

that these expenditures are manipulated in the interest of the Government.

Bringing the Company to Time.

The sub-committee appointed to deal with the penal clause of the city's bill in relation to the Toronto Street Railway Company met yesterday afternoon and agreed upon a provision to take the place of that proposed. This declares that in case either the city or the corporation brings an action to compel the performance or restrain the violation of any of the railway company's obligations, the court shall inquire into the nature and extent of such breach of contract, and shall make such order as it may deem necessary in the interests of justice, and may enforce the same by order or injunction of the court.

'Game Dealers' Licenses.

The Attorney-General will propose a resolution to the House requiring hunters of moose, reindeer or cariboo to take out a license, and imposing certain fees on game dealers. The amount to be paid by the hunters referred to is not mentioned, but the game dealers' license will be: In cities over 100,000, \$25 each; in other cities over 50,000, \$10; in other cities and incorporated towns, \$5; and in villages and townships, \$1.

A Big Printing Job.

The Government are effecting a large reduction in expenditure by cutting down the size of the departmental reports and other literature which is yearly printed and distributed. Evidently Mr. Carscallen of Hamilton is not in sympathy with this policy, for he has given notice of two resolutions which will add enormously to the printing bill which the Province has to pay. Mr. Carscallen wants all questions propounded in the House and answers given to be printed in the votes and proceedings, and this is to apply to questions and answers as far back as August 1, 1898. Furthermore, Mr. Carscallen asks for the printing of all orders in Council relating to the administration of public affairs in Ontario which have been passed during the last fifteen years.

Metropolitan Railway Connection.

A sub-committee of the Railway Committee of the Legislature yesterday morning decided that the Metropolitan Railway Company might use the 1,200 feet of city street necessary for them to make connection with the C.P.R., subject to such terms as may be agreed upon with the City Council, and that in the event of a disagreement there shall be reference to arbitration.

The offer was made by the company to withdraw the provision that they should connect at various points in York County with other railways, but they insisted upon being able to make a junction with the C.P.R. at North Toronto.

Mr. Hill, who vigorously championed the interests of the County of York, assisted by Mr. Richardson, firmly opposed the right of the C.P.R. to use freight cars on Yonge street. It would, he said, depreciate every foot of property between Toronto and Newmarket. He had no objection, however, to the company being allowed

to transport milk cans and light freight.

Mr. Marter protested against the company being allowed to use any portion of the streets of Toronto except on such conditions as might be prescribed by the City Council. In this course he was actively supported by Mr. Graham of Brockville.

Mr. German urged that the company be allowed to make the connection, subject to an agreement between the company and the city, and if they could not agree there should be a reference to arbitration.

Hon. Mr. Davis recognized the principle that municipalities should control their own streets, but said that the right sought for in this case ought to be a matter of arrangement between the city and the company. The carrying of freight by the Metropolitan Company was stipulated for in the first place by the County Council. The present application ought to go through, subject to the approval by the County Council of the number and character of the freight and cars and of the motor car to be used.

Toronto Bills Deferred.

The Private Bills Committee will hold yet one more session to-day, when the Toronto bills will be taken up. This morning the remaining two sections of the Toronto Junction bill were disposed of.

The application to be allowed to exempt manufacturing establishments from taxation was limited so as to provide only for the renewal of existing exemptions. The proposal to confirm all tax sales made by the municipality was modified to apply only to those made prior to 1899.

The committee reported a bill from the City of Stratford, asking for authority to guarantee a mortgage of \$30,000 to aid Mr. George McLagan, a furniture manufacturer of that city, in rebuilding his factory, which was destroyed by fire some six weeks ago.

Assent was also given to an application from the Town of Strathroy to legalize a bonus of \$6,500 granted to the Paine Upholstering Company, respecting which doubts have arisen.

A by-law of the Town of Wiarton, granting a bonus of \$800 a year for six years to the Wiarton Sugar Manufacturing Co., received validation. By the by-law the company is also granted exemption from taxes for ten years, and a site for their factory, to cost \$400.

Central Prison Affairs.

The Public Accounts Committee mustered a quorum yesterday and investigated several matters. Inspector Noxon and Accountant J. O. Anderson gave evidence regarding Central Prison accounts. Mr. Noxon was unable to confirm Colonel Matheson's information that the Independent Cordage Company, who operate the rope plant at the Central, were importing binder twine free of duty and then manufacturing it into rope.

A number of outstanding accounts due the prison were inquired into. The Massey-Harris Company, it was shown, owed a balance of \$1,592 out of an account of \$27,500 for twine bought in 1895, which they objected to paying on the ground of inferior quality. Mr.