

maintenance of children, on order of Division Court Judge; amending municipal arbitrations act by permitting appointment of arbitrator for municipalities other than Toronto and York County; amending the registry act, by providing for the ventilation of registry offices; amending the liquor license act, by extending the privilege of paying licenses half-yearly to all parts of the Province.

Commencement of Hansard.

The select committee appointed for the purpose of considering the propriety of a change in the rules of the House, providing for printing questions by members and answers thereto in the votes and proceedings and journals, met yesterday, and decided to recommend that the rules of the House be amended to make provision for recording the questions by members and answers thereto, as proposed, but expressed the opinion that provision should be made for preventing this change of practice from leading to the asking of questions for information which ordinarily and reasonably should be obtained by means of motion for a return.

Private Bills.

The bill empowering William John Smith and Edward Smith of Toronto, executors of the late John Smith, to sell or mortgage certain lands, was reported by the Private Bills Committee.

The bill to confirm the by-law of the Township of King respecting debentures in connection with the Aurora & Schomberg Railway was again discussed at length, and finally reported.

The Public Accounts Committee wound up their business to-day by passing their report, which recited in a formal way the proceedings which had taken place at the various sessions.

A number of pupils from Hamilton Street School, in charge of Mr. John Wallis, the Principal, were interested spectators of the afternoon session in the House.

THE CITY'S ARGUMENTS.

A Deputation Waits on the Government to Protest Against Passing of Metropolitan Bill.

A deputation representing the City Council, Board of Trade and others waited on Premier Ross and Hon. John Dryden yesterday afternoon respecting the Metropolitan Railway bill. Mayor Howland gave a history of the case, and said the city had been fighting for municipal control of the streets. The company, he said, really wanted a perpetual right to run on the city streets. The City Council was the proper body to look after the rights of the citizens. He asked that they be heard before the bar of the House if it was necessary. The city did not want to be driven into making an agreement.

Mr. Crawford, M.P.P., said the city wanted to make an agreement with the company, and then have it ratified by the Legislature.

Mr. W. E. H. Massey, representing the Board of Trade, said that body wanted radial railways, but they were against depriving the city of control of its streets.

Messrs. J. F. Ellis, Mayor Davis of North Toronto, J. T. Moore, Deer Park, and others also spoke, urging that the city be allowed to retain control of their streets.

The Premier, in reply, thanked the deputation for the information they had given, and promised to consider the matter.

The question came up in the Railway Committee earlier in the day, and it was there stated that an agreement had been approved of by the Board of Control. It was then decided to lay further consideration over until to-day, when the committee will be informed as to the decision of the special meeting of the Council called to pass upon the agreement. During the discussion Mr. Wardell (North Wentworth) took advantage of the opportunity to protest against comments in a city newspaper practically charging him with being bribed. He emphatically denied and resented the imputation, adding that he was simply interested as a heavy payer of taxes on city property.