

eral gave full and clear answers to the series of questions propounded. He informed the House that the company has not proceeded with the work, as provided by the agreement, although they have expended \$45,000 in preliminary preparations and work of a tentative nature, and \$150,000 in rent. Respecting the intention of the Government, the reply was that it is the intention of the Government, in case of default upon the part of the company in any case, to do all acts and take all proceedings necessary to declare the sole use of the waters of the Niagara River within the limits of the park at an end as soon as the law allows. The return of the returning officer for West Elgin showed that in every division the person appointed as deputy returning officer was a resident of the riding, and that the man appointed acted, with one exception, in which, owing to illness of the man appointed, another person acted, but was not appointed by the returning officer.

The budget debate was resumed by Mr. J. R. Stratton, who ably and vigorously defended the Government, and had not nearly concluded when the debate was adjourned.

New Bills.

Among the many measures introduced were bills having the following objects:—

Mr. Brower—Providing that three members of the Educational Council shall be school teachers.

Mr. Mutrie—That the municipal financial year shall close on the 1st of December and the audit be made up to that date before the 10th. The auditor's abstract of accounts and detailed statement to be published and read at the nomination in lieu of the one now issued by the Council.

Mr. Brower—To prevent the granting of permits and district certificates to teachers by inspectors.

Mr. German—To prohibit the practising of veterinary surgery by anyone not registered as a member of the Veterinary College.

Mr. German—To enable Councils in lieu of taxing personal property of merchants to impose a turnover tax based on the business of the preceding year.

Mr. Marter—To do away with exemptions on lands held by universities and colleges, but not in actual use by them; on church sites and grounds used in connection therewith, on the sites of incorporated seminaries of learning, to vary the Toronto assessment roll by inserting in the second column the names of the occupant, or, if vacant, the letters N L and other particulars in the roll. Also to declare that the ways, rails, poles, wires, gas and other pipes, substructures, superstructures and other plant, and appliances belonging to the street railways, telegraph, telephone, gas and electric light, water and other similar companies be taxable in the municipality in which they are situate. The amendment also seeks to remove the exemption on the personal property of companies, such as gas, water, plank or gravel roads, railway and tram roads, harbors or other works requiring the

investment of the capital of the company in real estate. Distress not to extend for Toronto taxes on any other property than the property taxed.

Canadian Niagara Power Co.

Mr. German asked the following questions in regard to the agreement of the Canadian Niagara Power Co.:—

(1) Has the Canadian Niagara Power

Company proceeded so far with its work as provided by clause ten of the agreement with the commissioners of the Queen Victoria Niagara Falls Park made the 7th day of April, 1892, as to have completed water connections for the development of 25,000 horsepower and to have ready for use, supply and transmission 10,000 developed horsepower?

(2) Has the Canadian Niagara Power Company performed any work under its agreement with the commissioners of the Queen Victoria Niagara Falls Park made the 7th day of April, 1892, and if so, to what extent?

(3) Has the Canadian Niagara Power Company submitted its plans for approval to the commissioners or to the Government, and if so, has such approval been given?

(4) Has the Canadian Niagara Power Company or anyone on its behalf applied to the park commissioners or to the Government for a change in any plans, etc., filed and submitted under the provisions of clause 14 of said agreement, and if so, has permission to make such change been granted or promised?

(5) Has the Canadian Niagara Power Company or anyone on its behalf applied to the park commissioners or the Government for any extension of time for the completion of its works under said agreement, and if so, has any extension of such time been granted, or has any promise or intimation been made or given to the company or to anyone on its behalf that such time would be extended?

(6) Has the Canadian Niagara Power Company been notified by the park commissioners or the Government that the stipulations of clause ten of said agreement will have to be fully complied with not later than the first day of November, 1899, and in default thereof that the said agreement will no longer be considered in force, and if not, will the Government give such notice, or cause such notice to be given by the park commissioners?

(7) Has the Canadian Niagara Power Company been notified by the park commissioners or the Government that if default under clause thirteen of said agreement continues until the first day of November, 1899, that the said agreement and the liberties, licenses, powers and authorities thereby granted and every one of them will be forfeited, and if not, will the Government give such notice?

(8) If the Canadian Niagara Power Company has failed to complete by November 1, 1899, a development with water connections for twenty-five thousand horsepower, and having ready for supply and transmission ten thousand horsepower, will the Government declare or cause the park commissioners to declare the said agreement to be no longer in force?