

porated some company by special act to construct turnpike roads, telegraph lines, harbors, locks, dams or any other work mentioned in its clauses. Assuming that some special acts to which this bill might apply might be passed in the future, there was no reason why such conditions as the House saw fit to attach should not be included. The bill came nearer to clap-trap than any he had heard for many long years. It was not applicable to any case now, and probably would not be for twenty years.

The Division.

The amendment was carried on the following division:—

Yeas—Auld, Aylesworth, Barber, Beatty (Parry Sound), Blezard, Breithaupt, Bridgland, Brown, Burt, Caldwell, Carpenter, Charlton, Clarke, Conmee, Davis, Dickenson, Gibson, Graham, Guibord, Harcourt, Hill, Hislop, Holmes, Latchford, Loughrin, Lumsden, Malcolm, Mutrie, McKee, Pardo, Pattullo, Pettypiece, Preston, Richardson, Ross, Russell, Smith, Stratton, Truax—39.

Nays—Allen, Barr, Beatty (Leeds), Boyd, Brower, Carnegle, Carscallen, Colquhoun, Crawford, Duff, Eilber, Fallis, Fox, Gallagher, Jamieson, Jessop, Joynt, Kidd, Kribs, Little, Matheson, Monteith, Morrison, Macdiarmid, McLaughlin, Powell, Reid (Addington), Tucker, Wardell, Whitney—30.

Pairs—Hon. Mr. Harty, Mr. Joynt; Hon. Mr. Dryden, Mr. Hoyle; Mr. Pardee, Mr. Lucas; Mr. Ferguson, Mr. Reid (Durham); Mr. Gross, Mr. Marter; Dr. McKay, Dr. Pyne; Mr. Douglas, Mr. Dempsey; Mr. Bowman, Mr. McDonald; Col. Leys, Mr. Thompson; Mr. Farwell, Mr. Miscampbell; Mr. Taylor, Mr. Robson.

Voluntary Schools.

Mr. Hill (West York) moved the second reading of his bill to amend the public schools act by providing for the inspection of voluntary schools.

Hon. Mr. Harcourt and Hon. Mr. Gibson urged the withdrawal of the bill, as the session was so far advanced.

Mr. Whitney and Col. Matheson thought it should be dealt with now, but after the Premier had pointed out the importance of the principle of officially recognizing denominational schools, the bill was declared lost on division.

Vaccination and Conscience.

Mr. Hill also moved the second reading of his bill to amend the law respecting vaccination and inoculation, by providing that where a person is opposed for conscientious reasons to vaccination the compulsory vaccination law will not apply. Dr. McKay (South Oxford) spoke of the importance of vaccination, quoted from military reports in Europe to show its value, and declared the health authorities should not be interfered with in this way.

More Veterans Included.

The bill appropriating land for the veterans of 1866 and of South Africa was again considered in committee. Hon. Mr. Davis introduced amendments including the next of kin of those who died as a result of the troubles in 1866,

also the men who served on the frontier in 1865. Mr. Crawford (West Toronto) pressed for the granting of the pine, as well as the other wood and minerals, to the locatees. Mr. Beatty (Leeds) took an opposite view. In reply to Col. Matheson (South Lanark) the Premier said the Government had no intention at present of giving scrip in lieu of land. The bill was reported.

The Assessment Law.

The Premier, in explaining his bill to amend the assessment act and repealing the scrap-iron law, said that it was practically a reaffirmation of the law as it was interpreted before the scrap-iron decision. It was more explicit, and more easily understood by the assessors. He announced that by next session the Assessment Commission would have forwarded a full and complete report. They would make recommendations regarding the income tax, the personalty tax, and all other questions of assessment. He would not say the Government would endorse the view, to be presented, but it was intended to reconsider the whole question of assessment next year.

Col. Matheson objected to the provision for a separate valuation of land and buildings.

Mr. Malcolm (Centre Bruce), Mr. Foy (South Toronto), and Mr. Whitney objected to the cost of reproduction being considered as a basis of valuation, on account of local circumstances, which often existed, to depress the value of property.

The bill will be further considered.

The House adjourned at 9.40.

Municipalities Will Decide.

In the Railway Committee yesterday the bill authorizing the extension of the Hamilton, Grimsby & Beamsville Railway to St. Catharines, Niagara Falls and Niagara-on-the-Lake was reported, with an amendment leaving the power in the hands of the municipalities as to whether the company may carry freight or not. The bill allowing the extension of the Suburban Electric Railway from Toronto to Hamilton was considered, but left over until to-day in view of the clause asking connection with the Toronto Railway Co.

Railway to Mattawa.

A deputation waited on the Premier at noon yesterday and asked for a grant for the Lindsay, Whitney & Mattawa Railway. There were present Messrs. Carnegle, Fox, Lumsden and Loughrin, M.P.P.'s; Messrs. Lockhart Gordon, Toronto; Ald. Champagne and Lewis, ex-Ald. Devlin, Ottawa; Mayor Jackson, Mr. Inglis, Lindsay; Mayor Hogarth, Town Solicitor Dunlop, Messrs. Taylor and Deacon, Mattawa.

Good Roads Committee.

The special committee respecting the Premier's good roads bill met yesterday and heard expression of opinion from those who favored township control of the Government grants for road improvement. Ex-Warden Walter Murray, Oxford County; Reeve F. Vickert, Blenheim; F. Ainslee, Clerk, Blenheim, and others gave evidence favoring township control of roads. E. A. Johnston, County Clerk of Stormont