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TORONTO.

CITIES MAY TAX GAS MAINS

OR EXEMPT THEM FROM ASSESSMENT AS THEY SEE FIT.

The Georgian Bay Canal Company Bill, which was passed by the House of Commons on Monday, has been referred to the committee on the bill respecting the Toronto Railway Company.

Rapid progress was made in the House yesterday morning with the object, if possible, of winding up business to-day so that the House can be prorogued on Monday. A curious phase of legislation was presented in the manner in which the Government and Opposition leaders joined forces on two questions, the aqueduct scheme and the gas main assessment bill, in order to exercise some check on the readiness of their respective followers to give away every thing asked by speculators and corporations. Lobbyist J. K. Kerr occupied a seat on the floor of the House, as he frequently does, and held frequent consultations with members.

A Batch of Amendments.
Mr. O'Connor's bill to remove doubts as to the assessment of gas pipes came up for a third reading.

Mr. Balfour moved an amendment to the effect that the bill should not be operative in any municipality until made applicable to it by a by-law.

The Attorney-General and Mr. Gaultier proposed other amendments with the object of allowing municipalities local option in regard to assessing the companies. The matter was allowed to stand over until the afternoon that an agreement might be reached.

When the consideration of the bill was resumed Mr. Balfour moved the insertion of a clause providing that the act should not be operative in any municipality until made applicable to it by a by-law.

The amendment was carried by a vote of 34 yeas to 32 nays, the Toronto representatives all voting for the amendment.

Mr. Gaultier said that the object of the promoters was to obtain a declaratory bill defining the law, and rather than accept the bill with the amendments the companies preferred to take the chances of the existing law. He would ask, therefore, that the bill be discharged.

The measure was accordingly withdrawn.

Administration of Justice.

The House divided on an amendment moved by Mr. Meredith to the Attorney-General's act to facilitate the administration of justice, to the effect that the act should apply to all cases begun and carried on in the cities of London and Ottawa respectively.

The amendment was defeated by a vote of 25 to 40 and the bill was read a third time.

The Aqueduct Bill.

The Georgian Bay Aqueduct bill was referred back to committee for further consideration.

Mr. Fraser took exception to the amount of stock authorized. Such an enormous amount of stock as \$65,000,000 was never authorized even in the case of a railway. It must be remembered that the canal would never be built and that they were merely dealing with a power aqueduct scheme. He moved in amendment that the amount of stock be limited to \$20,000,000.

Mr. Tait did not think the amount should be limited so as to make it impossible to build the canal.

Mr. Meredith and Mr. Gibson agreed with Mr. Fraser that sixty-five millions was an absurdly large amount of stock. The amendment was carried.

An Important Amendment.

Mr. Fraser moved in amendment that none of the expropriation powers should be exercised in any city, town, township or incorporated village without the sanction and permission of the council.

Mr. Whitney protested that this would embarrass the scheme.

Mr. Meredith said they were dealing, not with a public enterprise but with a purely commercial undertaking, and the amendment was strictly in accord with the general law.

Mr. Tait opposed the amendment, which, on being put to a vote, was lost.

Mr. Fraser said that the city of Toronto had fully protected itself and why should not the other municipalities interested be equally protected?

Mr. Fraser moved another amendment excluding townships and limiting its effect to the powers sought to be exercised as a power aqueduct company. This was also voted down.

Mr. Clarke moved in amendment that no contract should be entered into with any municipality until plans and surveys had been filed in the office of the Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Mr. Gibson opposed the amendment.

An Unsuccessful Proposal.

Mr. Meredith said it was very unreasonable to give this company a roving commission to enable them to travel all over the country and float the scheme while it was in an entirely indefinite shape.

Mr. Tait said the House should do nothing to prevent their floating the scheme.

Mr. E. F. Clarke said the only plan the company had shown was an old one made several years ago of the proposed Ontario Ship Canal.

The amendment was lost.

Mr. Fraser moved another amendment forbidding the exercise of the powers granted to the company, so far as the power aqueduct was concerned, in any city, town and village without the consent of the municipal council and in a manner to be agreed to by them.

Provided such consent could not be obtained an application might be made to the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council to permit them to exercise their powers notwithstanding. This was adopted, and in consequence of the delay required to obtain the consent of municipalities the time fixed for the commencement of the work was extended to one year, and the period for the expenditure of \$500,000 in the purchase of right of way to three years.

The bill was reported as amended.

Minority Passed.

