

NORTH TORONTO.

The St. Germain Revelations

Of the Inside Doings of the Metropolitan Railway Company's Accomplished and Wide-awake Lobbyist, Assisted by his Innocent Dupes.

LETTER NO. 2.

To the Editor of THE LEADER AND RECORDER.

MY DEAR SIR.—As a heavy rate-payer and citizen of North Toronto I return you my sincere thanks for having opened your columns, in the last issue of your paper, for the insertion of my letter, entitled—"Revelation of affairs in the Town of North Toronto." I also am requested, on the part of hundreds of residents and non-resident lot-holders of North Toronto, to convey to you their heart-felt gratitude for the invitation you have extended to me to turn the searchlight of truth upon the persons who have been directly and indirectly responsible for the shameful condition of affairs the citizens of Toronto's northern suburb find themselves confronted with at the present time.

I have made a promise to the principal property holders—resident and non-resident—of North Toronto, to expose the inside doings of the Metropolitan Railway Company's accomplished and wide-awake lobbyist, and his innocent dupes. I now proceed to fulfill my obligation in this respect, and to furnish a connected and comprehensive narrative of the situation we have been placed in through the action of the York County Council, in November last, on the eve of its members giving up the ghost, to make way for the election of a fresh set of Councilors under the new system adopted.

Now, in order to review from the beginning this nefarious transaction, on the part of the Metropolitan Railway Company, of wresting from the Town of North Toronto a valuable franchise, and not receiving anything in return therefor, I will have to start from the November Special Session of the County Council of York, in whose minutes of proceedings, as printed, I find the following reference as to what was done

on the occasion of the introduction and passage of the Resolution.—"That the Council resolve itself into Committee of the Whole to hear the representatives of the Metropolitan Street Railway re extension of time for the completion of their railway to Richmond Hill."—Messrs. C. D. Warren, Harrison, Bewick, the M. R. C. Solicitor, C. C. Robinson, the County Solicitor, and four other gentlemen were allowed to address the Committee, after which the following Resolution was adopted:—

"Resolved, That the Metropolitan Street Railway Company be granted an extension of time to build and operate its line as far as the north end of Richmond Hill Village, and that the Committee on By-laws and Legislation be instructed to bring in a By-law extending such time until May 31st, 1897, such By-law and any agreement that may be executed in pursuance thereof to contain a provision that in case it should be held by any Court of Competent Jurisdiction that this Corporation has not the power to grant such extension, then the said Company shall have no claim against the County, but the same shall be construed and accepted as conferring on them such privileges and powers as this Corporation has power to grant, such By-law and agreement to contain such further conditions and provisions as to the Council may seem proper."

Two of the North Toronto Councilors (who then had seats in the old County Council), moved immediately after the above Resolution was disposed of.—"That it being distinctly understood that the passing of the above By-law shall not operate to extend the franchise of the said Company in so far as the present line extends, namely—from the Canada Pacific Railway Crossing to the present terminus of said Railway (at York Mills Hill)." As this amendment was lost the Reeve, and the two Deputy Reeves, introduced to the Council the following Protest of the Town of North Toronto, against the passing of By-law No. 724, and which reads as follows:—

"The members of the County Council, representing the Municipal Corporation of the Town of North Toronto, hereby protest against the passage of any By-Law, or the execution of any agreement, which may