

ARRANGING LOWER RATES.

CHICAGO, March 10.—The Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Road has issued a notice saying that, in consequence of the reduction of the rate on flour from Minneapolis to Chicago from 12½ to 10 cents per 100 pounds, it will be obliged to reduce its rates on wheat and its products and upon other grain for points beyond Minneapolis to Chicago and Milwaukee, and will renew the tariff rates that were in effect just previous to the adoption of the 12½-cent rate on wheat and flour from Minneapolis to Chicago.

It promises, however, that before actually putting these rates into effect it will confer with the lines interested, that they may have reasonable time to prepare their tariffs, and says it is willing to advance the through rates above the basis named wherever it seems possible to do so. It is evident from this that the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul intends to go back to the 7½-cent rate, Minneapolis to Chicago, as that was the rate in effect previous to the 12½-cent rate. The Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis and Omaha, the Chicago and Northwestern, the Minneapolis and St. Louis, and the Burlington, Cedar Rapids and Northern have given notice that they will be compelled to adjust their rates to conform with the basis established by the Milwaukee and St. Paul.

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