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THE BILL NOT NECESSARY ON SANITARY GROUNDS.

Mr. Kerr said the objects aimed at by the bill were entirely separate from what is required for health. The mayor had stated that if the bill was rejected the city would remedy the evil. The people wanted the city to remedy the evil and retain the land, and not to bring such reclaimed land into competition with vacant land now in the city limits and thus depreciate its value. He repudiated the majority of the Council. He represented a number of ratepayers, and not a rival scheme, while Mr. Blake represented but one scheme. The bill should stand over, and if the mayor did not carry out his proposition to better the sanitation of the bay, it would then be time to consider it. He urged the committee not to endanger the credit of the city by passing such a bill. Let the city remedy the evil and then deal with the property. (Applause.)

Mr. Blake said it was better to pass the bill with such amendments as were thought necessary and then allow the city to pass judgment on something specific.

Mr. Bishop said he never saw a bill so much like the spider and the fly. (Laughter.) He had heard his friend [Mr. Blake] speak before, but he never heard him use so lame an argument.

Mr. Gibson said the committee would be showing its own weakness if it did not incorporate a company with the usual powers. The progress of the negotiations showed that the syndicate was regarded as a bona fide one. They had better pass the bill with sufficient precautions.

Mr. E. F. Clarke said that it was absolutely necessary to do something to improve the sanitary condition of the east end. If the mayor would say that within two days he would present to the Council a recommendation to spend \$15,000 or \$20,000 for drainage he would be willing to adjourn for a couple of days.

Mayor Fleming said he had no hesitation in saying that the Council rather than part with the fee of the land would devote \$10,000 or \$20,000 or whatever was necessary for such a purpose.

THE PREAMBLE ADOPTED.

After some further discussion, Mr. Gibson asked the committee to vote on the preamble, it being understood that the bill would be submitted afterwards to the people. The preamble was adopted almost unanimously, the only member of the committee voting against it being Mr. Bishop.

The bill was then discussed clause by clause. No trouble arose until the third section was reached. Ald. Hallam objected to subsection 1, empowering the company to enter upon lands south of Queen and east of Parliament street, unless this was done with the consent of the owner. The subsection was amended in that regard. Mr. Boswell objected to subsection 3, empowering the company to expropriate land between the line of Parliament street produced south and the eastern terminus of the canal. He represented the Toronto Dry Dock Company, which had leased from the city ten acres, built a dredge and filled in much of their land. It would be ruinous to the dry dock company if Col. Alexander's company was allowed to expropriate this land unless it paid the cost of it. The objection was overruled and the subsection carried.

Mr. John Leys and Mr. Kerr objected to subsection 7, providing that in case of disagreement arbitration should be resorted to under the Municipal Act, and suggested that it should be provided that the company should pay into court a sufficient sum to meet the judgment. Mr. Blake had no objection to the amendment, which was adopted.

Section 4, providing that the works shall be constructed under a commission of three, one appointed by the city, a second by the Dominion of Canada and a third by the company, was amended by substituting the

Lieutenant-Governor in Council instead of the Dominion of Canada the appointer of one commissioner. The decision of a majority of the commission shall be binding, subject to compensation to be made to those injuriously affected. Nothing was settled, however, as to who should pay the commissioners.

Section 6, providing that the company shall not enter upon the marsh lands until it has first agreed with the city and the Ontario Government for the acquisition of the lands, etc., was objected to by Mr. Kerr on the ground that the lands should be leased, not acquired, which was a large word. He also proposed that the act should not go into force unless before January, 1893, it was submitted to the ratepayers and received the support of two-thirds of the electors. After considerable discussion it was decided that the clause should be amended later.

A long discussion took place on section 7, requiring property owners to pay for improvements on the north shore of the canal. It was pointed out that the property owners should not be required to pay for a strip of improvements on the front of the property whereas nothing might be done for the rest. It was proposed that the cost should be chargeable on the improved part only, but Mr. Blake objected that more of the property would be improved than the portion actually filled in. Finally the section was allowed to stand.

Section 8, requiring the engineer of the commission to apportion the costs of work on the north side of the canal, was objected to by the mayor, who pointed out that, as the city did not propose to pay for the commission, the company must, and therefore the engineer would be in the pay of the company really. The clause was allowed to stand. After some discussion upon section 9, regarding the procedure where property owners dispute the amount chargeable, the committee adjourned. The rest of the bill will be considered on Tuesday next.

TO AMEND THE MUNICIPAL ACT.

Mr. Evanturel has given notice of a bill to amend the Municipal Act by reducing from two days to one day the time in which a person nominated for a municipal office may resign. This is done because in many rural districts it is difficult to get the printing of the ballots completed within the week, and the result is that the name of a candidate who has resigned often remains on the ballots.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS.

The Railway Committee will meet at 10 a. m. to-morrow (Thursday), when the Toronto & Mimico Street Railway, the Ontario Ship Railway, and probably the Toronto Street Railway and the Niagara Falls Park & Queenston Electric Railway bills will be taken up. The Private Bills Committee will meet at 10.30 a. m., when the Port Arthur, the Fort William and the Nipissing bills will be considered. The Public Accounts Committee will meet at 10 a. m. and the Printing Committee at 2.30 p. m.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE.

At the meeting of the Public Accounts Committee this morning the examination of Mr. Tracy, bursar of the Toronto Asylum, was resumed as to the manner of making purchases and keeping track of the supplies. Dr. Clark, superintendent of the asylum, was also called and questioned at length by Messrs. Marter, Tracy and Kerns with reference to the special supplies for the officers of the institution. They sought to establish that the quantities of goods used, especially the items of eggs and fruit, for the assistant superintendent were excessive. Dr. Clark and other officials will be called again this morning (Friday) at 10 o'clock.

THE RAILWAY COMMITTEE.

Mr. David Blain's Ontario Ship Railway scheme was again before the Railway Committee this morning. After a long discussion, the committee decided to limit the bonding powers of the company to \$60,000 per mile of single track instead of \$75,000. Mr. Blain refused to accept this amend-