

# WILL PRINT THE EVIDENCE.

## Talk of Another Adjournment of House.

## MEMBERS WANT THE FACTS

## A Busy Day on Government Bills.

## St. Joe Railway Subsidy to be Trans- ferred—County Council Changes Opposed.

The Legislature made good progress yesterday with a number of Government bills, but, as the supplementary estimates, railway resolutions, pulp agreements and the Gamey report are all still to be dealt with, the prospects for a completion of the session this week are not so bright as they were. The municipal amendment act, embodying all the amendments to the municipal act, agreed to in the Municipal Committee, evoked a great deal of discussion, and met with much opposition on both sides of the House during the evening session.

During the discussion on the explanation of the statute law amendment bill in committee, Mr. Gamey made his first speech to the House on a matter outside his bribery charges.

The Premier indicated that the precedence for to-day would be private business, pulp resolutions and supply. The public business could be finished by Thursday. If the Gamey evidence was printed it would probably take ten days or so to get it out, and the House would have to adjourn.

Mr. Whitney did not think it would take that long.

### Print the Evidence.

The Premier then said they would undertake to print the evidence, if the Opposition would consent to use the typewritten copies for the purposes of the debate.

This proposal seemed fairly satisfactory, and the matter dropped.

Mr. Latchford gave notice of a resolution transferring the subsidy voted to the St. Joe Railway to the Nepigon or any other railway which will build from Lake Nepigon to the C. P. R. This appears to be the result of the former company's delay in building.

Colonel Matheson's motion that Thomas Chew, George Chew, Manley Chew and Edwin Leatherby of Midland be summoned to appear before the Public Accounts Committee was carried without discussion.

### Gas Company's Escape.

On the City of Toronto bill coming up for third reading Mr. Crawford moved to amend by providing that the renewal fund of the Consumers' Gas Company be limited to 10 per cent. of the paid-up capital of the company, so that the excess of that should be applied to the reduction in the price of gas.

Mr. Harcourt, as Chairman of the Private Bills Committee, pointed out that the matter had been very fully considered in the committee. There was nothing written off by the company for wear and tear, as in other companies, but if they did it would more than equal the amount, \$381,000, now at the credit of the renewal fund.

Mr. Foy—Why don't they do it?

Mr. Harcourt—This fund was made in order that it may not be necessary to do so, and their action is greatly to the advantage of the consumers. The industry was speculative and risky, Mr. Harcourt said, owing to the fact that an invention any day might wipe half the value from it. At the same time the illuminating gas was cheaper in Toronto than in any other city in America. The proposed amendment went further than the committee desired.

Dr. Nesbitt favored the amendment and Mr. Morrison (West Hastings) opposed it.

The amendment was declared lost on division and the bill read a third time.

Verbal amendments were made in committee to Mr. Stratton's bill to amend the industrial schools act.

Mr. Whitney advised that instead of appointing new officials, some person at present in office be designated to take charge of the new matters.

Mr. Stratton said that was the intention.

The amendments were concurred in and the bill read a third time.

The House spent half an hour discussing the third reading of Mr. Tudhope's bill fixing the Playfair assessment in Midland. The bill finally passed the third reading.

### Government by Order in Council.

When in committee on Col. Gibson's bill to amend the statute law, Colonel Gibson introduced an amendment to provide that when a company comes into Ontario from another Province it shall pay a license fee as great as that for any similar company already existing in Ontario, and giving the Lieut.-Governor in Council power to impose the fee. Objection was taken by Colonel Matheson, that there was too much government by order in Council.

Mr. Stratton explained that the only purpose was to insure that companies originating in Ontario should not pay a greater fee than companies which obtained a charter at Ottawa to carry on a similar business.

The amendment was carried.

### Toronto Coroner's Salary.

Another amendment fixed the annual salary of the Toronto coroner at \$1,500, payable half-yearly, one-half by the city and one-half by the Province.

A clause was added giving Toronto City Council power to exceed an appropriation of 1-4 mill for the purchase of a public library site.

The time for constructing the James Bay Railway was extended for three years by another clause, and the limit of \$3,000 for grants to fall fairs was struck out.

An extra clause was proposed to extend the time for the commencement of the Manitoulin & North Shore Railway.

### Mr. Gamey Takes Part.

Mr. R. R. Gamey objected to this. The C. P. R., he said, had already commenced surveying for a coal line from Sudbury, and the people on the Island were anxious to be able to ask the C. P. R. to build to the island if the other road did not.

Mr. Ross asked whether there was any assurance that the C.P.R. would build a line in case the Manitoulin & North Shore Line did not.

Mr. Gamey said that the C. P. R. would have to build to the water before long in order to get their coal in that way.

Mr. Ross said he was assured by Mr. Clergue that they intended to build the branch from Sudbury to the Sault, and that they now had the money to do it. After that they would go on with the Manitoulin line.

Mr. Gamey said that he believed that the Clergue Company should have the preference, but the people on the island were most anxious to have a road built as soon as possible.

### County Councils.

In committee in the evening Col. Gibson explained a number of small