

election would adopt a platform of three cent fare, and he would ask what right the city had to make money out of the fares of the workingmen. If that went what would there be to prevent appeals for election on a two cent fare basis, and in fact one of the present aldermen who voted to submit the by-law alluded to the fact that one of the European cities owned its street railway and carried everybody free without collecting fares at all. And indeed if a city is to own the street railway why differentiate between the police service, the street lighting service, or the fire brigade service, and the street car service? The wide advertising the city would receive from the comparatively few strangers who use the cars would more than pay for

them, and besides every visitor to the city becomes a heavy contributor to the taxes the moment he sets foot within the gates. But there would be no limit to the curiosities of management if the city became the owners and necessarily the managers. Even with the company ownership the relations of the street railway and the city council have been so close as to lead some persons to say that the company owned the council. We do not believe that the present proposal will be endorsed at the polls.

We venture to predict that the company will secure the active co-operation of many persons to advocate the sale as in the public interest, and if the by law is to be defeated some organization against it must be effected.

## *Mr. Ross Wants to Know.*

**T**HE Executive of the Dominion having made itself very busy at the Liberal convention in Toronto Premier Ross has addressed the following questions to that body. Up to the date of writing no reply has been published.

The following are the premier's questions:

"Did they send a written request to the Conservative conference asking them to adopt resolutions closing the bars and abolishing the treating system, etc.?"

"Did they ask the Conservative conference to pass resolutions of any kind for advanced temperance legislation?"

"When they found that the particular clause which they favored in the resolutions adopted by the Liberal convention was rejected on Thursday, did they on Friday, by a deputation or in any other

way, submit such a resolution to the Conservative conference for its approval, and if not, why not?"

"How many members of the alliance, as the invitation was a general one to the public, attended the conference of Conservatives in order to impress the alliance's views on the Conservative party and secure the latter's assent to advanced legislation?"

"How many members of the alliance spoke on the colorless resolution moved by Mr. George at the Conservative conference and demanded advanced legislation?"

"Was the executive of the alliance authorized at a regular meeting of the membership of the alliance to start a new political party as being in the best interests of temperance and prohibition or did they act without authority?"