

(Incorporated)

The Canadian Manufacturers' Association, the National Organization of the Manufacturers of Canada, will hold its Annual General Meeting at Vancouver, B.C., on June 7th, 8th, 9th and 10th next. In order to give some information in regard to the history, objects and organization of the Association the following statement is being published.

HISTORY OF THE ASSOCIATION



HOUGH the history of The Canadian Manufacturers' Association goes back as far as 1872, for many years it consisted of local organizations in two or three principal industrial centres and its activities were necessarily provincial, with the result that, in 1899, when it was launched as a national organization, its membership was only about 300. It was incorporated by Act of Parliament in 1902. By 1905 its membership had grown to 1,604; by 1910 to 2,450; by 1915 to 3,098, and the present membership is 4,100. From a few isolated groups with no common policy, the Association has developed into a national organization extending from coast to coast.

OBJECTS

According to the Constitution "the objects of the Association

SPECIALIZED DEPARTMENTS

The Head Office of the Association is situated at 1404 Bank of Hamilton Building, Toronto. The Association maintains a number of specialized departments which furnish members with various services. These departments are described as follows:

1. Transportation Department. This department advises members on all matters affecting rail and water transportation, and also telegraph and telephone communication.

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2. Tariff Department. This department advises members in regard to rulings, decisions and regulations of the Board of Customs, Orders in Council, entries, post entries, dump duties, refund, drawbacks, seizures, etc. It studies the tariffs of other countries in order to advise exporters in regard to foreign tariff rates and invoice requirements.

shall be to promote Canadian industries and to further the interests of Canadian manufacturers and exporters, and to render such services and assistance to the members of the Association, and to manufacturers and exporters generally, as the Association shall deem advisable from time to time."

While the Association has adhered constantly to these objects it has not confined its energies entirely to their pursuit. Through its president, its council, its committees and its members, and its general activities as an incorporated body, it has striven not only to promote and safeguard the interests of its members, but also to contribute in every possible way to the national welfare.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

Any individual, firm, partnership or corporation, carrying on in Canada, under his or its own name, a manufacturing business that gives employment in its mechanical department to not less than five employees, shall be deemed to be eligible for active membership.

GOVERNMENT OF THE ASSOCIATION

The government of the Association is thoroughly democratic . and is based on the theory of responsible government. All members of the various governing bodies are elected. Any member is eligible for the position of president and any member can nominate whom he pleases for any office.

The organization of government is described briefly as follows:

1. Annual General Meeting. The annual general meeting called in June is the supreme governing body. Each member has one vote irrespective of the size of the firm he represents and all policies submitted at the annual general meeting are determined by open voting.

2. The Executive Council. The Executive Council is elected by ballot on the basis of one member of the Executive Council to every fifty members of the Association. The Council governs the Association between annual general meetings.

3. The Executive Committee. The Executive Committee is a small committee elected from the Executive Council, having functions similar to those exercised by a board of directors.

3. Insurance Department. This department gives expert advice on all matters pertaining to insurance. It also devotes special attention to the study of fire prevention.

4. Legal Department. This department studies Industrial and Commercial Law.

5. Commercial Intelligence Department. This department keeps up to date a list of all Canadian manufacturers and the articles which they make. It seeks to inform members of opportunities to sell goods, both at home and abroad, and also to furnish information where raw material may be bought.

6. Industrial Relations Department. This department studies questions relating to Industrial Relations between employers and employees such as welfare, industrial councils, wages, hours of work, and conditions of labor. The Association does not interfere in strikes or other labor disputes.

7. Trade Sections Department. Through this department problems of specific lines of trade are studied.

8. Publishing. The publishing department attends to the work of issuing all publications.

9. Education. The Association has always tried to improve the standard of education in the country especially that of technical education.

10. General. The Association encourages all kinds of research. At the present time special committees are dealing with such problems as the development of an adequate fuel supply in Canada, production, industrial and scientific research, and technical education.



4. Standing Committees. The following Standing Committees are elected annually:

Transportation Committee Membership Committee Commercial Intelligence Committee Insurance Committee Tariff Committee **Publishing Committee** Industrial Relations Legislation Committee Education Committee Committee

These Committees supervise the work of departments bearing the same name and report to the Executive Council.

5. Officers. The Officers of the Association are: Second Vice-President President First Vice-President Treasurer They are elected each year at the general meeting.

6. Staff. The salaried staff consists of a general manager, general secretary, department managers, secretaries and clerical assistants.

For administrative purposes the Association is divided into five divisions.

- 1. Maritime (Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and Prince Edward Island) Division office, Amherst, N.S.
- 2. Quebec (Quebec Province) Division office, 113 Board of Trade Building. Montreal.
- 3. Prairie (Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta) Division office, 503 Northern Crown Bank Building, Winnipeg.
- 4. Ontario (Province of Ontario) Division office, 1404 Bank of Hamilton Building, Toronto, Ont.
- 5. Pacific (British Columbia) Division office, 705 Board of Trade Building. Vancouver, B.C.

The Association also maintains an office in the Booth Building, Ottawa.

Workers employed in Canadian factories and their families and dependents number over two millions. The value of products manufactured in Canadian factories this year will be about four billion dollars.

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