In the meantime, the committee above mentioned, in conjunction with the directors, have been authorized by the subscribers to proceed to purchase the necessary machinery and provide buildings to carry on the house-building business with the least possible delay.

Mr. Le Veille is now away buying the necessary machinery. The materials are arriving every day.

The company has been most fortunate in securing a supply of thoroughly seasoned lumber of good quality, so that first-class work may be turned out at the start. We are also fortunate in having Mr. Ainsley Allen join our company. His financial interest and well-known ability as a practical builder, greatly strengthens our position.

We are glad to report a lively interest being taken in the industry.

Your continued co-operation in every possible way will be greatly appreciated.

Yours truly,

F. L. BLAIR, Secy.-treas."

Then followed a notice of the 11th June, 1907:-

"Amherst, N.S., June 11th, 1907.

Dear Sir:-

Please take notice that the first payment of 25 per cent. on the stock in the Victor Wood Works, Limited, subscribed for by you, is due and payable on Saturday, the 15th inst.

The building operations have already commenced. The materials necessary for carrying on the wood-working end of the business are constantly arriving, and the required machinery is all bought and will soon be at hand.

It is, therefore, particularly requested that prompt payment of the amount due be made, so that the work may proceed economically, and the new plant placed on a producing basis as speedily as possible. This can be done to the best advantage by your prompt support and active cooperation, which we earnestly solicit and trust to receive.

Yours truly,

F. L. BLAIR, Secy.-treas.

Amount subscribed:

Amount due June 15th, 25 per cent."

Further joint meetings of the committee and the directors were held on the 29th May and the 18th and 19th of June, altogether in respect to purchasing and contracting for materials.