

published in the evening or morning papers. All I can say, as far as the Cabinet is concerned, is that it has never been made known to them that this is Mr. Gibson's intention. I believe he is to arrive in town this afternoon, and I apprehend he will be found filling his chair in the Department of Crown Lands as heretofore."

A Denial by Mr. Gibson.

Hon. J. M. Gibson, who returned to the city at four o'clock, was seen last evening at his office, and questioned in regard to the truth of the report. He said:—"There is not the faintest suspicion of truth in the statement that I am going to resign. I am not wedded to politics absolutely, but I have not the slightest intention of retiring from the Government."

"Are you feeling in better health?"

"Yes, quite restored. I shall begin my duties as chairman of the Private Bills Committee this week, and we may be able to report a few bills that are sufficiently advanced to allow us to do so."

Overcrowding of Cars.

Mr. Crawford introduced his bill to regulate the overcrowding of street railway cars, the provisions of which are as follows:—

1. Every person on a street railway car shall be prima-facie entitled to a seat.

2. Should the cars be so overcrowded as to prevent such passenger having a seat, then the passenger not receiving his proper seat shall be entitled (if a ticket-holder, or if he pays his fare in cash) to demand and receive from the conductor in charge of the car in which such passenger is standing, a ticket entitling him to a seat in any car, on the same route, during the same hours of any other day, or at his option, if a ticket-holder, he may tear his ticket into two parts as nearly as practicable, and use one part for that trip, and the other part of the ticket shall be good for a standing trip any future time when the cars shall be so crowded that he shall be unable to receive his proper seat, such half ticket being good only during the same hours as the whole ticket would have been good.

3. No person shall be refused the right to admission in any car on its regular route, at any regular stopping place, provided there is reasonable standing room for such passenger on such car.

4. The street railway company, where officer or conductor fails or refuses to comply with any of the requirements of this Act, shall forfeit the sum of one hundred dollars, to be recovered before any court of competent jurisdiction.

5. The provision of section two of this Act shall not apply to the night service of the street railway, where passengers are obliged under the rules thereof to pay increased fare; nor shall the said provisions apply during the period in which any agricultural or industrial exhibit shall be held within the municipality in which the street railway is situate, nor on any public holiday observed by such municipality.

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HON. MR. GIBSON NOT TO RETIRE.

The Report That He Would
Do So is Untrue.

OVERCROWDING OF CARS.

Provisions of the Bill Introduced by
Mr. Thomas Crawford in the
Legislature Yesterday.

A sensational rumour in an evening paper, predicting Hon. J. M. Gibson's retirement from the Cabinet, was denied yesterday afternoon by Hon. A. S. Hardy. The denial was elicited by Mr. Whitney, who, speaking in the Legislature, said:—"A statement has just been put in my hands to the effect that an evening paper asserts that Hon. J. M. Gibson is about to resign his position in the Government. I have not seen the statement in question, but perhaps the leader of the Government will say whether it is true or not?"

Mr. Hardy replied as follows:—"I have not heard of the matter to which the hon. gentleman alludes myself, but then I do not profess to always be as far advanced as to know all the things