

late fire, and as a result a copy of the following resolution was forwarded to the City Council:

"Resolved, that in the opinion of this Board it is decidedly advisable that a thorough investigation should be held in connection with the fire that destroyed the Manitoba Hotel on Wednesday, the 8th instant."

A fire commission was appointed, on action being taken by the City Council, and the results proved that in the interest of the City a thorough overhauling of the affairs of the Fire Department was necessary. Action has since been taken by the City Council to that end.

General Manager Mellen, of the Northern Pacific Railway Company, with several of his officers, visited Winnipeg on the 25th February last, and a special general meeting of the Board was called, which Mr. Mellen attended. At the meeting several members spoke on the matter of the destruction of the Manitoba Hotel, assuring the Company of the sympathy of the Board and citizens generally in their loss, and expressed the hope that the Company would rebuild it at an early date. Mr. Mellen, in reply, acknowledged the expressions of sympathy received from the Board by resolution, and verbally at this meeting, and stated that he could not say what action the Company would take as to rebuilding the hotel beyond the fact that a Winnipeg architect was then engaged in preparing plans and estimates for submission to the Directors of the Company.

While further correspondence and interviews were had with Mr. Mellen during the year, and the station and offices have been completely restored, nothing has been done in the direction of actually rebuilding the hotel.