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of the Council.

The sub-committee of the special committee in the matter of the Toronto Street Railway franchise met yet erday afternoon. There were present Ald. Hallam (chairman), Vokes Brandon, Shaw, Gillespie, E. A. Macdonnid Carlyle (St. Thos.) and Mayor Clarke. It will be recollected a a recent meeting of council several names, among them that of Ald. E. A. Macdonald, were added to the committee. Before this new addition the committee. Before this new addition the committee and the sub-committee both has elected its chairman the first Ald. Vokes and the latter Ald. Hallam. At the meetin yesterday Ald. Macdonald claimed that the recruits should have a voice in the selection of a presiding officer and moved that Ald Hullam be superseded by Ald, Gillespie Mayor Clarke in amendment moved that the present coairman be retained. Ald. Mac nald's resolution secured only his own sup-Two letters were submitted. The first wa from City Solicitor Biggar and the secon from Mr. Samuel Blake, Q.C. Mr. Biggar letter was read first. It ran:

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To the City Clerk:
Sin,—I have your letter of Saturday asking my opinion as to whether the special committee of the council appointed to deal with the takin over of the Toronto Street Railway property and the sub-committee thereof ap ointed to conson with ne should hold their meetings in private As I understand it the work of this committee falls under two distinct heads:

1. To consult from time to time with the council and solicitor for the city in regard to the witnesses to be retained and subpenned and the course to be taken in the impending arbitratio, with the company as to the value of the propert to be purchased by the city.

2. To consider and recommend to council the terms upon which, at the expiration of the pressent company's franchise, the use of the street of Toronto shall be granted or leased to tramway companies.

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As to the first of these I think there can be no reasonable doubt that the proceedings of the committee should not be given to the public those of the directors of the Toronto Street Rail way certainly will not be. To discuss in public the line of action to, be taken in a law suit, the winesses to be summoned, the concessions, it any, to be made, etc., would, in my opinion, be a most unwise and suicidal policy. I therefore think that the meetings of the sub-committee appointed to confer with the council and solicitor for the city should be held in private.

As to the meetings of the general committee, the matters to be discussed are off the utmost public interest and seem to me to be such as would no only authorise but even require puttic discussion. The council has everything to gain be taking the citizens into its confidence in relation to the terms upon which a new franchise should be granted over our public streets, and there is nothing in the questions to be discussed which seems to me to be accused when the contract the contrac

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Question of reduced rates for working men and, working women at certain hours in the morning and evening.
The question of re-arrangement of the track so as to relieve the main throughfares of one of the two tracks which at present interfere with traffic thereon.

thereon.

These and many more matters at once suggest themselves and will be all the better for full discussion in the light of suggestions from the presand public. I thesefore think that the meeting of the general committee, in so far as they dea with questions like this, should, like the meeting of o her committees of the council, be held in public.

C. R. W. BIGGAR. Mr. Blake's letter was Imost in the same strain, only stronger if anything. He advised that the meetings of all committees the held with closed doors. At the end of the letter he attaches this concession:

matters as are discussed that it is thought might reasonably be known to the citizens, confining it, however, in each case to such simple matters as transfer tickets, conductors, one or two borses, cheap fares and the like, but in no case pe more anything to be stated as to the ways or it as a by which the committee hopes to carry out their objects. I feel very strongly upon this matter, and believe that the committee may almost as well dispense with counsel and solicitor and allow the street railway to dictate their terms if they per nit any part of the discussion upon the line of action to be pursued to leak out.

'The Chairman: "You see these letters? Niw, what do you propose to do about it? Will the meetings be private?"

Ald. Shaw: "I do not see what else we can do. In view of the opinion of Mr. Blake I hardly know that there is any other course we could adopt."

