

SILVER MINES ON TEMISKAMING LINE.

No Rights Have Been Granted or Even Considered.

MINING INCORPORATIONS.

Government Bill Makes Some Important Amendments.

Steps Being Taken to Get Ontario's Inscribed Stock on the Trustee Security List—Hamilton Hotelmen Wait on the Provincial Secretary.

The Legislature sat for two hours yesterday afternoon and transacted a considerable amount of routine business. In addition to some measures introduced by the Minister of Agriculture, a summary of which will be found in another column, Hon. Mr. Cochrane brought down the new mining bill. This has yet to be finally passed upon by the Cabinet, and its provisions will not be made known until next week. The budget debate will resume on Tuesday.

Mr. Graham called attention to a despatch in The Ottawa Free Press to the effect that a number of Toronto men had been granted mining rights on the right of way of the Temiskaming Railway, where much valuable silver ore was in sight.

Hon. Mr. Cochrane stated that the right of way had been handed over to the Railway Commission to deal with as they saw fit.

Premier Whitney declared no such proposition as suggested had been received nor would be considered if it were. Time, he said, would show what the Government intended to do with the great Provincial heritage at Cobalt.

First Readings.

The following bills were introduced:—
To amend the high schools act—Mr. Pattinson.

Respecting mines—Hon. Mr. Cochrane.
Respecting the incorporation of the Independent Long-distance Telephone Co.—Mr. Ferguson.

Respecting horticultural societies—Hon. Mr. Monteith.

Respecting agricultural associations—Hon. Mr. Monteith.

Respecting the telephone companies operating in the Province of Ontario—Mr. Lucas.

To Get on Trustees' List.

Hon. Mr. Matheson, replying to Mr. Harcourt, related the steps taken by the Government to have the Provincial inscribed stock included in the securities in which a trustee may invest under the provisions of the Imperial colonial stocks act. Owing to the change in the Imperial Ministry no definite result has been attained. "The matter," he said, "will be again pressed on the attention of the Imperial and Dominion authorities, and communication was had with the Dominion Government in December last with this object in view. Several years elapsed before the privilege of the trustee list was secured for the Dominion securities. The chief difficulties seem to be that the Imperial Government cannot veto Provincial legislation which might be considered to interfere with the security given, this power resting with the Dominion authorities; and also that any privilege given to Ontario might rea-

sonably be asked by other Provinces not in as favorable a financial position as Ontario."

In reply to Mr. May, Hon. Mr. Hanna stated that Gaspard Pacaud was inspector of licenses for Windsor and North Essex in 1904 and 1905 at a salary of \$975. He was appointed for North Essex in 1892, and on the union of the districts in 1897 was continued for both. They were separated again on Dec. 29, 1905, the two districts being too large for one inspector, including six townships, one incorporated village, two towns and the city of Windsor, with over 90 licenses in force. Mr. Pacaud remains as inspector of Windsor at his former salary. Paul Morand is now inspector for North Essex at a salary of \$800.

Rampant Foreigners.

Mr. Lennox, in moving the second reading of a bill to amend the act to regulate the speed and operation of motor vehicles on highways, recognized that these vehicles had come to stay and had framed the bill with this in view.

Premier Whitney considered that the large majority of Canadian owners observed the present law, which was fairly well enforced and gave satisfaction, except in certain localities, where foreigners used the roads for recreation and had no regard for the laws of the Province or any other law. Something drastic was needed to bring these people to their senses. Some of the clauses of the present bill were out of order, but deserved further consideration and would be dealt with in committee when Mr. Sutherland's bill came up.

The bill was withdrawn.

Mr. McNaught withdrew his bill respecting boards of education.

Mr. Reid's bill to amend the municipal act was sent on to committee.

The House in Committee advanced a number of private bills.

The Government's county Councils bill was advanced a stage in committee. Mr. Graham took advantage of the opportunity to enter his objection to it, as he was absent when it was previously under discussion.

