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The Proposed Road

The Northern Michigan railroad which has just been incorporated, as was noticed in the Mining Journal, is intended to run from Houghton to Watersmeet, a distance of 70 miles. The survey is in progress. People have wondered what significance could be assigned to the new project. A Milwaukee paper throws a little light on the situation as follows: "If the road is built, it would increase competition for the copper country trade. The only two lines of railroad by which the copper country can be reached from Milwaukee and Chicago and points further west, are the M&N and the C&NW, both of which connect with the South Shore system. The Northern Michigan, providing it is constructed, will afford an inlet to the copper country for the Menominee River branch of the C&NW, which at present has no connections by which it can reach the copper country. The building of the proposed road between Houghton and Watersmeet would benefit the Lake Shore railway a great deal more than the C&NW."

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