

Mr. BOULTON—Because they attempted to steal our land. (Laughter.)

Dr. ORTON—If the Railway Act is sufficient to enable the Credit Valley Railway to get to their water lot, tell us how they will get down to it from Bathurst Street?

Mr. BOULTON—I do not know; I am not to be constituted the legal adviser of the Credit Valley Railway Company. All I can say is that if they take proceedings under the Railway Act, they can get in.

Mr. WHITE—Is the Northern Railway Company satisfied that the Credit Valley Railway should enter Toronto by the route laid down by Mr. Shanly?

Mr. BOULTON—As a matter of fact, and I suppose under the decision of the Privy Council, the Northern Railway cannot refuse it.

Mr. CAMERON (Victoria)—A formal resolution attached to the plan states that they have the right to come in:

Mr. OLIVER—Is this over the Grand Trunk Railway or over the other?

Mr. BOULTON—Partly one and partly the other from Brock Street.

Sir ALBERT SMITH—I do not see what the dispute is about, if you say the Credit Valley Railway can come in and the Grand Railway says they can come in.

Mr. BOULTON—If they are willing to pay compensation for the right of way, we cannot keep them out, but unless they do we will not let them in. Why should they require special legislation for this?

Sir ALBERT SMITH—Suppose the Act is not sufficient to authorise them to come in now, is it not necessary that they should have special legislation?

Mr. BOULTON—I suppose there would be no particular objection to removing any doubt of the power of the General Railway Act to let them in.

Mr. KIRKPATRICK—Did the Credit Valley Railway Company object to Mr. Shanly's route?

Mr. HAGGART—No, they will take either route. They will [either go south of the Grand Trunk Railway or to the north.

Mr. BOULTON—I would just remark, with regard to the statement in the Credit Valley Railway petition that this legislation is necessary, as they are delayed in their improvements, that it is a mis-statement to Parliament, for, if they had the right of way to-morrow, they have no place to go to. They have not expended a single dollar on their ground; they have no station, and they would have to expend a large amount of money before they could provide accommodation.

Sir ALBERT SMITH—Do the Northern Railway Company and the Grand Trunk Railway Company act in concert here now?

Mr. BOULTON—We say that the legislation is not necessary, but we cannot, if the Legislature choose to act in the matter, help ourselves. I do not think there would be any objection on our part to removing any doubt about the right of the Privy Council to grant them an entrance into Toronto. I should not be seriously disposed to oppose that.

Mr. HAGGART—That is all we want.