Expressing his wish to proceed with the business of the House, Premier Whitney, in view of the thin attendance, moved the adjournment at 5 o'clock.

Respecting Mining Companies.

Hon. Mr. Foy has introduced a measure respecting the incorporation of mining companies. At present mining companies can issue shares at a discount and they can also issue them without personal liability. These exceptions from the general law in favor of mining companies are removed by Hon. Mr. Foy's bill.

Mr. Ferguson's bill is to enable rural long-distance telephone lines to be established in places where the Bell Company now refuse to erect lines. In his own county the company had refused to extend their lines to important business centres unless the people paid the whole cost of construction. Where the lines were constructed unreasonable charges were levied, and the present measure aimed at giving reasonable terms to farmers.

Information Wanted.

Mr. MacKay will ask: Is it the intention of the Government during the present session to pass legislation dealing with law reform? If not, is it the intention to appoint a committee or commission to make full inquiry with reference to such proposed legislation, said committee or commission to report to this Legislature before or during the next session? Also, is it the intention of the Government during the present session to pass legislation dealing with the licensing and regulating of hotels or public houses in municipalities where liquor licenses cannot be granted?

Mr. Munro will ask: How many Police Magistrates have the present Government appointed for the district of Manitoulin? What are the names? What is the salary of each? How many

Provincial constables for the district of Manitoulin are now in the employ of the Government? What are their names and postoffice addresses, and what is the salary of each? Is Mr. W. H. Price, Police Magistrate of Gore Bay, the same Mr. Price who edits or publishes The Conservator newspaper?

Hotelkeepers Anxious.

A deputation of hotelkeepers from Hamilton waited upon the Provincial Secretary in the afternoon in support of their interests in connection with the new license law bill. Hon. Mr. Hendrie and Mr. Carscallen (Hamilton) introduced the party.

SOME BORROWING TOWNS.

PRIVATE BILLS COMMITTEE ON ILLEGAL BORROWING.

May Find Themselves Without Redress—No Disposition to Encourage Loose Methods—North Toronto Bill for Municipal Light Plant.

The Private Bills Committee had a discussion yesterday as to the means of curing the disposition among municipalities to borrow money illegally. The banks had no right to lend it. The Councillors could be disqualified for their participation. Chairman Carscallen remarked that a reform must always begin on some one day. He thought that until the committee took the stand of leaving the municipalities and their creditors to their legal rights there would be no improvement. Mr. MacKay suggested a special auditor being sent by the Government in each case when bills are presented to legalize these debts. It is probable from the attitude of the committee that the drastic remedy of making an example of some municipality will be adopted.

North Toronto wants to build an electric light and heat plant, or to make contracts for the supply of light and heat with any available company. Nothing may be done for two years, but a bill to authorize the procedure came before the Private Bills Committee. There was no limit mentioned in the bill of the amount to be spent. No by-law could be passed without a vote, said Solicitor T. A. Gibson, but Chairman Carscallen was not satisfied with so loose a provision. The sum of \$50,000 had been suggested.

"Very well," said the Chairman, "Mr. Wilkinson will draft a clause that this twenty-five hundred town may spend \$50,000."

Another clause confirmed sales for arrears of taxes. The Chairman expressed his belief that the practice must be stopped of carrying on all over the country the most slipshod and careless methods of business and then coming to the Legislature to have the defects remedied. Municipalities were thus encouraged to indulge in the utmost carelessness. There was no difficulty in observing the terms of the municipal act if the necessary trouble was taken. Hamilton had not had a tax sale confirmed in sixty years, said Mr. Carscallen. Mr. MacKay did not think it was necessary to amend the general act. The bill, with some amendments, was reported.

Heavy rock-cutting for sewers in Belleville was the ground for asking fifty-year debentures for the cost of the sewers on rock frontages. The bill was left over, with the understanding that it might be remodelled on the terms of the Galt bill previously reported.