

passenger rates for actual retail merchants, whose names are on the regular trading list of the railway companies, so that for one week in each month, bona fide retail merchants could visit Winnipeg for the purpose of purchasing goods. The matter was fully represented to Mr. Kerr, traffic manager of the Western Division of the C. P. R., who forwarded the request of the Committee to the management in Montreal. The Committee have reported to your Council that the correspondence so far carried on indicates that the management is opposed to any such arrangement. The railway officials state that their experience in the granting of similar rates in eastern Canada, and elsewhere, has proved to them that notwithstanding all the care that may be taken to restrain the traffic within reasonable lines, gross abuse has always resulted, and that they were being constantly importuned from towns along their lines to grant similar rates, which have the effect of disturbing traffic to great loss of revenue. Your Council recommend that further consideration be given this matter by its successors.

EXPRESS RATES.

At the Business Men's Convention, the following resolution in regard to Express Charges on the Western Division of the Canadian Pacific Railway was passed, and as requested by the convention, the Council forwarded a copy to Mr. W. S. Stout, General Manager of the Dominion Express Company.

"Whereas, the express charges on goods from point to point over the Western Division of the Canadian Pacific Railway are based upon an advance over rates charged by the same company in the eastern provinces, of from 33½ to 125 per cent. and over ;