

AUTOMOBILISTS BEWARE.

FURTHER RESTRICTIONS APPROVED BY COMMITTEE.

A New Bill Which Will Now Go Before the Legislature—Has Some New and Some Amendments of Old Clauses.

The Municipal Committee of the Legislature dealt yesterday with the new bill "to regulate the speed and operation of motor vehicles on highways" framed by a sub-committee, and which now bears the name of Hon. Mr. Hanna. It was approved, and goes to the House. The new clauses in the bill or the clauses of the old act which it amends now provide, among other things, that the permit numbers, five inches in length, shall be displayed on the front as well as the back of the vehicle, instead of only on the latter, as now, and shall be kept clean. No other number than that issued by the Provincial Secretary shall be carried. Provision is made for the proper illuminating of the numbers at night. Persons in charge of motor vehicles are to use reasonable precaution not to frighten horses, and to stop on the signal of a rider or driver of a horse when meeting such. If a horse appears to be frightened the operator or occupants of the auto shall, if requested, render such assistance to the rider or driver as is necessary.

No motor vehicle shall carry a searchlight. In the case of an accident to any person "owing to the presence of any motor vehicle on any public highway," the person in charge of the motor vehicle shall return to the scene of the accident and give in writing to anyone demanding the same his own and the name and address of the owner of the vehicle. When loss or damage is sustained by any person by a motor vehicle the onus of proof that it did not arise through the negligence of the owner or driver shall be upon either of the latter.

For failure to obey regulations regarding figures, for racing on a bet or wager on any public road or street, and for failure to obey the regulations as to conduct in case of accidents, it is provided that persons shall be liable to a fine for the first offence of \$50, for the second of \$100, and on conviction for a third offence shall be liable to not more than one month's imprisonment. If there are three convictions within a calendar year, the permit of the vehicle "whereby the offence on which such third conviction was made was committed" shall be cancelled, "and the offender shall not be entitled to a permit under the act for a period of two years thereafter." For violation of regulations where the penalties above mentioned do not apply, offenders shall be liable to fines of not less than \$10 and not more than \$25.

Every peace officer may make arrests of violators of the regulations without warrants, and in some cases may make such arrests, where "on reasonable and probable grounds" he believes an offence has been committed, "whether it has been committed or not," and "whether such person is guilty or not." Anyone is empowered to make arrests for violation of some of the more important regulations.

ARE RIGHTS INVADED?

NEW LONG-DISTANCE TELEPHONE CO. TO BE INCORPORATED.

Chairman Carscallen Warns Private Bills Committee—Right to Cross City Territory Given—But Work Must be Subject to Railway Board.

"This is the first surrender on the part of the Province of municipal rights to corporations," was the warning Chairman Carscallen gave the Private Bills Committee. There had been another long discussion over the Provincial Long-distance Telephone Company's bill, the clauses of which had been redrafted, but which were still unsatisfactory to Mr. Lynch-Staunton, solicitor for the Bell Telephone Company, and Hon. Adam Beck, who warmly upheld the views held by Hamilton and London.

The committee agreed upon three points after deciding to report the bill; and the Law Clerk of the Legislature will redraft the bill to embody these principles. It will come up again on Tuesday morning for final action.

The company was given the right to cross municipalities with a single pole line, but all work must be subject to agreement, and, in case of dispute, to reference to the new Municipal and Railway Board. The new company may open one long-distance pay station in municipalities where the Bell Company has an exclusive contract, but there shall be no interference in any other way with contracts held by the Bell Company, which are stated to be 37 in number, with sundry municipalities, and for divers terms, up to five years.

Picton had its bill reported by the Private Bills Committee yesterday. It ratifies a by-law in connection with an extension of the town lighting plant.

CEMETERY BILL WITHDRAWN.

Legal Bill Committee Arranges a Postponement.

The Legal Committee yesterday threw out the bill requiring cemeteries to submit plans of grounds to be laid out within a mile of cities of over \$100,000. The committee suggested that Mr. Moyes sell his property below the crest of the ravine to the Mount Pleasant trustees, but he objected to furthering the designs of "a gang of cormorants" by acquiescence.

Mr. Gamey's bill respecting the assessment of fully-paid-up mining stock was withdrawn, the Government having a general bill in preparation for next session.

Mr. Hugh Clark's bill to reduce the number of Judges by doing away with the junior Judges in counties of less than 80,000 population, was withdrawn, on the promise of the Attorney-General that next session a general measure of law reform was to be introduced, under which the work of the Judges would be increased.

FINE GRANT TO SHERRING.

PREMIER'S FAVORABLE REPLY TO A HAMILTON REQUEST.

Residents of Hamilton Propose to Give the Winner of the Marathon Race a House and Lot—Government Will Grant at Least Five Hundred Dollars.

Mr. Henry Carscallen, M.P.P., introduced to Premier Whitney and Hon. Mr. Matheson yesterday Messrs. R. B. Harris and J. G. Gauld of Hamilton, deputed by the residents of that city to ask the Government to make a grant toward a gift to Mr. William Sherring, the winner of the Marathon race.

The Premier asked particulars about Mr. Sherring's occupation, and his chances of making his way in the railway world. He showed the liveliest interest in details regarding Sherring's career, and displayed considerable knowledge of the race which has brought so much fame to the young Hamiltonian. "You would not suggest, I hope," said the Premier, "that we should bring him down under this roof and give him \$450 a year and ruin him." The deputation replied no to this, saying they believed Sherring would prefer to make his own way in the world.

The Premier assured the Hamilton men that he would recommend his colleagues to give a grant of at least the minimum amount asked, \$500, conditional upon the understanding that this or any larger amount which was voted should go wholly to Sherring.

This he was assured would be the case. What was most favored in Hamilton was the giving to Sherring of a house and lot. Towards this the Government grant would be applied. All the bands, fireworks and other incidentals to Sherring's reception to his home town were to be supplied free.

The Premier expressed pleasure at this. "The fact that Sherring went away by himself," he said, "paying his own expenses, being his own trainer, and winning an event requiring so much stamina and pluck, against competitors from all over the world, makes his feat the greater, and makes it easier for us to receive your request favorably."

A deputation will later go from Hamilton to Ottawa to request a grant from the Federal Government.