

ed men it renders evident the truth of my previous remark "That excepting a small group of the promoters in Montreal I have not yet met one man among the Society who knew his own By-laws or understood his own bill" or how it is capable of being applied.

INCIDENTS THAT HAPPENED TO THE BILL WHEN IT WAS BEFORE THE ONTARIO GOVERNMENT PRIVATE BILLS COMMITTEE IN TORONTO

In all the previous attempts to pass this Bill the promoters have engaged a lawyer of high standing to conduct it through the Legislature and their lawyer has appeared before the Legislative Committee on Bills and addressed the Committee in favour of the Bill.

Here is an extract from a printed narrative referring to the rejection of the Bill by the Ontario Legislature in 1899 when the lawyer for the bill had spoken to the Private Bills Committee in favour of the bill. The large committee room of the Private Bills Committee of the Toronto Parliament Buildings was on this occasion crowded with the persons interested and the Chairman of Committee, the Hon. Atty. General had been interviewed and the promoters stated freely that he was very favourable to their bill. This was probably incorrect but even if it were true at that time the same Atty. General was found extremely unfavourable to their bill on its next introduction in 1902.

In the address of the lawyer to the committee introducing the bill in 1899 he said:—"This bill is for the purpose of granting educational facilities to young engineers and this bill is intended to raise the standard of education in the Province and this bill is in order to protect the public and this bill is not going to interfere with practising engineers and this bill is intended to elevate the standard of engineering. Here is the extract :

Ontario Close Incorporation Bill of 1899

This bill was introduced in the Legislature, February 22nd near the close of the session. Two previous Legislatures had refused this bill. Before its opponents even had notice of its existence it had passed its second reading in the house. It was then stopped in Committee.