

DISCRIMINATION IN LAKE FREIGHT RATES.

At a general meeting of the Board, held on the 16th August, the following resolution was passed:—

“Whereas, the Government of the Dominion of Canada have made the enlargement of our canals and the deepening of the waterways a settled policy;

“And whereas, this policy has had for its object the cheapening of transportation and thereby the benefitting of the whole people;

“And whereas, the Canadian Pacific and Northern Pacific Railways for the last two seasons, in defiance of public policy, have enforced, and are enforcing, a system of discrimination by exacting an increased rate of charge on goods for Winnipeg and other points in Manitoba when delivered at Lake Superior to either of the said roads by other than certain favored lines of boats;

“And whereas, such discrimination by said roads restricts the amount of tonnage coming to Fort William and Duluth from Eastern Canada, and besides preventing competition in rates on the Great Lakes in west-bound freight, restricts the amount of tonnage east-bound available for grain and other produce and thereby affects the value of the same in the farmers' hands;

“And whereas, the Government of Canada has taken power to subsidize a line or lines of railway, part of which is known by the name of the Ontario and Rainy River Railway, running from Lake Superior by way of Rainy River and Fort Francis and intended to form part of a through line to the City of Winnipeg;