

STORAGE RATES ON GRAIN.

The action of the Railway Companies in abandoning without due notice the reduced rate for grain storage for first ten days led to a Special Meeting of the Corn Exchange Association being held at which the following resolution was adopted :—

“ That it be an instruction from this meeting to the Committee of Management to confer with the railway representatives and urge the continuance of the arrangement respecting reduced storage rates for grain entered into 10th Feb., 1890, or if such arrangement be not continued, that the Committee demand a reversion to free track delivery, to which receivers have a right.”

The Committee of Management accordingly met the representatives of the Railway Companies, and were so far successful in their protest that the rate on oats, the article chiefly affected, remained unaltered until the end of the season; other grain, however, had to pay the advanced rate of three quarters of a cent per bushel for the first ten days storage.

A G. T. R. DISTRICT GENERAL FREIGHT AGENT CONSIDERED PERMANENTLY NECESSARY AT CITY OFFICE.

The Council being advised that inconvenience was experienced by merchants owing to the frequent absence in Toronto on official duties of the G. T. R. District General Freight Agent, representations were made to the General Manager as to the necessity for the permanent presence here of an officer empowered to settle all questions of freight rates, &c., whose office should be in the business centre.

THE LICENSE FEE CHARGED IN VICTORIA, B.C., UPON COMMERCIAL TRAVELLERS.

Your Council joined the Dominion Commercial Travellers' Association in endeavouring to induce the City of Victoria, B.C., to repeal the By-law whereunder a license fee was charged upon all commercial travellers visiting that city for the transaction of business, and the Victoria Board of Trade also took action towards freeing commercial travellers from so vexatious an impost. The result of the agitation was that a bill was enacted by the Legislature of British Columbia which deprived the City of Victoria of the power to collect a license fee from *bona fide* commercial travellers, and thus any further action on the part of your Council was rendered unnecessary.