

Geological Survey, with the object of discovering whether there is a considerable artesian basin from which a supply of water could be depended upon for the ordinary purposes of the farm, and specially for stock-watering in any year. When these tests have been made the Government will consider how and to what extent the water supply can be utilized.

TORONTO SAVINGS BANK AND CHARITABLE TRUST CO.

MOTION.

HON. MR. MCKINDSEY, in the absence of HON. MR. SULLIVAN, moved that the fees, less the printing and other necessary expenses incurred, be remitted to the Toronto Savings Bank and Charitable Trust Company.

HON. MR. POWER—I should like to know from the hon. gentleman if this is really a charitable institution. A private savings bank is not necessarily a charitable association, and the fact that the word "charitable" appears in the name may only mean that this company is empowered to hold the funds of charitable trusts. Of course, if it is a charitable institution the motion is unobjectionable.

HON. MR. MCKINDSEY—I was informed that it was a savings bank in connection with a church.

The motion was agreed to.

OTTAWA, MORRISBURG AND NEW YORK RAILWAY CO.'S BILL.

THIRD READING.

HON. MR. READ (Quinté) moved that the amendments made by the Committee on Railway, Telegraphs and Harbors to Bill (28) "An Act to incorporate the Ottawa, Morrisburg and New York Railway Company," be concurred in. He said: These amendments are all in connection with the Ottawa bridge. In the Bill they ask for power to bridge the Ottawa, but as another company is about receiving a charter for the same purpose, it was thought best to eliminate that part from the Bill, and all these amendments are to have that effect. The chairman of the Railway Committee will correct me if that is not the full object of the amendments.

HON. MR. DICKEY—Yes; that is.

The motion was agreed to.

HON. MR. READ moved that the Bill be now read the third time.

HON. MR. VIDAL moved that section 18 be amended by adding thereto a clause in the words following, viz.:

"It shall be the duty of the directors of the company, out of the first issue of bonds, debentures or other securities on the said railway, to transfer and pay over fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) thereof to the then surviving directors of the present board of the Ottawa, Waddington and New York Railway and Bridge Company, to be by them applied *pro rata* in payment of the present liabilities of the latter company."

He said: I take it for granted that hon. members in this House concur in the view which I entertain with respect to our functions, that one of the most important of the functions allotted to this Senate is the revision of legislation of the other House, which may be so influenced there by party spirit or by any other improper motive as to be considered by us hurtful to the general interests of the community, or as affecting injuriously existing rights. Now, in my opinion the Bill before us does this; therefore, I think it is a matter which should receive the very serious consideration of this House, and should not be adopted without looking carefully into it and seeing if we are not called upon to protect vested rights which are jeopardized by the Bill as it stands. I would beg to remind the House that on two separate occasions our Railway Committee have already protected those vested rights. They have recognized their existence, and on account of those vested rights have twice rejected the very Bill which is now before us for adoption. Surely then we ought to consider whether there is not the same reason why the House ought to take into consideration those vested rights, when its committee, with witnesses before it, looking carefully into all the details, weighing all the evidence which has been submitted, has twice come to the conclusion that those vested rights should be protected by refusing to pass a Bill like the present. It is quite true that the committee has now changed its opinion, not upon those vested rights, I take it, but rather upon this question, that sufficient time has been given to the original company to have