

## RAILWAY OPPOSES CITY.

### TORONTO BATTLES IN COMMITTEE FOR MORE POWERS.

And is Met With Opposition of Street Railway—Current River Power Bill Given Six Months' Hoist—Cattle Market Privileges.

The Current River power bill was given the six months' hoist by the Private Bills Committee yesterday, on the motion of Mr. MacKay. Mr. George T. Marks asked for transmission rights across the territory of Port Arthur, and the town, which has already bought up other water powers, objected to having new ones developed which would have to be acquired later. The parties are left to their legal rights, and the town will within three months take expropriation proceedings for all the powers on the Current River.

The Toronto city bill (No. 41) came before the committee, and Mr. E. B. Ryckman presented the city's case respecting clause 3, which gives the city power, on the refusal of the company to do so, to lay down new lines, and "in connection therewith operate cars upon any portion of the company's system or any route thereof" which the Engineer and City Council may consider necessary. Mr. H. S. Osler opposed the clause for the railway company, on the ground that it interfered with the street railway agreement, and that litigation was pending which the clause would affect.

Chairman Carscallen thought that if the request of the City Engineer was shown to be a reasonable one the committee would probably give the city a remedy.

Mr. Osler had thought the clauses would go by the board at once, and if the committee had any disposition to pass them he wanted them to stand over.

Hon. Mr. Beck thought the city ought to be able to do what it had power to allow others to do.

Mr. Carscallen wished to approach the question with judicial fairness to both parties. The committee ought to be assured that the request of the city to build was just and reasonable and necessary.

Mr. Ryckman pointed out that the remedy of the courts was ineffective, as the company had appealed from the judgments against them, and litigation might be dragged out until the franchise had expired. The company had refused to build on Gerrard street east and on Roncesvalles avenue.

Mr. MacKay wished to help the city, but would not give it authority to build an entire competing system. If the city could show a plan of the proposed additional lines the committee might approve it.

For Ashbridge's Bay improvements \$400,000 is allowed by an amending clause.

"This is really the farmers' railway," said Mayor Coatsworth when the entrance for radial railway lines came up. He did not want to wait another year for permission. Mr. MacKay thought the Chairman of the Railway Committee could be seen before Tuesday, and the matter settled then. The Chairman did not think the Private Bills Committee could deal with it.

The application for power to sell feed in the cattle market aroused much discussion. Mr. D. J. McDougall opposed the clause. There was danger, he thought, in the municipality competing with private enterprise. Mr. Dodds, for the Union Stock Yards, at the Junction, opposed the application. Mr. Wm. Hodgson asserted that the city wished to ruin the Junction Stock Yards. In 1903 the lessee had sold feed at cost. Mr. MacKay asked if the city would

undertake to sell at not less than fair market prices. Ald. Dunn was agreeable to embody such a stipulation in the clause. Hon. Mr. Monteith considered the whole Province was affected by powers conferred on the city in connection with the cattle market.

At 1.10 the matter was adjourned till to-day.

## IS AFTER AUTOMOBILISTS.

### SUGGESTION THAT STRINGENT AMENDMENT BE EMBODIED.

The Question to Be Taken Up Again by the Municipal Committee of the Legislature To-morrow—Some Municipal Amendment Acts.

The Municipal Committee of the Legislature yesterday discussed the various proposed amendments to the automobile legislation for a short time, the understanding being that they will be taken up again to-morrow, when all parties will be present. Hon. Mr. Hanna, the Chairman, thought that if a clause could be added to the present law providing for the arrest on sight and summary dealing with offenders it would go a long way toward putting a stop to reasons for the present numerous complaints. The Government could then give the so-called frontier police something to do to earn their salary by distributing them along the roads running to the frontier, but not close to the line, say, ten to fifteen miles back, with orders to arrest all automobilists breaking the regulations. If the offenders were then properly punished the effect would be salutary. A few object lessons of that nature would be sufficient, he thought, to impress the automobilists with the necessity of obeying the law.

A number of bills making various amendments to the municipal act were approved of. One of these gives municipalities the right to take stock in or guarantee the bonds of utilities situated outside the boundaries of the municipalities supplying them.