

6. This Act shall only apply to railways in cities whose population at the last official census was over 100,000 inhabitants.

Mr. Wardell (Con., North Wentworth) introduced a bill to amend the Assessment Act. The object is to enable a county judge when trying an appeal from the Court of Revision in the county in which he resides, and the amount involved is over \$10,000, to be paid the same as other judges who come from outside counties.

U. E. Loyalist Grant.

A deputation from the United Empire Loyalists' Association waited upon the Government yesterday afternoon and asked for an increase in the grant given towards the publication of the reports of the proceedings of the society from \$150 to \$200. The reason given for the increase is that the society has considerably increased in numbers, and has now several offshoots. The demand for copies of its transactions has also grown. A favourable response was returned by Mr. Hardy to the application of the deputation.

Opposed to the Bill.

Mr. Guibord (Lib., Russell) yesterday presented a petition from manufacturers and employers of labour in Tavistock — Mr. Andrew Pattullo's county — asking that Mr. Crawford's bill to amend the Workmen's Compensation Act be not allowed to pass on the following among other grounds:—"That the proposed amendment is unreasonable and unjust to the employer, that it is a menace to the rights of the employer in his relation to the employe, that it is more than the employe can reasonably ask for or justly claim, and that it is not being urged on the solicitation of the employed."

A petition presented by Mr. MacDonald (Glengarry) asks for the confirmation of the by-law passed by the town of Cornwall granting the Canadian Coloured Cotton mills exemption from taxation for ten years.

New Pulp Company.

A petition was presented by Mr. German (Lib., Welland) praying for the incorporation of the Thunder Bay Pulp and Manufacturing Company. The promoters include business men of Port Arthur and Fort William, and Mr. Hugh Blain, of Toronto. The capital stock is \$1,000,000, and besides the manufacture of pulp it is desired to engage in various other enterprises.

Through J. J. Foy, member for South Toronto, the Trades and Labour Council yesterday drew attention to the unjust provisions of the assessment law relating to the assessment of the plant of electric light, telegraph, and telephone companies, and asking for the appointment of a commission to enquire into the whole subject. A petition from Mayflower Division, Knights of Labour, and two petitions, handed in by Dr. Jessop from St. Catharines, were similar in tenor.

New Line to Mattawa.

A petition presented by Dr. R. A. Pyne yesterday contained an application from Senator Cox, W. H. Prowse,

C. J. Campbell, J. W. Flavelle, J. J. Gartshore, W. H. Lockhart Gordon, John Hoskin, Eugene O'Keefe, Elias Rogers, J. S. Locke, to be incorporated as a company in order to build a new line from Haliburton to Mattawa, via Whitney, on the Ottawa, Arnprior, and Parry Sound railway.

Mr. E. B. Douglas and others, of Philadelphia, are asking for legislation to enable them to construct a railway from Sault Ste. Marie to Michipicoten.

The San Jose Scale.

Hon. Mr. Dryden yesterday afternoon introduced his bill to take further measures against the spread of the San Jose scale. As was hinted in The Mail and Empire some days ago, the bill will require all nursery stock, whether grown in the country or imported, to be fumigated with hydrocyanic acid gas, which is extremely poisonous. The object is not only to destroy the San Jose scale, but all insect life, the official view being that the nurseries are the breeding-grounds of these pests. In case of the discovery of a scale in nursery stock, the nurseryman is to be notified that he must not permit any of the stock to be disposed of until two inspectors have made a full examination, and reported that it is safe to do so. A third provision permits the removal of clumps of trees which are evidently infested without having to make an individual examination of each tree, as was necessary before.