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BUILDINGS.**

There are many private bills before the Local House this session. One by the Irondale, Bancroft & Ottawa Railway Company, asking an extension of time till January 1st, 1905, for the building and completion of the company's lines of railway and its branches or extensions. Incorporation of the Grand Valley Railway Co. is sought, with power to construct steam or electric railways from the town of Berlin south, early in the valley of the Grand River to Brantford, and from Berlin to Listowel, or, in the alternative, Stratford or Elora. Incorporation of the Brantford, Port Dover and Galt Radial Electric Company is asked for the purpose of constructing electric railways from Brantford to Paris, thence to Galt, and from Brantford to Simcoe, thence to Port Dover. The Toronto, Hamilton and Niagara Falls Electrical Railway Company desires incorporation, with power to construct electric railways from Toronto along Dundas street to Hamilton, thence to some point on the Niagara River near the Niagara Falls, and from Grimsby to Dunnville. The Hamilton & Dundas Street Railway Company are asking power to operate their road by electricity, provided the council of the city of Hamilton consents.

The village of Oil Springs asks power to consolidate its debts at the sum of \$17,943.01, and to raise a loan on the credit of debentures to pay off the said debt.

The Hamilton and Lake Erie Power Company seeks incorporation, with leave to construct a water-course and raceway from a point on the shore of Lake Erie, near the village of Dunnville, to some point on the Welland River, passing through the counties of Haldimand, Lincoln, Welland and Wentworth, to a point on Lake Ontario, and to erect and operate by water power electrical works thereon for the purpose of producing electrical energy.

The Georgian Bay Ship Canal and Power Aqueduct Co. wishes to so amend their Act as to have power to construct, maintain and operate between Lake Ontario, at a point in the County of York to some point on the Georgian Bay, a ship canal, for the purpose of conveying vessels, barges and other water craft and their passengers and their cargoes from the upper Lakes to Lake Ontario; to lay out and equip aqueducts between the same points, and by water conveyed to the said aqueducts to generate and develop electricity and to sell and dispose thereof for heat, light, power and other purposes. Changes are also asked in the borrowing powers of the company.

The Guelph Railway Co. seeks incorporation

and power to enable them to construct and operate a surface street railway in the city of Guelph. The Kingston and Gananoque Railway Co. wish to be incorporated for the purpose of constructing and operating an electric railway between Kingston and Gananoque, with power to extend as far east as Brockville and as far north as Perth. The Hamilton, Burlington and Lake Shore Electric Railway Co. seek incorporation for the purpose of constructing and operating an electric railway, from Hamilton, by the north shore of Burlington Bay to the village of Burlington, and thence to Oakville; and from Burlington to Hamilton, by way of Hamilton Beach.

The city of Toronto asks that the county of York may assign to the corporation of the city of Toronto the agreement between the county of York and the Toronto & Mimico Electric Railway Co., made in 1890. The city also seeks power to enter into an agreement with the Toronto Railway Co. to haul the material removed by the scavenger department of the city for a period of ten years, with the option of renewal for further periods of ten years or less. Power to issue 4 per cent. instead of 3½ per cent. debentures is requested. The city also asks the right and privilege to run ferry boats between the mainland of the city and the Island, or between any two or more points in the city, with right to let or lease any such ferry or privileges. A long list of debenture by-laws is asked to be confirmed. This is legislation that should never be granted as early in the life of the by-laws as is usually asked. The Municipal Act gives one year in which to move against a money by-law, if not promulgated. The time is short enough, and Parliament should not abridge the time by special legislation, as it is in the habit of doing, for the city of Toronto.

It is proposed to extend the time for taking the assessments in cities of over 30,000 inhabitants to the 30th day of September.

Port Hope wants power to issue \$10,000 in debentures for the erection of a High School.

—A bill has been introduced into the Minnesota Legislature by Representative Sander to amend the laws relating to interest and usury. It is now in the hands of the committee on banking. Another bill has been introduced by Representative J. D. Jones to revise the laws relating to the establishment of banks of deposit.

—Aunt Cynthia (as her husband and nephew go to the door)—"That's jess one reason I hate to bring Josiah to town to visit any of his nephews. The very first night they allers take him out to see the sights of the city."

Her city niece—"Oh, don't worry, aunty he'll be all right."

—Aunt Cynthia—"Yes; but he allers has to bring his nephews home in a carriage."

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