When the Aqueduct bill came up for a third reading Mr. E. F. Clarke moved a reference back to committee to insert a clause providing that no contract should be entered into with any municipality until a plan of the survey certified by the Commissioner of Crown Lands had been filed. The amendment was lost by a vote of 24 yeas to 45 nays, and the bill was read a third time.

Mr. Conner's Separate School bill received a third reading.

The House proceeded to consider the report of the Committee of Supply and a large number of items were concurred in.

Encouragement to Miners.

Mr. Hardy moved his mining resolutions providing for the expenditure of \$125,000 in bonuses to iron miners, at the rate of \$1 for each ton of ore mined or smelted, not more than \$25,000 to be paid in any one year.

Mr. Meredith protested against the expenditure of so much money being left in the hands of the Government without the regulations under which it would be spent being laid down.

Mr. Hardy amended the resolutions to the effect that no money should be paid out until the regulations governing the expenditure should be approved by the House. The resolutions were adopted in committee.

A New Registration for the Sunday Car Vote.

The House went again into committee on the bill respecting the Toronto Railway Company.

Hon. Mr. Gibson said that a good many different proposals had been made with the object of securing a fresh registration of voters before the taking of the vote on Sunday street cars. He had found it impossible to assent to the elaborate provisions suggested by the opponents of Sunday cars. He moved an amendment providing that the City Council may before the election require a new registration under the Provincial Registration Act of 1894, the arrangements being the same as for a special election, and that the list of the method and suffrage voters be used in taking the vote.

The bill was reported as amended.

GRANTED A SHOP LICENSE.

Mrs. Hunter of East Toronto Successful in Her Application.

The East York License Commissioners met yesterday afternoon in the City Hotel and granted the shop license of Mrs. Hunter, East Toronto, and the hotel license of B. Brillinger, Richmond Hill, which were held over from last meeting. The commissioners also signed all the licenses which are now ready for delivery.

The East Toronto Council held a meeting on Thursday evening, the principal business transacted being the passing of a by-law granting the right of way over Walter and Mary-streets from the Kingston-road to Gerrard-street. The company agreed to proceed as at once with the construction and have the road open and operated before the 1st of August this year. As far as the corner of Gerrard and Main-streets, where a stop will be made pending arrangements with the Grand Trunk for crossing the tracks at Mortimer-road by an overhead bridge. The village is growing so rapidly that it has become a necessity to reach the center of it as soon as possible, and this will be done, it is confidently expected, by the 1st of July of this year.

The electric system with the Toronto lines in Gerrard-street as rapidly as it can be effected.

A GOLF CLUB.

A Club House to be Erected on the Farwell Estate.

The Toronto Golf Club have about completed the purchase of 30 acres of the Fernhill estate, which the club has had leased for a number of years. The price paid is said to have been \$11,000, which is considered very low, was accepted by the owner, and the view of enhancing the value of surrounding property, as a new club house is to be erected and other improvements made.

The officers of the club are: Captain, G. W. P. Cassels; hon. secretary-treasurer, A. W. Smith; committee, E. B. O'Neil, R. H. Bethune, Col. Swaney, W. E. Sloan, Charles Hunter, A. P. Scott, T. M. Scott, E. W. Phillips, W. H. Blake, H. Gordon MacKenzie and C. A. Mason.

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Death in the Toothbrush.

"Il faut souffrir pour être belle," says the French, and such as have any teeth of their own left must not spare the tooth brush, though it excoriates the gums and leaves its bristles sticking in unsuspected corners of the mouth, "like quills upon the fretful porcupine." Most of us are content to grin and bear these minor miseries of the toilette with such grace as we may, while seeking perseveringly for the ideal tooth-brush, which is as elusive as the philosopher's stone. A serious view of the matter, however, is suggested by a case recently reported in an American journal, in which an operation for appendicitis is said to have revealed the fact that the disease was due to the presence of tooth brush bristles in the vermiform appendix. The operator, who practices in Albany, expressed the opinion that these "unconsidered trifles" are responsible for many sore throats, stomach and intestinal ailments. The moral appears to be that it is an ill-judged economy to use cheap tooth brushes in which the bristles are simply glued on, and that after the ordinary ceremony of tooth cleaning, has been gone through, a subsequent "dissection" of the mouth is advisable for the removal of migratory microbes.—British Medical Journal.

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PUBLISHER OF DONOHUE'S.

What the Great American Catholic Monthly Owe to Paine's Celery Compound.



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