

passed can see for themselves the sort of legislation to which the Premier has committed the House, by reading the following extracts:—

"Sec. 4. It is hereby further declared and enacted that the validity of the said contract (executed by the various municipalities) shall not be open to question and shall not be called in question on any ground whatever in any court, but shall be held and adjudged to be valid and binding on all the corporations mentioned in s. 3, and each and every of them according to the terms thereof as so varied as aforesaid and shall be given effect to accordingly.

"Sec. 5. The said contract shall be treated and conclusively deemed to have been executed by the said corporation of the town of Galt.

"Sec. 6. The said contract shall be conclusively deemed to be a contract executed by the corporations and it shall not be necessary that the said contract be approved of by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council.

"Sec. 8. Every action which has been heretofore brought and is now pending wherein the validity of the said contract or any by-law passed or purporting to have been passed authorizing the execution thereof by any of the corporations hereinbefore mentioned is attacked or called in question, or calling in question the jurisdiction, power or authority of any municipal corporation or of the councils thereof or of any or either of them to exercise any power or to do any of the acts which the said recited Acts authorize to be exercised or done by a municipal corporation or by the council thereof, by whomsoever such action is brought shall be and the same is hereby forever stayed."

It is difficult to deal seriously with a proposition such as this. The rolls of parliament will be searched in vain for action of such a character. Failing to find a precedent in any modern code of laws, the Premier of Ontario, who has declared himself to be personally responsible for this precious piece of legislation, has evidently sought for one in the record of the decrees of the King of Babylon, with which he is doubtless familiar, for in