SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON RAILWAY ACT

APPENDIX No. 2

large deputation to still further urge our contention that the Toronto and Niagara Power Co. and all other companies should be placed on the same basis as our municipally owned system and compelled to secure the approval of the electors before operating any distribution system or constructing any works for such purposes.

Yours truly,

T. J. HANNIGAN.

Cities. Chatham, Galt, Guelph, Hamilton, Kitchener, London, Niagara Falls, St. Catharines, St. Thomas, Windsor, Woodstock.

Hydro Commissions.

Towns. Bothwell, Dresden, Dundas, Dunnville. Forest, Goderich, Hespeler, Milton W., Paris, Petrolea. Ridgetown, Sandwich, Seaforth, Strathroy, Tilbury, . Tillsonburg, Walkerville, Wallaceburg, Waterloo. Weston, Welland.

Villages. Acton W., Ayr, Bolton. Burford. Elmira. Elora. Exeter, Fergus. Hensall. Lucan, Mimico. New Hamburg. Point Edward, Port Credit, Port Stanley, Rockwood, Springfield, Tavistock. Thamesville, Waterdown. Waterford, West Lorne.

Moved by Mayor W. B. Burgoyne, St. Catharines; seconded by Mayor J. W. Bowlby, Brantford:

Whereas over 100 municipalities of the province of Ontario have a large amount of money invested in their several public utilities including the distribution of Hydro-Electric power and energy, all of which utilities are operated for the benefit of the people in the said municipalities;

And whereas the streets and highways within the said municipalities are built and maintained by the municipalities at the expense and for the benefit of the people as a whole, and not for the special use or benefit of any private corporation, and no such corporation should be allowed to make use of the same for its own private undertakings without the consent of the municipality interested;

And whereas the Toronto and Niagara Power Company, in the year 1902, obtained an Act from the Parliament of Canada, being 2 Edward VII, chapter 107, by which it was granted extraordinary rights on, over, along and across the public highways of the municipalities of Canada, which legislation was passed without the knowledge of the said municipalities; and was also granted other extraordinary powers for the production, sale, and distribution of electricity, which powers if exercised now, would be in direct opposition to the rights of the people within any of the Hydro-Electric zones.

And whereas, although fifteen years have elapsed since the granting of the said charter, nothing has been done by the said company towards carrying out the powers and privileges so granted to it, and in the meantime large sums have been spent and a vast amount of liability incurred by many of the municipalities of the province of Ontario in the installation of Hydro-Electric power: