

## FIGHTING THE GRAND TRUNK.

CHICAGO, March 18.—The Chicago and Grand Trunk was not represented at the meeting of the east-bound lines to-day, and the opportunity was not offered of inducing that road to withdraw from its position in regard to the absorption of switching and cartage charges in Chicago. Some of the reports that have been published concerning this matter have made it appear that the Chicago and Northwestern and Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Roads were in some way behind the Grand Trunk's action and in conflict with other lines. Such is not the case. These roads have done nothing except to adopt a proposition made by the Grand Trunk in the first place, and afterward by all other Eastern roads whereby a division of rates was arranged for in lieu of switching charges. The arrangement was in effect for some time on all the roads, but a week or two ago all of the Eastern lines except the Grand Trunk withdrew from it and at the same time asked the two Western roads to cancel the deal with the Grand Trunk as well as with themselves. They refused to do so, and since their refusal the Eastern lines have been laboring with them, as well as with the Grand Trunk, to have an end put to the arrangement.

Being backed up by the Trunk Line Association in the stand they have taken, the roads represented at to-day's meeting adopted the following resolution: "That the undersigned representatives hereby agree to serve joint written notice on the Chicago and Northwestern and Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Roads that, taking effect at Chicago April 4, the existing recently-established percentages and tariffs from points on the two roads above named within the city limits of Chicago to all points within the so-called trunk line territory will be abrogated."

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