

MAY NOT REGULATE SPITE FENCES

SIX OUT OF TWELVE CLAUSES
LOST IN CITY'S BILL—TOWN-
PLANNING DEFERRED.

Six out of twelve clauses in another bill to amend the municipal act instigated by the city of Toronto were allowed to pass by the Municipal Committee of the Legislature yesterday. Mr. George H. Gooderham, M.P.P., introduced the bill, and explained the clauses. The clause to prevent the erection of "spite fences" was struck out by the committee, as were also those reducing the property qualifications for municipal voting from \$400 to \$200, and regulating the erection of poles and wires on the streets.

Before reporting the bill the committee will again consider the provision to regulate the erection of apartment houses, and that to prescribe the width of highways.

Some time was spent in discussing the two town planning bills which have been introduced by Mr. W. D. McPherson and Mr. J. A. Ellis of Ottawa without any definite conclusion being arrived at. Mr. Ellis urged in his bill that all plans for the laying out of streets within five miles of the boundaries of cities of more than 50,000 population should be submitted to the Ontario Railway Board for approval. Mr. Gooderham asks that such plans be submitted to the city for approval, and that only in case of disagreement need the Railway Board be consulted.

Mr. J. R. L. Starr urged the claims of the township of York, saying that they were capable of regulating their own streets. Further consideration of the bills was postponed until the next sitting of the committee.

The Railway Committee held its last sitting yesterday, and has finished its work for the session. A bill incorporating the Glengarry and Stormont Railway to connect the town of Cornwall with the C. P. R. was reported without discussion.

BANISH THE BAR THE LIBERAL POLICY

Temperance Platform of Party Announced by Mr. N. W. Rowell.

Other Restrictions to be Imposed Upon the Liquor Traffic as Experience May Show to be Necessary—Regulation of Houses of Public Entertainment.

"Banish the Bar" is the temperance policy of the Liberal party for Ontario. Clear, definite and straightforward, the Liberal Leader has stated his position on one of the great issues before the Province to-day. The Liberal members of the Legislature met in caucus yesterday afternoon, and just before going into the House Mr. N. W. Rowell, K.C., filed with the Clerk a notice of motion which defines the attitude of the party on the question. The notice reads:—

That in the opinion of this House the public interests demand:

- (1) The immediate abolition of the bar;
- (2) Such other restrictions upon the residue of the liquor traffic as experience may show to be necessary to limit its operations and effective to remedy its evils;
- (3) The strict enforcement of the law by officials in sympathy with law enforcement, and the elimination of political influence from the administration of the law;
- (4) Regulation and inspection of all houses of public entertainment so as to insure reasonable accommodation for the travelling public.

The motion is returnable on Thursday of this week, although no arrangement has yet been made when the debate will take place.

WHAT LIBERALS WOULD DO.

The adoption of the Liberal policy would withdraw from all hotels the license to sell liquor over the bar or supply it to guests with their meals or in any other way.

It would restrict the sale of liquor to shops, where, as at present, purchasers would not be allowed to consume it on the premises.

This would confine drinking to private houses and to clubs, and would destroy the treating system that flourishes because of the facilities provided by the open bar.

The Liberal party would seek by regulation and inspection to secure for travellers proper accommodation in the hotels throughout the Province, which would then have as their sole reason for existence the undivided duty of caring for the travelling public.

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