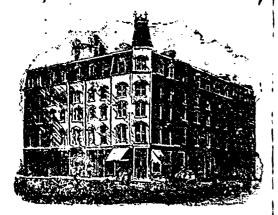
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that a number of railway companies will soon be interested in bringing settlers into Canadian territory. The preponderating influence of the railways in directing immigration, has long been recognized. Naturally so long as these roads to the south of us were prevented from coming into our territory, their efforts would be directed against immigration coming north of the boundary. But with the Northern Pacific, the St. Paul, Minneapolis & Manitoba, the Grand Trunk and other roads extending into our territory, all this will be changed. These roads will be given a direct interest in the development of the country, and they may be depended upon to put forth their efforts, in their own interests, to that end. Instead of having one great railway corporation working for the settlement of the country, we will therefore have several corporations working in this direction. The settlement and development of the country is therefore bound to advance more rapidly than at any time in the past.

IT is evidently the intention of the N. W. C. & N. Co., generally known as the Galt road, to greatly increase their railway interests. The railway property of the company now consists

of 109 miles of narrow gauge road, from Dunmore junction, on the C. P. Ry. west, to the coal mines at Lethbridge, Alberta. It is now reported that the company will widen the road to the standard gauge, which will greatly increase its carrying capacity. The company, which also owns the Lethbridge mines, could find an excellent market for its coal in Montana, but the C. P. Ry. monopoly has heretofore prevented the construction of a railway to the Montana boundary. This is one proof of the injury which monopoly has been to the development of the west. The company has long been anxious to extend its road into Montana, and now that the C. P. Ry. monopoly has been removed, no doubt the road will be extended at once from some point or the line to Montana, Fort Benton, probably being the objective point At Benton the road would conin Montana. nect with the Minot extension of the St. Paul and Manitoba and thus Helena and all points in Montana and Northern Dakota would be reached by a short route. Benton is about due south of Medicine Hat, Assa. The Lethbridge coal is said to be very much superior to the average Montana coal, and would command ready sale at a good premium upon the home article. It is also probable that Calgary and Macleod will be connected with the N. W. C. & N. Co.'s railway system.