

of any narrow-gauge charter in this Province.

Mr. SCOTT (Grey) corrected some of the statements of the member for North Huron as to the action of the municipalities in Grey and Bruce, and the proceedings at the railroad meetings. He was not aware that at one of those meetings there was any resolution on the subject of grants of land by the Province.

Mr. GOW regretted that the Secretary should have appealed to the house to upset the decision of the Railway Committee. That committee had had before them some of the ablest engineers in the Province, and had been satisfied by their evidence that there was no good reason for departing from the broad-gauge. It had been shown that the broad-gauge cost very little more in construction, and could be worked from 10 to 50 per cent. cheaper. After such evidence, he was amazed that any member of this house could go for the narrow-gauge. He went on to refer to the history of the Wellington, Grey and Bruce project, to show that its promoters were not sleeping over it, as had been alleged. He thought that charge was more strictly applicable to the people of Toronto, who ceased to have an interest in giving railway facilities to Grey and Bruce, as soon as Guelph became connected with the Great Western; and whose interest in it lay dormant until they were again aroused by seeing other parties take hold of the Wellington, Grey and Bruce project in earnest. That section of country could not sustain two railways, and it would be unfair to grant a charter which would compete with an existing charter in the hands of a company, who had shown their willingness and ability to go through with the work, if not interfered with.

Hon. Mr. CAMERON said that before the discussion proceeded further, if there were any letter written to any member of the House offering any threat, as had been said, it ought to be produced.

Mr. WILSON rose and said he would vote against the Bill. If he were to be interrupted and intimidated as he had been from the galleries, he would move that those galleries be emptied.

Mr. McKIM, in reference to the threats used against a member of the house, said he was the member referred to, but had received no letter on the subject. He had, however, been accosted in the halls of the house by a gentleman whose name was in the charter, and who had endeavoured to intimidate him (Mr. McKim), telling him if he did not go in for the narrow-gauge scheme that it would be made a dear job for him. (Hear, hear) Now he came there to discharge his duty honestly and faithfully, and would not be intimidated or coerced. (Hear). With regard to the bill before the house, he would say, let it pass as it came from committee. Put this road on an equal footing with the Wellington, Grey and Bruce line, and let one have no advantage over the other.

Mr. CRAIG (Glengarry), with reference to a remark by the member for Prescott about the Grand Trunk having used its influence in favour of the Grand Trunk, said he (Mr.