

# PROPOSAL DROPPED TO VARY ORDERS OF BOARD

**LIEUT.-GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL  
WILL NOT INTERFERE WITH  
JUDGMENTS OF RY. BOARD.**

A large part of the afternoon and evening session of the Legislature was passed in committee on the Railway and Ontario Railway and Municipal Board bills. An important provision from the Federal statute giving the Lieutenant-Governor in Council power to rescind or vary any order or regulation of the board was dropped. Col. Hendrie, who was in charge of the bills, stated that nothing further would be heard of this clause.

Mr. Allan Studholme made an ineffectual attempt to stop the adoption of the clause giving railway companies the power to fine an employee up to \$40 for infraction of a regulation. This was not applying a right principle to an employee and should not be allowed. The clause was passed without amendment.

No monopoly is to be given for one type of "P-a-y-e" cars. The clauses relating to the approval of this type of car are to be further amended, and Col. Hendrie thought their application should not be restricted to cities over 100,000 population, but they might apply to any city in the Province.

A provision in the bill for the board to have power to order interchange of traffic between contiguous or intersecting lines will be altered at a later stage. It also permits of an order being issued giving one road running rights over another under proper safeguards.

Mr. Proudfoot wanted the authority of the board extended to all regulations of a company, and not those of a private or domestic nature excepted. This clause will come up again.

## SYMPATHY WAS ALL BROCKVILLE RECEIVED

**LEGISLATURE HELPLESS RE-  
GARDING GRAND TRUNK  
AGREEMENT.**

Brockville got only an expression of sympathy when Mr. A. E. Donovan appeared in behalf of the city before the Private Bills Committee of the Legislature yesterday, opposing a bill to ratify an agreement entered into between the Grand Trunk Railway and the town of Prescott, whereby the latter was to raise \$35,000 to induce the Grand Trunk to move its terminal point from Brockville to Prescott.

A bill will be reported permitting the city of St. Thomas to raise \$8,000 by debentures to make up \$45,000 for a shoe factory, which the city is to build and lease to the E. T. Wright Company. A change was made, however, in an agreement with the Michigan Central Railway, which provided for a fixed assessment of \$100,000 for ten years. The agreement is limited to five years, and with provision for a ten-year agreement, if the ratepayers approve.

In approving a bill authorizing the British Empire Trust Company, Limited, capitalized at nearly \$4,000,000, to open offices in Ontario for the purpose of making investments, it was provided that the Lieutenant-Governor in Council might at any time require the company to produce its list of shareholders.