

RESTRICTS POWER OF RAILWAY BOARD

Mr. W. K. McNaught Introduces a Strong Bill.

NO NEW RIGHTS GIVEN.

Companies Making Extensions Are Subject, in Doing so, to Provisions of Agreement With Municipality—Terms of New Measure.

A measure that covers two points about which the city's legal department has been more or less concerned recently was introduced in the Legislature by Mr. W. K. McNaught yesterday. There are only two clauses to the bill, but both are very much to the point.

The first clause makes it clear beyond doubt that a street railway company in making extensions in pursuance of an order of the Ontario Railway and Municipal Board secures no rights not enjoyed under the original agreement entered into with the municipality, and is subject in respect of the extensions to all the provisions of the agreement. This is a point which the city is anxious to have made clear in view of the extensions of the Toronto Railway Company and the approaching expiration of its franchise.

Board Had No Power.

The other clause arises out of a recent order of the Ontario Railway Board providing for the construction of a double track on the Metropolitan division of the York Radial from the city to the Rosedale Golf Club grounds. The city objected to the board making such an order, since the agreement did not provide for more than one track. Mr. McNaught's bill is a declaration that the Ontario railway act was never intended to confer such power upon the board. The clauses read as follows:—"All tracks, switches, additional lines and extensions of existing lines which are, have been or shall be hereafter constructed and operated by a street railway company in pursuance of an order of the board shall nevertheless be deemed to have been constructed under the authority and shall be subject to all the provisions of the agreement between the company and the corporation of the municipality, or the by-law of the Council thereof, by which authority to construct the railway was conferred upon the company.

Municipality's Consent Needed.

"It was not intended by the said act to confer, and it did and does not confer, upon the board power or authority to require or to permit a railway company, or a street railway company, without the consent of the corporation of the municipality, to construct or lay down within the municipality more tracks or lines than under its agreement with the corporation, or the by-law of the Council of the corporation of the municipality, by which authority to construct the railway upon any such street or highway, or part of a street or highway, was conferred; it has authority to construct or lay down, but the agreement or by-law shall govern as to the number and location of the tracks and the streets or highways upon which the railway may be constructed."

SOME IMMIGRANTS AVERSE TO FARMING

Government's Policy Passes Under Criticism.

MR. STUDHOLME'S VIEWS.

Labor Member Subjected to Harassing Inattention by Members of Legislature—Further Items in the Estimates For Coming Year.

The Government's immigration policy was scathingly criticized by Mr. Allan Studholme, the Labor member for East Hamilton, at last evening's session of the Legislature. He condemned the plan of bringing men and women into Ontario, presumably to be farm laborers and domestic servants, while allowing them to drift out of the rural districts into the cities or move on to the west.

During a good part of his speech many of the members not only gave little attention to him, but kept interrupting him with cries of "carried" and sarcastic applause, sorely trying his temper. He tried long to get an answer from the Minister of Agriculture as to whether the Salvation Army was to participate in the bonus of \$5 per head for bringing out domestic servants and farm laborers, as well as receiving a grant of \$10,000. Mr. McEwing joined in the struggle, and they finally elicited a reply that this was the case. Subsequently, however, Hon. Mr. Duff denied that the Salvation Army were to be paid any bonus, the item referring, he said, only to assisted passages.

Don't Want Farm Work.

Mr. McEwing said that while the immigration officers in this city seemed to be doing as good work as they could with the material they received, there seemed to be something weak in the system on the other side of the ocean, as numbers of the men had never been on a farm and didn't want to go at farm work.

"You can't spend too much money for me if you'll bring out those English-speaking people to settle them on the good farm lands of northern Ontario," said Mr. Studholme, but he objected to paying \$2.50 a day to an Italian interpreter.

Doubted if Valued Received.

"There's nothing here to show that you are going to do anything new," said Mr. Studholme, in objecting to the appropriation of \$2,300 for the salary of the Director of Colonization, the same as last year. He thought there should be something to show for this man's salary more than there is, in the way of finding better returns in the way of settling colonists on farm lands. The item was passed, though the member for East Hamilton was not satisfied.

Reasons for Differences.

Hon. Mr. Matheson pointed out that a number of reductions appeared under the heading of agriculture because of appropriations not required for 1912, and a number of items, such as salaries, formerly appeared in this department which had now been transferred to the civil government department.

The increase from \$41,500 to \$49,500 for maintenance of patients in municipal sanitarium for consumptives, for which Hon. Mr. MacKay asked if there was any special reason, was explained by Hon. Mr. Hanna as due to a statutory requirement,

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