

ISSUE DEBENTURES TO ACQUIRE PARKS

ld. Spence Would Have
Council Obtain Legislation
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**Suggestion Made to Parks and
Exhibition Committee—**

Commissioners Chambers recommended to the parks and exhibition committee yesterday that legislation be introduced for power to issue debentures to the parks, playgrounds and boulevards, and to the city, leaving them. He explained that the city is to levy one-half mill annually for parks, playgrounds and boulevards, and that the city's debentures to an amount equal one mill levy.

Mr. J. D. Smith put forth a motion in that legislation be asked for authority to issue debentures, equal to one mill levy, for the purchase of parks, and that the debentures be paid out of the general fund.

The Toronto Ad Club asked for the release of the buildings in Exhibition Park for the construction of the Associated Amusement Company of America, which will last six years. The request was granted.

Mr. O. L. and Sons of England asked for the use of Exhibition Park for annual celebrations, and were promptly refused a tentative reply.

Mr. D. Meredith asked and supplying the supervision of playgrounds which might be formed by the opening up of the parks in residential sections. The matter was referred to the Commissioners Chambers for a report.

Baseball in Parks.

Mr. J. D. Smith asked the question of admitting baseball to the exhibition grounds, to the exclusion of other sports.

who wish to have outlying there. The must offer go where and is the matter. The board has no ball grounds, or else allow ball to be played in the small parks," Commissioner Chambers said.

The men who take up time talking sense and rubbish are the ones who want to force a double roll call on the committee," said Ald. Wansley. "I will not come and go when I please." Ald. Blinn, the chairman, asked if the roll would be called at the beginning of the meeting. The majority was not interested and roll calls were dropped.

Commissioner Foreman reported that the harbor commission intends taking possession of property along the north-shore of the island that belongs to the city, and he recommended a resolution at once to establish the right he claims.

Ward Plans Approved.—The Ald. F. S. Spence explained that the board has approved the plans of the harbor commission for betterment of the city along the north shore. He said that any property owned by the city, and he recommended that it could be conveyed to the city for improvement. The commission is to be in conference with the city.

The sub-committee was appointed to report upon the price of leases on the island.

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Board of Control Asks Minis-

(Special To The Toronto World.)

QUINCY, Ill., Aug. 25.—(Strong denunciation of motor cars and a strong expression of opinion in favor of the counties controlling all work on good roads, with the government and market centre contributing to the cost and maintenance thereof, were features of the address here by the Hon. J. W. Duffin, Minister of Transportation, which is listening to suggestions from the various municipalities.

Mr. Duffin, who is accompanied by his wife, daughter, and son, is here on his tour, chairman of a W. A. McLean, provincial engineer, and R. A. Rankin, M.L.A., of the Ontario government, who are with the Wellington County Council and from the cities of Grey, Huron, Bruce, Dufferin and Peel.

Mayor Cartier welcomed the delegates, and Mr. Duffin, in his address, said that the highways which were in substance as follows:

"The highways of the county roads, assumed or to be assumed by any county, should first include the highways leading to the market town in the county, and in counties where the roads already assumed do not provide such a system, the county should be authorized to improve Act whereby a portion of the roads already assumed shall be transferred to the county, and to the local municipalities in which the same are situated."

Government Should Pay More.

That the proportion to be contributed by the Ontario Government to the construction of county roads be increased to one-half the cost thereof, and in the case of the highways already being appropriated by the postmaster of the Dominion of Canada to be expended by the county, the government should contribute one-third of the cost thereof, and the proportion should increase as the proportion of the cost of the roads increased.

That the government contribute a fair proportion of the annual cost of maintaining the constructed roads in an efficient manner.

That the amount payable for licenses for automobiles and other motor vehicles be increased to a more equitable basis, according to horse-power, weight and use thereof, and the revenue therefrom be placed in a special account to be expended for road repairs only.

That provision be made whereby cities and towns separate from counties for municipal purposes shall contribute to the maintenance of the cost of construction, maintenance and repair of county roads leading to, or adjacent to, and separated from the town.

Utilizing Prison Labor.

That provision be made for the employment of the prisoners in the manufacture of road materials, and where possible, for the construction of highways, and that the government should make an effort be made by the government to secure cheaper freight rates for the shipment of material for the construction of good roads throughout the province.

It was recommended that the act be amended so that the government be authorized to borrow money for good roads purposes, and that the government provide a guarantee for the same.

According to the expressed views of the delegates, the government was bound to contribute more money to the roads, and the farmers wanted the whole control of it. Most of them seemed to be in favor of the government having the whole of the county road system. They wanted the trunk roads running through the province to be under the control of the government, but centres, for which those centres would, help to pay the cost of the roads.

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