

route of the canal should be put on the same footing as Toronto with regard to the powers to refuse admission except on their own terms as to expropriations. This was defeated by vote. When the clauses of the bill defining the powers of expropriation, diverting of water and power to purchase lots, were reached. Mr. Fraser made a vigorous attempt to limit these powers. He moved several amendments, the most important of which was one making it necessary to secure the consent of local municipalities before any expropriation or diversion of water occurred. Mr. Gibson said this matter had been very thoroughly discussed in committee. The amendment was a vital one. He thought it should be given notice of and moved on the third reading. Mr. Fraser said it was unreasonable that the Towns of Barrie and Orillia, for instance, should have nothing to say on the question of this aqueduct, but that it should rest simply with the County Council. Mr. Gibson said the places mentioned, right on the shores of Lake Simcoe, would not be affected at all. He thought the

general municipality would be protected by the County Council. Mr. Meredith suggested a modification of the amendment to the effect that when a municipality refused its consent to the wishes of the company the matter should be left in the hands of the Lieutenant-Governor. After some discussion Mr. Gibson agreed to some such amendment on the third reading.

A good deal of discussion took place as to what further means could be taken still further to bind down the company to begin work and make an actual outlay of cash. Mr. Fraser contended that the bill as it stood was by no means strong. Several expedients were proposed, and finally a sub-section was inserted that the sums previously stipulated should not be regarded as paid until the Commissioner of Public Works issues a certificate that the money has been expended. Another amendment was proposed by Mr. E. F. Clarke to the effect that no contract shall be entered into until the surveys are made. The Provincial Secretary promised to consider the proposition.

The Hamilton radial electric bill was passed and the committee rose.

NO SATURDAY SITTING.

The Attorney-General proposed that the House should sit to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock and hold morning sessions every day next week until prorogation. Mr. Meredith said there was serious objection to sitting on Saturday if it could be avoided. He thought it would not matter very much so far as the date of closing next week was concerned.

In deference to Mr. Meredith's objection the House will not sit to-morrow morning, but the Public Accounts Committee will sit at 10 o'clock, and remain in session all day.