

Mr. Munro Grier, for the Board of Trade, opposed the bill, as did also Messrs. Elias Robers, Alan Thompson, and Mr. Steele, of Steele & Briggs Company.

#### The Premier's Views Prevail.

Hon. Mr. Hardy said he was keenly alive to the operation of business which ultimately became a great monopoly, crushing out individual and private concerns. If the bill were confined to that class of business, and so elaborated that the Government would not be relegating any of its powers to other bodies, then he would be prepared to go further in support of it than he could at the present time. By passing the proposed measure the House would be authorizing municipalities to pick out particular businesses or industries, place a high tax on one and a low one on the other. It was a departure requiring the most careful consideration. He thought the bill should be submitted to a committee of the House, who would, during the next session, give it their earnest consideration, hearing from all classes affected, and so amend the measure as to deal equitably with all. It was a measure which should go from the Legislature to the municipalities, and not come from the latter to the House. The Premier's suggestion was adopted.

#### Court of Revision.

Mayor Shaw and City Solicitor Caswell had an interview with Hon. Mr. Hardy to-night in regard to the provision in the municipal amendment act providing that Boards of Trade shall be represented on Courts of Revision. They pointed out to the Premier that the present system under which the Mayor selects one member of the court and the Council a second, the third being the official arbitrator, works satisfactorily.

#### Toronto Hotel Bill.

Mr. Foy will make another attempt to fix the assessment of the Toronto Hotel Company for a period of ten years at \$360,000 per annum, and the water rates at 5 cents for each 1,000 gallons.

#### Rosedale Valley Road.

Mr. Garrow intends to move to refer the City of Toronto bill back to committee in order to provide that although the Rosedale Valley road by-law may be registered by the city, it shall not affect pending litigation, and appeal in the case of Henderson v. the city, or in the action of Mr. Mortimer Clark v. Mary Callender Thompson et al.

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