

THE CANAL MAY BE BUILT

AND THE WATER WILL BE ALLOWED TO RUN ON SUNDAY.

The Toronto Aqueduct Company's Bill Passed the Private Bill Committee of the Legislature—The Canal Must Have Its Outlet in York County—Other Changes in the Bill.

The Toronto Aqueduct Company's bill was further considered by the Private Bill Committee yesterday morning. Among those present were Ald. Shaw and Hewitt, City Solicitor Caswell, Messrs. Ryan, Hughes, Ballantyne, E. A. Macdonald and Tully.

Mr. Gibson jokingly suggested reference of the bill to the Ditch and Water-courses Committee. [Laughter.] Mr. Whitney: Is there any objection to the running of the water in the canal on Sunday? [Laughter.]

Mr. Gibson: In the absence of Mr. O'Meara I cannot say. [Laughter.] Mr. Caswell explained that the corporation desired that no power should be conferred to do anything within the limits without the council's consent, and that the water should be taken from within a reasonable distance, say 2000 yards of the route.

When the Canal Clause Imperative. Mr. Gregory, the solicitor for the Ontario Ship Railway Company, objected to the passage of the bill unless the construction of the canal, as well as aqueduct, was made imperative, on the ground that otherwise it would interfere with their charter obtained in 1892. They had five years for commencing and ten for finishing operations. The canal business—Panama, Nicaragua, etc.—was at present under a cloud, but they were hopeful of soon securing capital. He thought the importance and value of the privileges relating to the supply of heat, light and power was not sufficiently appreciated, and predicted that if the canal and aqueduct were not both made compulsory only the aqueduct would be constructed.

Mr. Gibson: The first in the field to do actual work should have the preference. I do not believe that the fact of your getting a charter as chimerical and speculative as this is—if not more so—should be allowed to stand in the way.

Whereupon the promoters looked jubilant. Mr. Davis (North York) wished the committee to pronounce on the principle of the bill.

No Dispute as to the Preamble. Mr. E. F. Clarke said he had no objection, if the company could do nothing in the city without the city's consent.

The preamble was agreed to unanimously. Mr. Gibson, to the promoters: Why do you drop the word canal in your title? Toronto Aqueduct Company gives no impression as to what work is contemplated. Will be. I suggest the title Haron & Ontario Canal and Aqueduct Company.

Agreed to. Mr. Davis: The outlet should be confined within York county.

Must Have its Outlet in York County. Sec. 2 was changed to read, that the undertaking must have its outlet on Lake Ontario within York County.

The chairman then commented on the vagueness of the phrase, to Georgian Bay, Lake Simcoe or intermediate points. It is the intention to be able to turn a stream within seven or eight miles of the city. This bill either means a big scheme, or it does not.

Mr. Proctor argued that to construct the aqueduct would go far towards making a canal. The material was pure clay or shale. And the intention was to work the two projects together. But it would not be fair to tie them together absolutely. The aqueduct would come first, the canal afterwards.

Mr. Gregory: If you build the aqueduct, will you go on with the canal? Mr. Proctor: We will not agree absolutely to do so. We must creep, before we walk.

Mr. Gregory is dubious.

Mr. Gregory: But when you have learnt to creep you will forget to learn to walk.

Mr. Proctor: But if the city will give us identically the same terms for supplying light, heat and power that the two present companies enjoy, we are willing to make the construction of the canal absolutely conditional on the building of the aqueduct.

Mr. Caswell: We are very anxious to get the canal.

Mr. Clarke: If what Mr. Proctor has just said is put in the bill, I will undertake to say that some arrangement will be made if it is possible. This is evidently a valuable franchise, and the city ought to have something to say about it. The trouble has been that many citizens have become extremely doubtful regarding the genuineness of the canal project.

Mr. Gibson: We cannot undertake to settle the terms of agreement with the city.

Mr. Tait Favors the Scheme.

Mr. Tait urged that Mr. Proctor's offer should be accepted.

Mr. Gibson: That means the construction of a canal to which the aqueduct will be a mere incident.

Mr. E. F. Clarke remarked that the company evidently wished to use the powers they got from the House as a lever to aid them in their designs on the city.

Mr. Gibson said that the conditions which the city had sought to impose were so onerous as to be absurd. And life was too short to enter upon the task of concluding these negotiations.

The committee was in very good humor, and the members laughed heartily when Mr. Peter Ryan gaily announced: "I am incapable of proposing anything unfair."

Mr. Davis wished to obtain the sense of the committee as to whether a canal or aqueduct should be imperative.

Mr. Gibson: If the aqueduct only is imperative, perhaps that is all that there will ever be in the scheme.

Alderman Shaw Wants the City's Rights Protected.

Ald. Shaw stated that they had had for 18 months long and ineffectual negotiations with the company and they only desired that the city's rights should be protected.

