

can undertake it; but it must remain for future consideration. We cannot deal with it at present.

MR. MORROW: As the representatives of the city of Toronto and the county of Simcoe are present, I wish to say that I think the time has come when those two bodies should relinquish the stock held by those corporations, and for which they have already received value tenfold. I hope Toronto and Simcoe will take steps in this matter. The majority of the deputy-reeves in the county of Simcoe are, I believe, favourable to it, for they see that it is in the true interests of those communities to give perfect freedom to the concern which, more than everything else, has built them up to what they are, and which, if free, can do as much for them in the future as the past.

ALDERMAN BLEVINS: As the representative for the city of Toronto, I am scarcely prepared to say what course the Council might be disposed to take in this matter, which has not yet been under its consideration. The question seems scarcely ripe for discussion just yet, but if it is thought desirable I will bring it before the City Council and promote such action as may seem to be in the mutual interest of the city and of the Company, between whom I shall always endeavour to promote complete harmony.

MR. C. J. CAMPBELL asked if the Hon. J. B. Robinson would be willing to accept the position of representative of the private shareholders on the Board of Directors?

HON. J. B. ROBINSON: I am very glad to think that the stockholders, now they have the separate power to elect a member of the Board of Directors, that they should desire to make me their representative. After having served the Road for so many years, during which the Company has been continuously prosperous, it is a great compliment that the stockholders, having it in their power to pursue an independent course, should desire to elect me as their representative. While thanking the stockholders for the favour intended, I will ask them to extend one more favour towards me, and that is to allow me to refuse the nomination. I have served the Company for many years, but cannot again, at all events for the present, consistently with my other occupations and pursuits, give to it that attention which a seat on the Board will now demand. I foresee that for the next few years this office will demand more time than I can conveniently afford to give to it. I will suggest, therefore, if permitted to do so, to the shareholders, that they elect Mr. Campbell as their representative. On retiring, I offer the best wishes for the road that any one can desire, and that is, that its prosperity in the future may equal its good fortune in the past. The *London Railway Journal*, which is the most prominent journal in the old country