

# ELECTRIC RAILWAYS.

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**Mr. Pattullo Urges the  
Government Control  
of Rates.**

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## MUNICIPAL LAW.

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**A Permanent Advisory Board  
Suggested.**

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## MR. LEE'S FIRST ADDRESS

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**The Member For East Kent Makes  
a Favorable Impression—The De-  
bate on the Budget.**

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The feature of yesterday's session of the Legislature was the speech by Mr. Pattullo of Woodstock, in continuation of the debate on the budget. It was a welcome change from the stereotyped addresses, and was delivered with vigor and earnestness. He spoke strongly in favor of municipal ownership of public utilities, and, in the closing portion of his address, suggested that immediate action be taken to guard public interests in connection with the many charters for electric railways being sought this session. The people, he said, were look-

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ing to these as competitors of the established steam railways, and he thought that steps should be taken to provide for Government control of passenger and freight rates. Mr. Lee of East Kent spoke for the first time since his appearance in the House and made a good impression.

### Public Bills Introduced.

The following public bills were introduced:—

Hon. Mr. Gibson—Providing technical changes in the land titles act.

Mr. Kribs—To provide for the printing by the Government of public statutes, school books, copy books, etc., required in the public and high schools and the universities.

Mr. Conmee—To enable municipal Councils, by a two-thirds vote, to exempt from taxes other than school taxes for a period not exceeding twenty years any smelting or other reduction works.

Mr. Conmee—To enable actions for damages through accident to be continued by executors or administrators, when the person who has a right to bring the action dies; the Judges to give such damages as they would do if the person entitled to bring the action had not died.

Mr. Preston—To allow loan corporations to invest in debentures of steel, iron or coal companies.

Mr. Brown—Giving the County Council power to specify bridges over streams less than eighty feet in width, to which by-laws of municipalities assuming control of certain roads and bridges shall not apply.

Mr. Brown—To add gasoline to the class of explosives, the manufacture and sale of which are controlled by municipalities.

### Budget Debate Resumed.

Dr. Jessop (Lincoln), in continuing the debate on the budget, said that while considerable benefit followed upon the agricultural experiments, the benefit accrued only to a few who were fortunate enough to receive the reports, and was not spread generally over the country. He reiterated his previous statement that a large number of fruit trees had been unnecessarily destroyed in Lincoln County by San Jose scale inspectors, who were not sufficiently well posted as to the scale and the compositions used to combat it. The timber policy of the Government was criticized by the doctor as one calculated to quickly exhaust the timber wealth of the country.