

of the original Provincial corporation of the order were vested in the Dominion corporation. The sanction of the Ontario Legislature should have been obtained to this, and the bill provides that this shall be deemed to have taken place in the year mentioned. Another clause provides that the powers of the order in regard to holding land shall be increased from \$20,000 to \$30,000. There was no opposition to any of the bills.

### Natural Gas in Essex.

Messrs. McKee and Auld had another interview with the Government yesterday regarding natural gas matters, which is a live question in Essex County. Owing to the immense quantity of natural gas being exported to Detroit, Mich., the pressure is so low during zero weather that the Essex County users are frozen out. They ask the Government to take steps to remedy the whole matter so that the natural gas may be retained for the use of the people of this Province. The Government is looking into the question.

### Glengarry Roads.

Messrs. Archibald McArthur, E. M. Dingwell and Major D. M. Robertson waited upon the Government yesterday and asked on behalf of the united Counties of Glengarry, Stormont and Lunenburg a grant for the improvement of the Bondette River in Glengarry. That part of the river flowing through the county overflows the banks in the spring time, inundating the surrounding country and causing considerable damage.

### Historical Society's Grant.

A large deputation, representing the Ontario Historical Society, waited on Premier Ross at noon yesterday and asked that the grant to the society for the publication of historical documents be increased from \$500 to \$1,000 per year, and also that the Government give a small grant, say \$1,000, to be expended in the erection of memorial tablets on historic spots throughout the Province. There were present: Messrs. J. H. Coyne, President, St. Thomas; C. C. James, Vice-President; G. R. Pattullo, Woodstock; G. G. S. Lindsey, K.C., Toronto; Messrs. McKee, McKay, Pardee, Preston, Pattullo, Auld, Russell, Browne, Richardson and Graham, M.P.P.'s.