

Government, involving a bonus to the road on certain terms and conditions. A largely attended meeting was held and after a full discussion, it was resolved :—

“That the City Council and commercial bodies represented at this meeting attend and interview the Provincial Government at 11 a.m. on Monday, the 26th February, at the Parliament Buildings, and urge assistance towards the construction of a railroad to the Lake of the Woods, and these bodies and associations wish to extend an invitation to all citizens of the Province, who may desire to accompany them, to the said interview.”

A committee of representatives of the City Council, Board of Trade, Jobbers Union and the citizens generally was appointed to arrange for the meeting with the members of the Government, and to confer as to the details presented by the promoters of the railroad.

A very large and representative gathering met the members of the Government, and the Premier promised to carefully consider the proposition submitted.

The Government afterwards sent out men to examine the lands along the projected line as to their value for farming purposes, and for the timber and wood upon them. The Government have since, at numerous conferences with the promoters and the committee, held that the report of their land and timber examiners will not sustain the contentions of the promoters as to value for a security, and that the proposed line would not afford any assurance of a reduction of freight rates between Manitoba and Lake Superior. As the matter now stands the Government have declined to grant aid on the terms proposed by the promoters of the railroad.

DOMINION INSOLVENT ACT.

Shortly after the annual meeting of last year your Council received from the Hon. the Finance Minister, copies of a draft of a proposed Insolvency Bill. The voluminous character of the Bill required the close and prolonged attention of a large Com-