

AUTOMOBILES, 10 MILES AN HOUR.

Legislature Increases Committee's Maximum.

SEVEN MILES IS TOO SLOW.

James Playfair's Assessment Much Discussed.

Listowel Given Power Only to Light its Streets by Public Plant—House Waiting For Gamey Report.

An hour and twenty minutes was taken up in the Legislature yesterday upon the bill to ratify the agreement between the town of Midland and Mr. James Playfair, fixing the assessment of the latter's property at \$10,000. The bill was finally assented to in committee by a vote of 31 to 28, the first division in committee during the session. Mr. T. H. Preston's bill to regulate the speed of automobiles was amended in committee by making the legal maximum speed in towns and cities ten miles an hour, instead of seven miles. It was thought both by Colonel Gibson and Mr. Henry Carscallen that seven miles was too slow. They had been judiciously treated to free trips in automobiles since they had agreed to the seven-mile rate.

The House seems to be more or less at a standstill while waiting for the finding of the Judges in the Gamey commission, which is now expected daily.

Export of Natural Gas.

Dr. Jessop moved for a return of copies of the regulations at present in force by order in Council respecting the exportation of natural gas into the United States. He believed the order in Council prohibiting the export of gas was not being carried out, and the gas was not being kept for the people of Ontario.

The motion passed.

Colonel Matheson's motion for an order for the attendance of the manager and the deposit ledger keeper of the Central Canada Loan & Savings Company before the Public Accounts Committee was discharged, the object of the motion having been attained.

Automobile Speed Increased.

Mr. Preston (Brant), when the House was in committee, moved that an amendment be made to his automobile act to increase the permissible rate of speed in cities and towns from seven miles to ten miles an hour.

Dr. Willoughby opposed the motion, thinking that at first the rate should not be more than seven miles, and if subsequently it was found practical it might be increased.

Colonel Gibson thought that even ten miles was not a great rate.

Mr. H. Carscallen (East Hamilton) agreed with Colonel Gibson, but thought the limit should be restricted at street crossings.

Mr. Whitney thought that ten miles was not too great a rate, but he considered it impracticable to make a different rate for crossings. The amendment carried. The fee for licenses was set at \$2.

The bill was reported as amended.

Col. Matheson's bill to amend the act to make better provisions for keeping and auditing municipal and school accounts was withdrawn, as was also