

W. S. Herrington, the Crown Attorney of Lennox and Addington, headed the deputation of mill owners, which included E. W. Benjamin, Alfred Knight and B. S. O'Loughlin.

Diversity of opinions were plentiful as to the value of the property along the river below the dam. Mr. Whiting said that, while years ago there were fifteen mills along the river, now there were but two or three. Mr. Herrington, on the other hand, said that he represented no less than thirty-two manufacturers and mill-owners, the aggregate value of their property being \$1,000,000. The dispute between the two parties became greatly complicated, and the members of the committee refused to side with either. The report of Robert McCallum, the Government Engineer, which was to the effect that the disadvantages of the dam could be obviated by a cutting through the rock of the river bed, was read, but no chance of a settlement was in sight until the Chairman advised an arbitration. Mr. Whiting said that he felt that his clients could not stand the burden of an expensive arbitration, but the Attorney-General suggested that each party pay the costs of one arbitrator, and divide the cost of the third, so that there would be an incentive to both to close the matter as early as possible. Further discussion of the bill was postponed until Wednesday next.

A deputation of mining men from Sudbury waited upon the Government yesterday and raised objection to the new regulations requiring that nickel and copper shall be manufactured in Canada. The ground of objection was that the processes of refining nickel now in operation in this country are still in the experimental stage, and until their success has been established it would be an injury to the mining interests and prevent the investment of capital by outsiders to place any embargo on nickel. The deputation did not raise any objection to the bonussing of Ontario refiners, but would like to see that done, if possible. The miners were introduced by Messrs. James Conmee, M.P.P., and Loughrin, M.P.P., and included Messrs. W. H. Holland; J. Turner, Secretary of the Canadian Copper Company; D. O'Connor, Baker, Board of Trade, and Clarke.

Mr. Dryden Chairman.

The Railway Committee met and organized yesterday. Hon. John Dryden was re-elected Chairman on the motion of Mr. Farwell. A bill was reported authorizing the Manitoulin & North Shore Railway Company to construct a railway for one hundred miles north from Little Current, and eastward from a point named Drury to Sudbury; also to run a railway from Little Current to Meaford, via Owen Sound and Wiarton. The company may operate the railway by steam or electricity in the unsettled districts. The line will be operated by ferries between Manitoulin Island and the main land.

Parliamentary Notes.

Mr. Matthew Currey of the Attorney-General's Department yesterday received a box from Private Cecil Mackenzie of the Royal Canadian Regiment

containing souvenirs of the war. Among the articles were one of the chocolate boxes sent by her Majesty to the troops, a Boer tobacco pouch, an ostrich feather and several cartridges.

Messrs. J. A. Auld, South Essex; S. L. Pardo, West Kent, and F. F. Pardee, West Lambton, waited upon Hon. Mr. Ross yesterday and urged the appointment of a permanent drainage referee. Mr. B. M. Britton, M.P., of Kingston used to occupy the position, but since his election to the Dominion Parliament Mr. Hodgins, Master-in-Ordinary, has temporarily filled the position.

Mr. Pardee, member for West Lambton, received a telegram from the Sarnia Gun Club protesting against any change in the present open season for quail, which extends from October 15 to December 15.

Pulp Dues Advanced.

As announced would be the case, the Government has fixed the dues on pulpwood cut on Crown lands at 40 cents per cord. The order is to take effect on the beginning of the next license year, May 1. At present the rate is 20 cents per cord, and the advance will bring the dues up to the amount of those in effect in Quebec and New Brunswick.