Ald. Hewitt declared that he was not for the aqueduct without the canal.

Mr. Brownson: We should incorporate the company with reasonable powers, without reference to Toronto.

Mr. Gibson: Their powers should be made subject to consent from the municipalities interested.

Mr. Waters said he would give the company fair treatment; although Ald. Hewitt had, in one of his speeches, spoken contemptuously of the members of the committee as a lot of hayseeds. [Laughter.]

Ald. Hewitt Apologizes.

Ald. Hewitt made a stammering apology, amid cries of "Take it back," and "Don't take it back"; "We glory in the name," and laughter.

Mr. Waters: Every hayseed is willing to act justly.

Mr. Clarke proposed a couple of changes in the direction indicated to protect the city's interests, but they received scant consideration.

Mr. Gibson remarked: It will be the duty of the committee to protect Toronto in a general way.

And without open dissent it was agreed that the company should have power to

construct a canal and an aqueduct, or either of them. Arrangements must be made with the municipalities interested with the approval of the Government. Several sections of the bill were passed, and further consideration deferred.

THE TARIFF CHANGES ON BOOKS.

Publishers Generally Well Satisfied—The Globe's Representations Corrected—A Liberal Publisher's Views.

In The Globe of yesterday the statement is made that the new tariff discriminated against the mass of the people in favor of the few and that nowhere is this more apparent than in regard to books. "The big publishing houses of Toronto," says The Globe, "are up in arms against the change, and yesterday a secret meeting was held at which it was decided to make a vigorous protest."

To substantiate this assertion the paper gives interviews with W. G. Gage, M. L. Thompson, manager of the Copy-Right Publishing Co. and Rev. Dr. Briggs of the Methodist Publishing House, who express views strongly antagonistic to the new tariff.

In order to ascertain how far these statements were in accord with the facts, and to represent the opinions of the trade in general, a World representative called on Daniel A. Rose of Hunter, Rose & Co., who said:

"I am a member of the Wholesale Book-sellers and Stationers section of the Board of Trade, to the meeting of which The Globe doubtless refers. The statement that a vigorous protest against the tariff was decided upon is not so. We were close upon two hours discussing the question, and the meeting adjourned without taking action, being about equally divided. None of those interested in publishing books in Canada opposed the new tariff, neither did those in the paper trade, the only objectors being those engaged in importing books. I heard the discussion, and the objection advanced was not that an increased duty was put on so much as the trouble the change would put them to in arriving at the cost of goods in their warehouses. I don't think the interviews in The Globe fairly express the feelings of the trade on the changes in the tariff. An alteration from ad valorem to specific duties they should make their comparisons in specific figures. For instance, it is stated by Mr. Gage that there is an increase of 100 per cent. on the old tariff. Now, what does 100 per cent. mean in specific figures on a single volume? A duty of from 1 to 2 cents on a 25 cent or 50 cent book. This is no hindrance to the poor man buying his book. I feel confident that it will not increase the retail price of the better class of publications. Those affected will be the cheap and trashy novels which are imported in such quantities from the United States."

"References are made to the quantity of books imported for the Sunday school libraries. I much question whether it is as enormous as imagined. Mr. Gage's statement that as many as 10,000 of a popular book, such as the Fairy series, are sometimes ordered is simply ridiculous. Even were it so the duty on such a volume would be but three cents. All Sunday school books come from Great Britain, and out of a total importation of books into Canada last year valued at \$689,029 only \$211,192 came from Great Britain. It is safe to say that out of these not more than \$15,000 represent the books imported for Sunday schools, so that it forms a really insignificant item."

"The duty is decidedly in favor of the Canadian printer, and at the same time the change reduces the import on all the better classes of books and those required for educational purposes. While satisfied otherwise I think the Government made a great mistake in not complying with the petition of the employing printers and imposing an increased duty on subscription books, which would have given employment to a large number, as such books can easily be manufactured in Canada."

"How do others in the trade regard the alterations in the tariff?"

"I have spoken on the matter," replied Mr. Rose, "to Warwick Bros. & Rutter, James Murray & Co., John F. Ellis, J. A. Risser and many others in the trade and they all favor the changes."

McCALLUM'S FINE BILL.

The P. P. A. Member and Separate School Trustees.

Mr. McCallum, the P. P. A. member, gave notice in the Ontario Legislature yesterday of an act to amend the Public School Act.

It makes the election of Public and Separate school trustees compulsory by ballot, and also provides that only those who so desire shall be taxed as supporters of Separate schools. The Separate School Act is also to be amended by providing a penalty of \$10 for each offence in case any teacher is convicted of having used an unauthorized, in lieu of an authorized, book.

48th Highlanders.

