

coerce trade for the benefit of the few, and against the interests of the many."

Boards of Trade in Manitoba were requested to join with this Board in condemning this action of the Pine Lumbermen's Association, and in most cases they passed resolutions similar to the above.

NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY.

In May last it was rumored that the Northern Pacific Railway Company had decided to withdraw from operating in Manitoba. Correspondence was at once opened by the Council with the officials of the railroad, who immediately sent a prompt denial. In July, Mr. Mellen, General Manager of the Northern Pacific Railway Company, having accepted an invitation from the Board to visit Winnipeg to discuss matters of mutual interest and importance attended a meeting here, and in specific terms assured the Board "that the Northern Pacific Railway Company had no idea of parting with its Manitoba lines by sale, lease or in any other way, but on the contrary they intended to improve their properties here, and maintain their lines in the most complete manner."

TRANSFER RAILWAY.

Though Mr. Mellen, General Manager of the Northern Pacific Railway, in July last promised that there should be no delay in making a connection between the Transfer Railway and the Canadian Pacific Railway. For some reason, not understood, such action has not been taken, and the situation is practically as it was a year ago. The inconvenience and expense attending the transfer of goods from one line to the other is very great and seems to be quite unnecessary in view of the fact that nothing now prevents the Northern Pacific from extending the Transfer Railway track the few yards intervening between it and the Canadian Pacific Railway Company's main line. The shipment of grain, firewood and other commodities, from along the lines of the Northern Pacific to the mills on the Canadian Pacific Railway, is practically prohibited, and must result in great loss to the Northern Pacific Railway as well as to the public; while settlers along the lines of the latter road are unable to receive direct rail shipments of lumber, etc., from along the lines of the Canadian Pacific Railway.