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\$50 where it is at least \$50,000, but less than \$100,000.

\$25 where it is \$30,000, but less than \$50,000.

And \$100 to every assistant teacher whatever such assessed value is.

#### A Fort Frances Power Concern.

Hon. Mr. Cochrane introduced an act respecting the Ontario & Minnesota Power Company. This measure, which has previously been outlined, deals with the Backus syndicate's water power franchise on the Rainy River at Fort Frances. In effect the bill provides that the same amount of power must be developed on this side as on the American side of the river, where the company also has a franchise. It also makes it clear that water lots given by the town to the Government in trust as sites for industries shall be so held and not diverted to the power company; provides that a flour mill of 1,000 barrels capacity per day, or some other industry that would use the same amount of power as the mill would require, shall be built by the company. The bill also confirms the authority of the Dominion Board of Railway Commissioners to fix terms and conditions as to what power developed on the Canadian side of the river may be diverted to the American side. A proviso giving such authority to the commissioners was inserted in the charter which the company, as an international concern, obtained from the Ottawa Government, in addition to that obtained from the Provincial Government. It has been contended, however, that without the assent of the Province this power was not capable of enforcement.

#### Railway Board Salaries.

Hon. Mr. Hendrie's bill for the appointment of a Railway and Municipal Board was, in his unavoidable absence, referred back to committee on motion of Premier Whitney. A clause fixing the salaries in connection with the board was adopted, providing for the President not more than \$6,000 a year, for the other members not more than \$4,000 each, and for the Secretary not more than \$2,000. The bill will come in force on June 1. On questions of law there will be no appeal from the board except by order of the court.

#### Important Amendments.

Hon. Mr. Hendrie's bill respecting steam, electric, and street railways was also referred back to Committee of the Whole for final amendment. Among the new features the following are the more important:—

No passenger will be allowed to stand on the side steps of an open car under a penalty of not less than \$2 and not more than \$10 and costs.

No electric railway shall run on Sunday, even on its own right of way.

Sunday concerts are permitted when no charge is made for admission.

The duration of the franchise of electric railways shall be twenty-five years, and there shall be no renewal except by express consent of the municipality concerned.

Returns of all kinds of accidents must be made to the Railway Board, which will decide as to their seriousness or the provision of remedies. Only the more serious accidents had to be reported before.

Anyone throwing stones at electric insulators, wires, poles, or tearing down notices, will be liable to a penalty of \$15. The breaking of an insulator might involve the destruction of a very costly plant.

When the equipment, cars, rails, roadbed or otherwise of a railway system are dangerous the board has power to order repairs. This will apply to municipalities which are responsible for the construction of roadbeds as well as companies. The board may order the removal of a condemned car from service at any time.

Contracts made previous to the new legislation will not be affected.

Hon. Mr. Ross expressed his disapprobation of the Sunday concert clause, and Premier Whitney said he was not in love with it himself.

#### Drainage Referees.

On the second reading of Hon. Mr. Hanna's bill to amend the municipal drainage act, in reply to Hon. Mr. Ross the Provincial Secretary said that the referee had refrained from expressing any opinion on the districting of the Province. The other clauses were the work of his hand. The resolutions regarding salaries of the referees were adopted.

Hon. Mr. Monteith's bill for the suppression of foul brood among bees was read a second time, and the salary resolutions adopted.

Hon. Mr. Monteith explained, on the second reading of his bill to amend the act respecting the Agricultural College, that there had been practically no advisory board for four years, and it was intended by the bill to reconstitute it. It would include the Deputy Minister, the President, three graduates, and two practical farmers.

On the House going into committee on Hon. Dr. Pyne's measure respecting the Education Department, Mr. Harcourt suggested that the Educational Association be allowed to select the teacher representatives on the Advisory Council at its annual meeting, instead of having the teachers ballot for them.

The Minister of Education and the Premier upheld the ballot proposal.

Hon. Mr. Ross thought it unwise to enact that the President of the University of Toronto should for the time being be ex-officio the Chairman of the Council. He was not speaking in any disparaging sense of the university, but he pointed out that that institution was not so nearly concerned in the measure as the school teachers, to whom it most directly applied. But the army of teachers were practically told that they were not eligible for the most important office of Chairman. He also pointed out that the university had a much larger proportionate representation on the board than any other of the interests concerned. Mr. Ross asked if the meetings of the Council were to be open to the press.