The Chairman: "And it is possible unless

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The position is this: Certain citizens have called public meetings for the open discussion of this important quast on. To the best of their shifty they had the facts before the every phase of the subject. The result appeared to show an overwhelming prepondence of public opinion in layor, of elevating they are the properties of the subject. The result appeared to show an overwhelming prepondence of public opinion in layor, of elevating they are the continued of the public opinion in layor, of elevating they are the continued of the public opinion in layor, of elevating they are the continued of the public opinion in layor, of elevating they are the continued of the public opinion in layor, of elevating the layor of the continued of the public opinion in layor, of elevating the layor of the continued of the public opinion in layor, of elevating the layor of the continued of the layor of the continued of the continued of the layor of the layor of the continued of the layor of the continued of the layor of th

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Ottawa, April 28.—Four private bills vere passed in the House this afternoon: Respecting the purchase by the Pontiac Parific Railway of the Aylmer branch of the P.R.; respecting the Ontario Pacific Railway; the Hugh Forbes Keefer and Christians ilman Glover divorce bills.

Sir Adolphe Caron in answer to Mr. Denson said it had not been thought necessary ince 1881 to have the Board of Visitors in pect the Royal Militar? College, all business seing transacted through the head of the board who is also the adjutant-general and general fifter commanding, visiting the college very year.

In answer to Mr. McNeill, Mr. Colby said hat owing to the absence of the Minister of larrine no acti in had yet been taken on the sport of Commander Gordon, R.N. recommending the suspension of Captain Roberton's certificate for one year in consequence the Battic outrage.

The Government bills respecting the deartment of the geological survey, the noish Advancement Act, grants of public ands and the Marriage with a Deceased Vife's Sister Act was read a third time and assed.

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The House then went into Committee of supply, considering the supplementary estimates for 1889-90 up to recess and continuing a supply upon reassembling at 8 o'clock. In the committee Sir John Macdonald said o hope could be held out of a reduction in he strength of the Northwest Mounted Olice, but rather it might be expected to be trengtheued if the large mining population expected came into the country.

Mr. Dewdney announced that an arrangement was now almost completed by when he Canadian Pacific Railway Company would shortly select all the lands to which hey were entitled in the Northwest. The jovernment did not expect to obtain much of an h lands in the railway belt proper.

Mr. Dewdney announced also that the sovernment intended to ask an appropriation for the purchase of traps to catch the cohers in esting the Northwest and for the extermination of which many devices have seen tried. I owing to the dry seasons they are increased vary rapidly chring the past ew years and have lived largely on he unoccupied Government lands. The craps will be placed on such lands.

At 11.10 the committee rose and the House has went again into committee on the sanking Bill. Mr. Foster amounced it was the intention to introduce a clause forbiding assignment, hypothecating or pledging if its notes by a bank. He also moved the addition of provisions giving the Government power to rank upon the assets of an incovernment should not be held liable for edemption of notes to any amount greater than the amount then contained in the cum.

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A Much-Vexed Question Put at Rest By a
Beal Estate Firm, Who
Out Enumerators.
A variety of talk has been indulged in of
ate regarding the number of vacant houses
in the city. It has been put down at all sorts themselves and will be all the better for fail discussion in the light of suggestions from the present public. I the efore think that the meeting of the general committee, in so far as they dea with questions like this, should, like the meeting of on her committees of the council, be held in public.

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Mr. Blake's letter was 'lmost in the same straragant being those is set to see the matter at rest Messrs. Thomson & Ounstan, real estate brokers, determined last week to take an enumeration of the vacant incuses and store throughout the city, and it was divided into sections, each man allotted his division, and they have been plodding up and down the streets all last or to divide the little finger of a child. This is carried in a silk or leath r pouch to which is united a silk cord, a pouch of to bacco, shaped like a common leather pocketbook, the whole carried in a silk or leath r pouch to which is united a silk cord, a pouch of to bacco, shaped like a common leather pocketbook, the whole carried in a silk or leath r pouch to which is united a silk cord, a pouch of to bacco, shaped like a common leather pocketbook, the whole carried in a silk or leath r pouch to which is united a silk cord, a pouch of to bacco, shaped like a common leather pocketbook, the whole carried in a silk or leath r pouch to which is united a silk cord, a pouch of to bacco, shaped like a common leather pocketbook, the whole carried in a silk or leath r pouch to which is united a silk cord, a pouch of to bacco, shaped like a common leather pocketbook, the whole carried in a silk or of a child. This is carried in a silk or of a child. This is carried in a silk or of a child. This is carried a silk cord, a pouch of to bacco, shaped like a silk cord as pouch of the little final a silk or of a child. This is carried in a

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The Chairman: "And it is possible unless this is agreed to whether Mr. Blake would act or not."

