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RAILROAD VS. TRUCK BEING HEARD TODAY

State Railroad and Warehouse Commissioner Frank W. Matson of St. Paul, is hearing the pros and cons of the question of Railroad vs. Truck Freight Service, at the City Hall today.

The hearing was begun at 10 o'clock this morning and up to noon, as we go to press, several witnesses had been heard. Attorneys Donovan for the Duluth & Iron Range and Messrs. Moore and Goldish for the Sellwood-Goldish Truck Line for the establishment of which an order is sought from the commission to freight from Duluth to Ely and Winton and points along the North Shore on Highway No. 1, were the examining attorneys. Up to noon Fred Kaiser, traffic manager of the Duluth Chamber of Commerce, Chas. Haig, P. J. Welch and Jas. Wattson of the Duluth & Iron Range at Duluth, Gus Carlson, Mayor Olson of Tower, Jas. Moonan and Chas. Trezona had been heard. T. E. Miller was on the stand when hearing adjourned for lunch. Many other witnesses are to be heard this afternoon.

The consensus of opinion expressed by the witnesses so far heard is that a freight truck line is not needed here and that the service furnished by the Duluth & Iron Range is satisfactory to the Ely business men who have occasion to receive shipments from Duluth and points south, both winter and summer.

Testimony adduced showed that shipments loaded in Duluth today would be received here ready for delivery at about 5:30 in the morning and that special equipment was furnished for perishable and other freight. Capt. Chas. Trezona, superintendent of the Oliver Mining Co., the heaviest freight receiver and shipper over the railroad, stated that, in his opinion, the present service could not be improved upon and that the heavy items transported by the railroad for his company could not be satisfactorily handled by truck.

The hearing will be continued this afternoon and it is expected that before the end, about all the business people of the city will have an opportunity to express their opinion.