

the chair for Committee of Supply, and reporting progress, asked leave to sit again.

The House adjourned at 6.37 to this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

### **To Bring Railways Together.**

An important amendment to the Ontario railway act was introduced in the Legislature yesterday by Hon. J. S. Hendrie. The bill, according to the Minister, is designed to facilitate interchange of freight switching, etc., between railways under the jurisdiction of the Dominion Railway Board and the Ontario Railway and Municipal Board.

Under the present arrangement a company incorporated under the Dominion act cannot be compelled to make connections with a company incorporated in Ontario and vice-versa. Under the new act where an application is made by any railway for interchange of switching or freight rates, representatives of the Dominion Board of Railway Commissioners and the Ontario Railway and Municipal Board will meet and together pass upon the application.

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## **LARGE DELEGATION ASKS FOR RAILWAY**

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### **GOVERNMENT PROMISES TO GIVE CONSIDERATION TO RE- QUEST FROM N. ONTARIO.**

Four hundred men from northern Ontario descended upon the Provincial Government yesterday morning to ask for an extension of the T. & N. O. Railway into Gowganda and Elk Lake. All the leading mining companies of the district, besides the farming interests, were represented on the deputation, as well as British and United States capitalists who have investments there. After hearing them the Government was non-committal, except to promise that the application would be given careful consideration.

An alternative proposition was advanced, calling for the granting of a private charter in case the Government was not prepared to proceed with the scheme. Mr. W. J. Hanley of Elk Lake thought that little difficulty would be met in raising money to carry out the extension. It would be undertaken only with the assurance that a junction with the present T. & N. O. line would be granted, and that the Government would not construct a parallel line.

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## **PROVINCIAL AID TO COUNTY DRAINAGE PLANS**

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### **KENT, ESSEX AND LAMBTON ASK GOVERNMENT TO APPLY "GOOD ROADS" PRINCIPLE.**

The application of the "good roads" principle to the drainage systems of Kent, Lambton and Essex counties was strongly advocated by a deputation from the three counties which waited upon Hon. Dr. Reaume, Minister of Public Works, and Hon. W. J. Hanna, Provincial Secretary, this morning.

The deputation, who were introduced by P. H. Bowyer, G. W. Solman and Dr. Anderson, members for the ridings, pointed out that the great need of the counties was better drainage. The farmers are taxed very heavily for drainage schemes and have found the burden too heavy. They pointed out that a general system of good roads was not needed in the counties nearly as urgently as drainage, and asked that the proportion of cost the Government contributes to county good roads—one-third—should be given to the counties for drainage on a similar basis.

The members of the deputation were promised consideration.

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