

creditors proving their claims under the assignments and preferences act, or a creditor may assign his security to the administrator and rank as an unsecured creditor for the full amount of the debt on the estate.

LONDON OR BRANTFORD.

There was an immense attendance at the Private Bills Committee this morning in anticipation of a lively discussion over the bill relating to the City of London, and especially with regard to a clause respecting a reduction of the assessment on the Grand Trunk property, if they should move their shops there from Brantford.

Before taking that bill up, the bill respecting the Land Security Company was dealt with. Mr. J. K. Kerr appeared before the committee and stated that there was no objection from the shareholders to the bill. Forty dollars has been paid up on each share, and they have made an additional call of \$10 a share, and other calls may be necessary in order to meet their English debentures which are maturing, as they cannot readily dispose of their property. The Chairman states that while such legislation was new in Ontario, it was not new in England. The bill passed the committee.

Mr. Kerns' bill to enable the trustees of Knox Church, Acton, to sell certain lands and acquire others, also passed.

Mr. T. G. Meredith City Solicitor of London, briefly explained the first few clauses of the London bill. The first clause provided that the city of London could by by-law assess the Grand Trunk property at \$275,000 for a period of ten years, and under certain conditions exempt them from local improvement rates for the same period. It also provided for the confirmation of an agreement between London and the Company, which provided for a bonus of \$100,000 to the Company. Mr. Meredith contested the statement made in a circular distributed by the City of Brantford to the effect that the granting of a bonus was against the well-known policy of the Legislature. He said the Legislature had always given power to grant bonuses.

The Chairman asked if any one was present on behalf of the Grand Trunk, but no one answered.

Hon. Mr. Hardy made a long and eloquent address on behalf of the City of Brantford. He said he was not acting with any hostility to London, but was always trying to see that London got what she was entitled to. The bill goes further, however, he thought, than what was announced in the House, when it seemed to be merely granting power to London to rebuild their car shops. But they were seeking to absorb the shops of another municipality. It became a very grave matter when they sought to take a shop worth hundreds of thousands of dollars and to throw four hundred men out of employment. Mr. Hardy quoted from the agreement between the City of Brantford and the G.T.R., wherein they had contracted to "keep erected," and contended that that meant for all time. He also claimed that the bill as framed was not binding, as Brantford was not mentioned in the preamble. Mr. Hardy also quoted several decisions to prove his contention that the shops were established in perpetuity. Continuing, he said that not a man wanted to make a change. They had all become settled and spent \$150,000 a year in the city. There was no question of politics in the matter at all, as had been asserted in some quarters.

Mr. Meredith, in reply, said the company could become released of their obligation to the city by paying \$32,500, and Sir Rivers Wilson, the new G.T.R. president, had reported that London was better situated for the purposes of the company.

Mayor Elliott of Brantford, Mayor Little of London and ex-Mayor Henry of Brantford concluded the discussion. The question was put, whether any portion of the bill referring to the G. T. R. and the two cities should be included? On the yeas and nays being called that portion of the bill, viz., clauses 1, 2, 3, 4 and 27, was defeated by a vote of 36 to 19.

The balance of the bill, with the exception of that part relating to the sewage, which was passed, was referred to the Municipal Committee.

THE GAME LAWS.

Mr. H. K. Smith, one of the Provincial Game Wardens, residing at Belleville, was before the Public Accounts Committee this morning, and was examined by Dr. Willoughby as to the efficiency of the game laws in his district. He said that the laws were be-

ing better enforced, which was partly due to the sentiment among the people in favor of preserving the game of the province, and especially deer. As regards ducks, the spring duck shooting had become scarce, owing to frequent convictions. Some better regulations were needed in the St. Lawrence flats to stop the system of killing ducks by means of floating blinds. The Deputy Game Wardens were inactive throughout the Province, partly because there was not enough remuneration in it, and because it was hard to get evidence enough to lead to a conviction.

Smith's examination occupied the whole of the time of the meeting.

A RAILWAY DEPUTATION.

The following gentlemen composed a deputation who waited on the Government after the House rose this afternoon:—Mayor Thorburn and Deputy Reeve Drynan of Almonte, and Messrs. J. R. Rosamond, J. M. Rosamond, D. Shaw, Robt. Cameron, W. H. Stafford, D. M. Fraser, M. J. McFarlane, Joseph Ainley and W. P. McEwen. Messrs. Thorburn, Fraser and others addressed the Ministers and asked for a subsidy of \$3,200 a mile for the Carp, Almonte & Lanark Railway, and particularly eleven miles of it, which they wish to have completed this year. The total length of the road is to be 51 miles, commencing at Carp, in Carleton, and running to Bridgewater, in Hastings County, and passing through Frontenac and Addington.

NOTES.

The Railway Committee held a meeting this morning and passed the bills relating to the Lincoln Radial Electric Railway, the London Street Railway and the Ontario and Belmont Railway.