

cillors Evans and Pugsley presented the arguments on behalf of the county, which opposed the separation, and Mr. W. A. Werrett, Mayor J. S. Davis and Councillor W. G. Ellis spoke for the Town of North Toronto. The contention of the representatives for the town is that the county has treated the town unfairly in many respects, especially in imposing upon it the entire cost of the maintenance of Yonge street. As the result of a compromise following arbitration, an agreement was arrived at by which the town was to contribute \$880 per annum to the county, instead of \$1,600, as formerly. The rate-payers of the town by sixty majority voted in favor of separation, and are now awaiting the proclamation necessary to give effect to their request.

On behalf of the county it was urged that it was contrary to public policy to allow small municipalities to go out from the county, that the town had been treated the same as other municipalities and had no grievance, and, thirdly, that the town had not the required population to constitute it a town, although it had been so denominated by special act.

The Attorney-General informed the deputation that the Government would be compelled to carry out the law as it stands, that careful examination of the law would be made, and if it was found that the town had the right to separate, there would be no option but to issue the proclamation.
