

The company wanted power to transfer its undertakings to the Toronto & Hamilton Railway Company, and Mr. MacKelcan, K.C., for Hamilton, wanted a clause added that if this were done it should have no more power than the Toronto & Hamilton now has. The time for construction was reduced from 1910 to 1909. The bill will come up again to-day.

The bill of the Hamilton Radial Electric Railway Company to extend from Mimico to Toronto was curtailed.

Hon. Mr. Gibson said that the road is now extended to Oakville, and may be to Toronto. It might interchange traffic at Mimico with the Toronto Suburban. He protested against limiting the time of completion from five years to three years.

Mayor Morden said that the limit was too long, and might shut out other companies.

Hon. Mr. Gibson said that Toronto has a dozen bills to come into Hamilton. Why should Hamilton oppose a bill to come into Toronto?

The clause, "and the extension of the line from Mimico to Toronto," was struck out. The clause giving power to cross highways and toll roads on the level was struck out. A clause was added protecting existing agreements with municipalities, and declaring that no power is given to construct any railway track upon or along any portion of Burlington Beach, without the consent of the municipal corporation of the Township of Saltfleet, and nothing in this section contained shall alter, vary or restrict the rights of the townships of Etobicoke, under or by virtue of chap. 118 of 3, Ed. VII., Ontario."

The North Midland.

The bill to incorporate the North Midland Railway Company to construct railways in the neighborhood of London, Clinton, Exeter, Seaforth and St. Mary's was passed with some amendments, the chief of which was: "Notwithstanding anything in this act, the railway shall not be constructed along any highway within the limits of any city except upon and subject to such terms and conditions as may be mutually agreed upon between the company and any street railway already operating in such city or upon the terms of any existing agreement between any city street railway company and the city, provided always that when the agreement between any city street railway company and the city does not contain any provision for the admission of radial roads, then if the Council of such city shall by by-law or resolution request the street railway company to allow its tracks or any of the city streets to be used for the entrance of the railway to be constructed under this act into such city, the company shall permit its tracks or any city streets to be so used to some central point in the said city to be named by the City Council, upon such terms and conditions as to compensation and otherwise as may be mutually agreed upon, or as shall be settled by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council in case of disagreement." The time for commencing construction was reduced from five to four years.
