

# KNOX CHURCH BILL OUT.

## MUST OBSERVE THE JESSE KETCHUM TRUST.

**Bill Aimed to Legalize Agreement Made With Presbytery by Which Consent to Sale of Queen Street Property Was Obtained.**

The Private Bills Committee dealt with the Knox Church bill yesterday. The new bill contains proposals for the formation of a second church to be located in a populous district downtown and known as Knox Chapel, as well as the new building on Spadina avenue, agreeably to the arrangement with the Presbytery. The property of the church now under rent on Queen street, it is expected, will be expropriated by the city for the extension of James street south. The trustees were stated to have asserted that they were coerced into an assent to the arrangements approved by the Presbytery. The latest proposal is asserted by its opponents to involve the breaking of the original Jesse Ketchum trust. Mr. Hamilton Cassels, K.C., said that the trust was for the purpose of maintaining a church and burying ground behind Simpson's store. Mr. Robert McKay said the property was to maintain the Presbyterian meeting house at York. The property was sold for \$206,000. A new church was designed to cost \$210,000, but the plans were reduced to \$185,000. The site cost \$32,000. The new school cost \$47,000. The one-third set apart and other expenses leave less than \$50,000 to build the new \$185,000 church. It was simply outrageous and opposite to all honesty, said Mr. McKay, to divert the trusts as was suggested. The committee listened to much argument and threw out the bill.

The position now is that, although the property has been sold and the purchase money largely paid, the Presbytery has not yet consented, and will have to be asked for its consent to the sale by the church, the stipulation in connection with its previous consent not having been observed.

## WANT AID FOR A RAILWAY.

**Claims of the Haliburton, Whitney & Mattawa Line.**

Mr. J. H. Carnegie, M.P.P. for East Victoria, headed a deputation which waited on the Government yesterday and asked for assistance for the building of the Haliburton, Whitney & Mattawa Railway. Consideration was promised. The deputation included representatives of the municipalities of Lindsay, Fenton Falls, Kinmount and Haliburton. The claims of the deputation were also supported by Mayor Coatsworth, Messrs. R. C. Steele, J. F. Ellis and F. G. Morley, the Secretary, representing the Board of Trade. Mr. W. K. McNaught, M.P.P., was also present.