

not more than 40 acres, which was shown to be valuable in iron ore, the owner might be required, upon the report of the inspector or other officer, to make development to an extent of 2,000 tons yearly for a period of ten years, or 20,000 tons in a shorter period of time, or any less amount which the mining inspector might recommend. This was amended by inserting a line that the development would be enforced where the mine could be worked at a profit and the ore shipped.

The other clauses were adopted and the bill was reported with amendments.

Railway Resolutions.

The railway subsidy resolutions granting various amounts aggregating \$251,400 went through committee, and were carried on division, the understanding being arrived at to have the discussion when the resolutions are introduced in the form of a bill.

Mr. Brown's Bill Suffers.

Mr. Brown's bill to reunite the North and South ridings of Perth County for the purpose of registration of titles met its death at the hands of the committee. Mr. Monteith (South Perth), Mr. Whitney and the Premier spoke against it, and the committee rose without reporting it.

High School Bill Withdrawn.

In view of the strong opposition to it, Mr. Richardson withdrew his bill to provide that a town separated from a county should contribute the same amount for high school purposes as though it were not separate.

The Scott Charges.

Mr. Charlton presented the report of the committee appointed to inquire into the charges of fraud against the late Thomas Scott. The committee, having found it impossible to deal with the matter this session, recommended that all papers and documents in the possession of the Government be referred to two Judges of the Supreme Court of Judicature to be named by the Attorney-General.

Mining and Smelting Powers.

In committee on the bill incorporating the Camp Bay and Crow Lake Railway an amendment was added giving the company mining and smelting powers in the districts through which the railways will run.

The Stolen Debentures.

The Attorney-General announced the terms of an agreement which had been arrived at in the case of a bill to enable the redemption of debentures of the Town of Bracebridge and the Township of Stephenson, which were stolen from a bank in Bracebridge. No trace has been found of the debentures in question, which were held by Mr. Richard J. Lance, and the municipalities now wish to make payment to that gentleman. The agreement, which will be embodied in the bill, provides that the theft of the debentures shall be made known publicly, and if they have not turned up twelve months after the date of maturity the municipalities may recoup Mr. Lance.

The Bonusing Power.

In committee on the municipal amendment act, containing the amendments to the municipal act made during the session, Mr. Whitney objected to limiting the amount of bonus which a municipality might grant to 10 per cent. of its annual revenue. He said the effect of this would be to prevent a small municipality from granting a bonus, and suggested that the limit be fixed at 20 per cent.

Mr. Hoyle (North Ontario) suggested that the bill be made applicable to municipalities which were now submitting bonus by-laws to the people, and also that all bonus by-laws passed since the 1st of February be brought under its operation.

The Attorney-General pointed out that such a clause would need to be carefully framed. He advised Mr. Hoyle to prepare one and submit it when the bill came up for third reading.

Aldermanic Qualification.

Hon. Mr. Stratton objected to an amendment requiring aldermanic candidates to file a declaration on the day of nomination or the day following that they possess the necessary qualifications; otherwise they would be considered out of the running.

The Attorney-General did not think the matter was of any very great importance, but the Municipal Committee had reported in its favor in order to make it clear that Aldermanic candidates should have the necessary qualifications.

The clause was struck out.

Appointment of Auditors.

Some objection was taken to the clause providing for a city appointing one of the auditors where it forms part of the county for judicial purposes and pays part of the expenses of the administration of justice. Hon. Mr. Gibson pointed out that the clause was only reasonable, as there were instances where the city paid twice as much as the county, yet had no voice in the selection of auditors. The clause passed.

Exempting Smelting Works.

Mr. Pattullo objected to a clause exempting smelting works from taxation for a period not longer than twenty years, except as to school taxes, subject to the assent of one-third of the ratepayers entitled to vote, as well as the assent of a majority of the ratepayers voting on the by-law. He said that having adopted a general law with regard to bonuses, there was no need to begin at once to deviate from it.

The clause was, however, carried.

On the motion of Mr. Mutrie an amendment was added providing that in towns with a population of less than 6,000 the Council shall consist of six members, excluding the Mayor, instead of five, as at present. This is to prevent the possibility of a deadlock, which frequently occurs under the present law.

A Fourth Controller.

Mr. Foy drew attention to the fact that the abolition of the double vote of the Mayor of Toronto on the Board