Hon. Dr. Pyne said the existing Council had for ten years chosen the President of the University of Toronto as its Chairman. The present bill he proposed to amend by adding two school trustees and one representative of the Western University to the Advisory Council, making a membership of twenty instead of seventeen, as proposed originally.

Messrs. Harcourt and MacKay and Hon. Mr. Ross questioned the advisability of enacting that only teachers who had permanent certificates should be allowed to vote. They thought this an invidious distinction against a number of

teachers with temporary certificates who fully intended to remain in the profession and qualify for permanent certificates.

A discussion occurred over the appointment of others than teachers as examiners, and the Opposition objected to permitting the possible appointment of unqualified persons.

Hon. Mr. Ross remarked that the Government would perhaps take the same stand as on the appointment of a drainage referee. Premier Whitney took the remark seriously, and charged Hon. Mr. Ross with having sent an engineer down to Osnabruck to hocus the people there at a time of year when it was impossible to take levels. He had the hon. gentleman's letter of instructions to the engineer, he said.

Hon. Mr. Ross—Produce them.

Mr. Whitney—I will, and the hon. gentleman had better be careful in denying what I say.

Hon. Mr. Ross—The hon. gentleman can bring them up as quick as he chooses.

Premier Whitney—I certainly will.

Hon. Mr. Ross—I defy the hon. gentleman to produce anything in my correspondence at any time that will bear any improper construction. Why does he project into the discussion this extraordinary thing? If he thought there was anything worthy of it why does he not appoint a commission and have it inquired into? The hon. gentleman puts

up a game of bluff every now and again.

Premier Whitney said the hon. gentleman had been so accustomed for years to do as he pleased that he now had the crystallized assurance to ask why this matter was interjected into the debate, when hon. members knew he had brought it in himself. He had been accustomed to rule the universe, and so found it hard to get down to bed rock, but—and the speaker said it with sympathy, he declared—he would have to do it. The hon. gentleman thought because the clause had been in the old bill it should be in the new. The Government was changing the old act.

Mr. Harcourt said the point was considered so important that only actual teachers were chosen.

Mr. Craig thought if it were narrowed down to teachers specialists could not be secured.

#### Opposition Criticisms.

Hon. Mr. Ross, in a brief but concise address, urged that the House should not be asked to approve of the proposals until it was in the possession of information as to the additional taxation the measure would impose upon the country. He was as desirous as anyone could be of advancing the interests of the teachers, but while he had begun to see a little through the original proposals, he was bound to confess that this new proposition was to him a Chinese puzzle. It mystified him more than ever. In addition to the information he had suggested, the House should know to what extent the teachers of the Province would benefit.

Messrs. MacKay, Graham and Harcourt suggested that the whole question should be simplified by the fixing in plain figures of minimum salaries.

Mr. Craig, who sat with the Minister of Education, and himself explained several of the new clauses, approved of the principle of the new salary proposals. So also did the Premier.

Hon. Dr. Pyne, in answer to the opinion expressed by Hon. Mr. Ross that inspectors' salaries were too small, said he intended to bring in on Thursday a provision that inspectors in rural school districts shall receive a flat rate for each school inspected, and the number of schools each inspector may inspect shall be raised from 120 to 140. This, he thought, would tend to an increase as well as equalization of salaries. In reference to teachers' salaries, the Province would give this year not more than \$60,000 of an increase, and the municipalities' increase would total about the same.

The section providing that an inspector cannot be dismissed except by a majority vote for cause, and with the consent of the Government, drew a sharp protest from Hon. Mr. Ross, who saw danger in interfering with the authority of County Councils. The Premier, who replied, said that no County Councilors have protested against the provision, although all had had a chance.

Progress was reported, and the bill will be taken up again on Thursday when the salary clauses will be once more under consideration.

Hon. Mr. Hanna introduced an amendment to the clause in the Toronto General Hospital bill limiting student visit to the wards to students of the University of Toronto, providing that the Lieutenant-Governor in Council may frame regulations and conditions under which the trustees shall admit other students in medicine, including post-graduate students.

Mr. Currie, who is not only a medical man, but a graduate of the University of Toronto, protested against the wording of the clause, which would compel students of other universities to receive their clinical instruction from the University of Toronto staff alone. He objected to the exclusion of other medical faculties. The Western Hospital, from which quarter the first new medical college might be expected, was against the proposition embodied in the proposed clause. He also understood that McMaster University, which proposed to have a medical school, did not favor the idea. Under this regulation the same little clique which had always controlled the Toronto Hospital would continue to do so.