

is not necessary, only for the better improvement of the land. As between individuals they can go and make ditches, but railroad companies may block the natural flow of water.

Mr. Proudfoot—Take the case of the original construction of a railway through a bush or a beaver meadow. Perhaps at the time of construction there was no natural flow, but years afterwards the natural flow came into the railway. Are not the railway company bound to put in the culvert?

Mr. Gibson—Yes, but they won't!

Mr. Proudfoot—But that is just what we want to do by this Bill.

Mr. Gibson—If a railway company draws water from a source that it would not otherwise naturally come from they are amenable, but the trouble is to make them comply with the Act.

Mr. Proudfoot—I had a case in the County Huron against a railway company, where a man wanted to drain a beaver meadow, and they would not let him and would not do it themselves, and the water is there yet.

Mr. T. H. Jones—I had a case against the Grand Trunk Railway Company about a culvert deep enough to carry off the surface water, but which I considered should be two and a half feet deeper to drain the land. The railway company contended through their solicitor that they were not liable under the Ditches and Watercourses Act. It was submitted to arbitration, and the company had not their work done, but they consented to deepen it and make it wider, the counsel consenting that part of the expense of increasing the width should be borne by them.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENGINEERING.

This Committee had nothing to report.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION.

MR. PRESIDENT AND GENTLEMEN,—Your Committee on Legislation beg to report that they have little to add to the postscript inserted in last year's published report of the proceedings of your Association, in which the amendments to the Surveying Act and the Ditches and Watercourses Act are referred to.

Inasmuch as important amendments have so recently been made to these Acts and as they have been incorporated in the consolidation of the Statutes, your Committee would not deem it wise to urge any further change at present on the Legislature, but they consider that