

fuge. This overcharge would be sufficient to pay the interest on the charge for the work which the City Council had created so much noise about. The Government was charged at the rate of twelve cents per thousand gallons for water, while consumers using less than half the quantity paid only six or seven cents, and the new hotel was to get a rate of five cents.

Mr. Matheson said that the Government institutions received special privileges from the city in the way of exemption from taxation, the granting of adequate fire protection, etc. He thought the Government should pay its share of the cost of the work.

The House adjourned at 12 o'clock.

More Farm Lectures.

A staff of five lecturers have been sent out by Mr. G. C. Creelman, Superintendent of Farmers' Institutes, to address the various local horticultural societies in the Province. In addition to the evening meetings, the lecturers will hold afternoon meetings for school children, when they will give heart to heart talks on nature study. Mr. Creelman proposes by this means to draw the rural and urban population more closely together.

Want Travelling Libraries.

Hon. Mr. Harcourt has received a large number of enquiries from localities desirous of securing the use of the travelling libraries soon to be established. As soon as the House concludes, the plans for the work will be completed.

THE SUBURBAN LINE.

Interesting Measure Discussed by the Railway Committee of the Legislature This Morning.

The Railway Committee of the Legislature yesterday resumed consideration of the Toronto Suburban Railway Company bill, and reported progress after some amendments. The act authorizes the company to extend its line through the intervening townships to Hamilton. Clause 38, empowering the company to make agreement to run its cars for conveyance of passengers and freight over the Toronto Railway Company's tracks, subject to approval of the City Council or the Lieutenant-Governor, was struck out. Other clauses were amended so as to make it clear that the company should not have power to connect with any steam railway. The bill also provides that the company may appropriate lands as under the general railway act, and may, if necessary, operate steam and other vessels in connection with its lines. It also asked that the Lord's Day act should not apply, but this request was not complied with. The bill will be reprinted and reconsidered to-day.

A VICTORY FOR THE CITY.

Cannot be Forced Into
Agreement With
Metropolitan.

FIGHT TO BE RESUMED.

A Surprising Clause in the Bill
Which Will be Fought Out This
Morning.

The Railway Committee of the Legislature spent nearly three hours yesterday in a discussion of the Metropolitan Railway bill. There was a larger attendance of members of the committee than at any previous meeting during which this measure has been under consideration, 47 out of 67 members being present. There was also a big attendance of representatives of all the parties interested. The result of the discussion was a gain for the city, the obnoxious arbitration clause being stricken out, and the renewal clause being modified, so that the by-law of the Council must be ratified by a majority of the electorate entitled to vote for Aldermen and Mayor. The following members of the committee took part in the fight for the city's interests:—Messrs. Pattullo (Woodstock), Graham (Brockville), Hill (West York), Foy, Crawford, Marter, Whitney (Dundas), Richardson, (East York). They made excellent argumentative addresses, and in spite of considerable confusion throughout the meeting, and the constant demand of a number of members for a vote, insisted on being heard, and ultimately, in every case obtained a hearing.

A Vicious Clause.

The two principles above referred to having been disposed of, the further discussion of the measure was postponed until this morning. The postponement was due to the outlook for a bitter discussion on the following clause:—"The company may acquire a private right of way to the said market and waterfront, and may exercise within the City of Toronto all the powers set forth in the railway act,