Ald. Macdonald: "I for one propose to give anything of the proceedings of the committee to the public I may think necessary. I for one will not surrenter this right."

Ald. Gillespie: "I was grad to see Ald. Macdonald on the committee, because he as had considerable experience in street camatters; but if he takes this position I semo other course we can pursue than to move in council for the disbandment of this committee and the election of a new one with Mr. Macdonald; and the election of a new one with Ald. Gillespie. Ald. Macdonald should bow to the will of the majority."

Ald. Vokes: "I certainly must agree with Ald. Gillespie. Ald. Macdonald; the interest provided that in tuture all the meatings of the sub-committee and the larger body will be held with tyled doors.

An Esplanade Suggestion.

Editor World: There is little that is new m Mr Wells' long letter in your issue of yesterday except the part that is supposed to be so interesting to Mr. Wellington. Judging from past experience that gentleman may safely be left to answer for himself. The rest of the letter is chiefly a rehash of old garbled statements and thrice exploded arguments spiced up with a fresh assortment argumen

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for pleasure and business.

Smoking is practiced by all, great and mall, old and young, and both sexes alike endy the world. joy the weed.

Japanese tobacco is rank and strong and not liked by foreigners. It is cut very fine, after the manner of fine-cut chewing tobacco



JAPANESE LADY SMOKING.

The Japanese pipe is a miniature affair, and though one sees costly ones of amber or fine metal-work, the usual pipe is a small tube of bamboo, about the size of a lead pencil and-four inches long, with a white metal mouth piece and a tiny bowl, not so large as the tip of the little finger of a child. This is carried in a silly so leathy nearest which is prefet.

swith diswith tobacco out of the pipe, against the toe of her tobacco out of the pipe, against the toe of her with tobacco immediately, lighting it from the former contents which are still smoking on the floor, and of this second brilling is slowly inhales about three whiffs, then applies the how again, I have seen the fillempties the bowl again. I have seen the filling, lighting and smoking repeated one after the other four times, but generally it is but twice. After this the pipe is a laced in the pouch and the whole put away in the belt. It is easy enough to describe this in words, but impossible to point them with the absolute perfection of grace which animates every

Everybody smokes, and the first thing done when you enter a shop, a house, an office or anywhere of the kind, the Hibachi or little furnace with lighted charcoal is placed with-in reach by which to light the pipe. I would not state that the men are equally raceful in the art of handling the pipe and its contents; they are not; but if one must smoke, I recommend him to the art as prac-ticed by the refined Japanese woman.—Kobe.

New Embroidered Slippers. Embroidered slippers is coming in vogue, and many neat specimens of slippers finished with needlework are shown. The foundation of this shoe is light leather covered with of this shoe is light leather covered what black or bottle-green silk, no seams showing except at the heel. The shoe is lined with fine soft leather, and the silk covering the outside is turned in and neatly stitcked, leaving the outside perfectly plain.

SECOND FLOOR PLAN.

in size. A part or all of the plumbing may be omitted. If heating apparatus be used one chimney will suffice.

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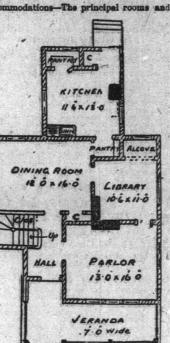
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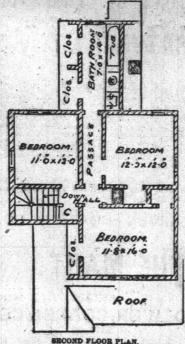
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