

J. T. Gilmour. The following members of the Legislature:—Messrs. I. B. Lucas, M. B. Morrison, C. A. Brower, J. Tucker, G. N. Kidd, R. R. Gamey, F. G. Macdiarmid, H. Eilber, J. P. Downey, Hugh Clark, T. E. Bradburn, J. H. Fisher, George Kerr, T. G. Carscallen, H. J. Lackner, A. B. Thompson, D. Sutherland, W. R. Smyth, E. A. Dunlop, T. W. McGarry, A. G. MacKay, S. Clarke, J. J. Preston, J. S. Gallagher, T. H. Lennox, F. W. Lewis, J. H. Devitt, W. Anderson, M. Currie, R. A. Thompson; W. N. Anderson, Assistant Treasurer; A. W. Campbell, Assistant Commissioner Public Works; Thomas Mulvey, Assistant Secretary; S. T. Bastedo, Deputy Commissioner of Fisheries; A. Pardoe, Librarian; the Sergeant-at-Arms; Lieut.-Col. Delamere, Hon. Dr. Pyne, Hon. H. L. Boutwell, Boston.

Private Bills Committee.

Clause 13 in the city of London bill proved unlucky at the Private Bills Committee this morning, and the whole bill had to stand over on account of the opposition it aroused. The city voted \$15,000 to renew the embankment of the river, which last year broke down above Saunby's dam, and flooded London West. The city wished to be relieved of the responsibility for damages which might be incurred, and desired powers of expropriation. Mr. I. F. Hellmuth, K.C., appeared in behalf of "vested interests." A dam, known as Saunby's dam, which lies across the river, has been a chief cause of flooding, and litigation is in process between the city and Mr. Saunby. Mr. Hellmuth saw a flank movement against his client in the right to expropriate, and he also took exception to the exemption from damages. The bill was left over.

A stand for public rights was made over the United Nickel Company's bill to acquire the assets of the Huronian Company, Limited. They have control of 3,750 square miles of nickel-bearing land, and the proposed bill would give the company, and it was hinted indirectly the United States Steel Company, power to hold the lands in perpetuity, instead of for seven years, and to tie them up without development or regard to public rights.

Chairman Carscallen reminded Mr. J. W. Nesbitt, who appeared for the company, that they had 114 townships, and to allow the company to hold lands in perpetuity as a corporation was in opposition to the whole public policy.

Mr. Gamey said it was an attempt to get all the small companies welded into one, and then endeavor to escape law.

Mr. Graham thought it looked as if they had taken all the old bills and put in all the privilege clauses they could find, in the hope that some of them might go through.

Mr. Carscallen believed if any special conditions supervised the company could very well come back to the Legislature in six or seven years. The bill was laid over.

Orillia wanted authority to spend \$75,000 on its electric plant and \$30,000 annually hereafter, but the committee preferred to limit the expenditure, and \$100,000 was the sum fixed. The bill will be reported when reprinted.

Point Pelee marsh drainage system, undertaken by the township of Mersea, has been in some respects altered, owing to difficulties in construction and the bill confirming these was approved.

St. Catharines' arrangement with Ridley College to supply water free to the college was approved.

The town of Maitland bill to consolidate debt on waterworks and electric plant was approved.

The Nepigon Mining Lands Company will be permitted to issue land-scrip certificates for sale among its shareholders.
