

Board of Trade Supports It.

A deputation from the Toronto Board of Trade will wait upon the Government on Friday at 2.30 and support the application for a subsidy to the Ontario, Hudson Bay & Western Railway Company.

A Bridge Over the Ottawa.

Messrs. J. W. Curry, Savage and Barry, representing the Great Northern Railway Company, waited upon the Government this afternoon and asked for a grant in aid of the construction of a bridge over the Ottawa River between Hawkesbury and Grenville. The bridge is intended to form part of a short railway route from Parry Sound to Quebec, which, it is claimed, will greatly reduce the journey from Duluth to Liverpool. The deputation, who were accompanied by Speaker Evanturel and other eastern members, were subjected to questions which seemed to suggest a doubt as to the advisability of subsidizing an undertaking that would carry trade past Ontario.

Railway Subsidies Asked For.

The Government was this afternoon asked to grant a subsidy of \$3,000 a mile for the first ten miles of the Bruce Mines & Algoma Railway, and a similar amount for the first ten miles of the Worthington & Onaping Railway. Both railways are intended to promote the development of important mineral deposits.

Municipal Committee.

The Municipal Committee continues to make good progress under the able and experienced direction of the Attorney-General. This morning Mr. Macnish's bill seeking to raise the exemption on personal income from \$700 to \$1,000 went by the board, as did also a bill authorizing City Councils to exercise the power of Police Commissioners. Mr. Richardson's bill proposing to exclude a town separating from a county from any share of the assets of the latter was not favorably regarded. The St. Thomas bill, providing that in the case of the construction of boundary bridges the amount to be raised without submitting the question to the ratepayers shall not exceed \$10,000 in cities under 21,000 population, and \$20,000 in cities between 20,000 and 100,000 population, was passed, as was also Mr. Stratton's bill putting farmers' sons in the same position as owners' sons in regard to statute labor.

Speaker's At Home.

Mr. Speaker Evanturel entertained the members of the Legislature and a large number of prominent citizens to a "smoker" and "at home" in his chambers to-night. A very enjoyable time was spent, all appreciating the Speaker's bounteous hospitality. Numerous songs, recitations and stories were given, and the evening passed most pleasantly.
