oct. 4th, 1897.

DEAR SIR,—With reference to a circular announcing a meeting to take place on October 6th, I regret my inability to be present. At the meeting held on August

19th my views were those of the minority, so far as the time to act is concerned. I think the Governor-General should declare a policy now, but not to take effect until September, 1898: That if the Americans did not amend the Dingley Bill in regard to the duty on Canadian lumber, that there would be an export duty imposed on Canadian logs; further, I am in favor of placing an import duty of \$2 on American lumber at once.

Yours respectfully,

J. J. MCNEIL.

Votes of thanks were tendered to Lieut-Col. Davidson and Mr. A. A. Scott for their services respectively as chairman and secretary, and to the Board of Trade. At 5 p. m. the meeting adjourned.

MR. JOHN P. NEWMAN.

Mr. John P. Newman, who spoke on behalf of the hardwood industry at the recent lumbermen's meeting, and whose portrait we publish, was born in Norfolk, England, in the year 1842, and came to Canada with his parents ten years later. Having learned the trade of a shoemaker in Halton County, he removed to Listowel in 1865, and started in business for himself, continuing for 22 years. He then went on the road for the North American Life Assurance Company, and in 1889 removed to Wiarton and entered into the lumber business with Mr. A. G. Seaman as partner. In November of last year Mr. Newman bought out his partner's interest in the business. He has a good saw mill equipped with modern machinery, and having a capacity of from 20 to 25 M feet per day, according to the kind of timber sawn. He employs 25 men. The output for this season will be 4,000,000 feet, besides about 1,000,000 cedar shingles. Since going to Wiarton he has handled large quantities of hemlock timber for the Soo canal and other government works, and is now making preparation to handle a large quantity the coming season.

Mr. Newman believes in free trade, but is opposed to giving the Americans any privileges they refuse us.

Numerous testimonials continue to reach us of the value of THE LUMBERMAN as an advertising medium. The "Wanted and For Sale" department is especially recognized as a means of securing quick returns at small cost.

The screens and wet presses furnished by the Jenckes Machine Co., of Sherbrooke, are now arriving at the Morgan Falls mills of the Acadia Pulp & Paper Co., and the whole plant is expected to be in operation within a short time.

The Chicoutimi Pulp Co. have decided to extend their mill, and are adding another 40" Crocker turbine, arranged to work under 70 foot head, which is being supplied by the Jenckes Machine Co., of Sherbrooke, making the fourth of these wheels supplied.

Water was turned into the flume at the factory of the Boston Rubber Co., at St. Jerome, Que., on the 25th ult. The steel flume, which is 350 ft. long and 6 ft. in diameter, was furnished complete, including a 55" Crocker wheel, by the Jenckes Machine Co., of Sherbrooke, Que.

The Manitoba & Winnipeg Lumber Co., a new organization, will build extensive saw-mills in Winnipeg next month. They have purchased an extensive pine timber limit south of Lake of the Woods, and will construct a canal some fourteen miles to connect with the water-courses leading to Winnipeg.

The Old Ironsides Mine, at Greenwood, B. C., have got their new plant, which was furnished by the Jenckes Machine Co., of Sherbrooke, Que., into position, and are now about ready to ship ore. This property is expected to enter the list of dividend payers within the next few months.

The Dominion Paper Co., extending and enlarging their mills at Kingsey Falls, have placed an order with the Jenckes Machine Co., of Sherbrooke, for two of their 30" Crocker special turbine wheels. These wheels are mounted on one shaft, set horizontally in a steel case, thus doing away with gearing and attendant evils.