The regiment paraded last night for the first time this season under command of Lieut. Col. Davidson with his efficient staff, Majors Cooch and Macdonald and Adjutant MacGillivray. The parade slate totaled 400, which is a fine showing for the Kilts.

The hands were thoroughly up in strength and efficiency. It is expected that the regiment will go to Brandon on May 24, when they will parade 500 strong.

After the return to the shed regimental orders were issued.

The rifle committee of the different city corps held a meeting on Thursday evening, Col. Otter, D. A. G., occupying the chair.

The ranges will be open on May 5 for practice, when it is hoped that the city will have completed the ranges at 800 and 900 yards, as our riflemen are handicapped in not being able to practice those long ranges.

Injured in a Collision.

At 6 o'clock yesterday afternoon as Mrs. William Ashall and her daughter of 100 Elliott-street were driving in College-street, near Grace-street, their phaeton collided with a lumber wagon. The phaeton was badly smashed and Mrs. Ashall received a number of bad bruises and cuts.

The directors of the Montreal Street Railway Company decided to-day to issue \$2,000,000 worth of new stock, giving the shareholders on record at April 15 a share for share. One million will be called this year. An interim dividend of four cents is now \$4,000,000, with three paid up.

Last Night Daniels' Show.

Manager Daniels gives his last matinee to-day and his last performance to-night at the Auditorium, as he has received a big offer from Manager Hunt to finish the season at his opera house. They had a crowded house last night and nearly two dozen matinees since, which was a decided success. Our city can boast of some first-class local talent, and to-night is their last night here. A special program will be arranged and a number of new amateurs will appear as well as another crowded house may be looked for.

Pale, sickly children should use Mother Graves' Worm Exterminator. Worms are one of the principal causes of suffering in children and should be expelled from the system.

Personal.

Mr. John F. Ellis (of the Barber & Ellis Co.) and family left town yesterday en route to Florida.

Mr. Norman B. Dick, 113 St. George-street, rear commodore of the R.C.Y. Club, is confined to his house by illness.

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The Enlarging Sale

is genuine. A business grown far beyond the capacities of our present store forced us to get more space or quit—and the first scene of Act I was put on when the Bell Clothing people closed their doors Saturday. The partition wall on the third floor is down. Monday the walls on the second and ground floors will be attacked, and the order has been given: Get the goods out of the way.

BIG CROWDS

are here daily. Such prices, they say, are not duplicated in the city—and while apologizing for the discomforts of an overcrowded store we claim it pays you to come.

New Departments

are being almost forced on us by popular demand, and before May 1st the

GRAND DEPOT

will be the best equipped store in Toronto. Below is live department news:

Dress Goods.

A week's selling condensed into one day would express the experiences of the Dress Goods salesmen yesterday. "Twill be worse today—and next week begins a fresh round."

At 28c.

Eight different sets of colorings in All-wool Tartan Plaids—"Imported"—44 inches wide—cheap at 50c.

At 50c.

There are no less than 200 colorings and styles in these Wool and Silk and Wool Dress Goods—they were out this season's 75c to \$1.15 importations.

Silks.

We figured on having a leading line of changeable Silks to sell at 50c. They arrived yesterday—there's no room for them—remains 25c PER YARD.

Linens.

A department that is breaking trade records daily is this—just a few pointers to keep the good work from flagging:

At 35c.

A regular 55c grade of Bleached Damask.

At 25c.

An Unbleached Linen that cost more to lay down.

At 39c.

Linen Napkins—listed wholesale at 50c.

White Sheetings, Twilled and Plain, are here at largely reduced prices.

Fancy Goods.

Covered with pretty pattern Silks—laine, wide ruffs of same, and other things with pure feathers—those follows are worth 75c.

At 5c.

Your choice of dozens of Ladies' Fancy Leather Bags—30c and 25c grades.

Hosiery.

A couple of prices give the key to the values all over.

At 29c.

Dozens and dozens of All-Wool Cashmere and Heavy Hosiery, values ranging from 40c to 75c.

A full line of Lisle Thread Hose, double heels and toes, in black, tan, fancies.

A buying blizzard struck the Clock Department yesterday. It's impossible to tell whether that \$1.70 line will last till Monday evening. It's worth coming to see, and we guarantee to fill the assortment at \$3.00.

Millinery.

A staff of experienced milliners are keeping up the line of Trimmed Hats at \$1.40. We don't get the value of the materials, but the department must reduce stock.

Gloves

Every pair warranted—the best \$1.25 French 7-hook Kid Glove in Toronto is being sold—black and fashionable colors.

Men's Clothing.

A prominent clothing salesman in the city told the writer that it was impossible to sell clothing on an upper floor. On his next visit we'll show him a crowded department on the third floor of 88 and 90 Yonge-street. James Eaton's prices fetch the crowds.

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