

must take the responsibility of opposing it," he said, and added that the municipalities had already passed the by-laws.

Was It Right ?

Hon. A. G. MacKay—I don't know that it is right that these bills should be brought in at this late hour to validate by-laws which fifteen months ago I said were not valid.

Hon. A. Beck—We could not bring in a bill until we had the information from the municipalities. This simply approves of the form of contract.

It being 6 o'clock, the Speaker left the chair.

More Power Legislation.

Mr. Beck's bill states that "by-laws passed by the cities of Toronto, Hamilton, London, Guelph, Stratford, St. Thomas, Woodstock, the towns of Ingersoll, Berlin, Galt, West Toronto, Hespeler, St. Mary's, Preston, Paris and Waterloo, and the villages of New Hamburg and Weston, purporting to authorize the said Corporations and Councils thereof respectively to enter into a contract for the supply of electrical power to be transmitted from Niagara Falls, and the estimates set forth, if any, are declared in form and substance a sufficient compliance with the provisions of the act." The bill also declares the by-laws with regard to the issue of debentures for the construction of distribution plants, etc., to be valid.

To be Another Fight.

At the evening sitting it was agreed, on the suggestion of Hon. Mr. MacKay, that the redistribution bill be allowed to go through committee, but the Opposition's amendments would be submitted on the third reading and the bill referred back. Mr. MacKay stated that the Opposition desired to place themselves on record regarding the redistribution. When in committee Mr. Whitney stated that the town of North Toronto would be added to East York, taking it from West York. This is the same change that was formerly proposed in the Special Committee.

The bill passed the committee without discussion. The third reading will take place to-day, and the Opposition will then make its last stand on the bill.

About Gillies Limit.

When the report of the Committee of the Whole in supply was presented to the House for concurrence Mr. C. N. Smith asked what had been done on the Gillies limit Government mine so far, and what had been expended there.

He understood that the work of the mine was to be something of an informative character.

Hon. Mr. Cochrane, in reply, pointed out that the estimated receipts for this year were \$100,000, one shaft of 140 feet had been sunk, and there were several other shafts. In addition, some small shipments had been made.

The answer did not satisfy Mr. Smith, who said it was up to the Government to give the people some information regarding the north country, how far the veins went down.

Premier Whitney said that the mine on the Gillies limit belonging to the Government would be managed by the Government as a business proposition.

When the Provincial Treasurer's bill to amend the act to regulate the means of egress from public buildings came up, several Liberal members said that the power of inspection was left with the police officers, whereas the fire chief was better qualified in many municipalities. A clause was inserted to cover such cases by giving Councils power to appoint any other officers. The bill was given its second reading.

Concerning the University.

Hon. Mr. MacKay has given notice of the following resolution:—

That the present method of making provision for the maintenance and support of Toronto University and University College is unsatisfactory and tends to lessen the interest the public in general take in these institutions.

That the law and procedure as to financing the said university and the said college should be so amended and changed as to require the Honorable the Minister of Education to annually present the estimated expenditure to this House for its approval, as is the practice with reference to all other public institutions, in order that the representatives of the people, and through the press the people of the Province, may be brought into closer touch with our Provincial University, so that a responsible Minister shall be required annually to explain to this House the needs and requirements, financial and otherwise, of the said university and said college, and may be compelled to justify all expenditures in connection with said university and said

college.

That to that end section 140 of chapter 55 of 5 Edw. VII., which provides that without any annual vote of this House one-half of the average yearly gross receipts of the Province from succession duties shall be paid to the board of said university, shall be repealed.

May Affect Elections.

A clause in the statute law amendment bill provides that on the passage of an order in Council \$30,000 may be paid to La Rose Mining Company in settlement of all claims in connection with the O'Brien mine, out of royalties received from the mine, and forty per cent. of future royalties until the total payments reach \$100,000. The land grant of 5,000 acres a mile is restored to the Ontario, Hudson's Bay & Western Railway Company.

An important clause which may affect the date of the election is that to amend the Ontario election act, providing that if the voters' lists for the unorganized districts are not finally revised at the date fixed for the holding of the general elections, the elections for such districts may be held on a different date.

Another clause makes the fine of \$11,500 imposed on the Michigan Central Railway Company payable to the town of Essex.