

TORONTO WINS ITS POINT REGARDING CEMETERY ROAD

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE FAV-
ORS STRAIGHT ROUTE FROM
NORTH TORONTO.

Toronto won its point before the sub-committee of the Private Bills Committee of the Legislature yesterday morning with regard to running a straight road through Mount Pleasant Cemetery. The city will also be allowed to run three roads through Prospect Cemetery. One of these will be in line with Ascot avenue projected; the second will be a continuation of Summit avenue, and the third will run midway between Teignmouth and Morrison avenues.

With regard to the road through Mount Pleasant Cemetery, Ald. McBride explained that the city desired to carry this street through in order that it might operate its street cars parallel to Yonge street, and was only seeking power to make the necessary expropriation under the agreement between the county of York and the Cemetery Trust in 1909, which was confirmed by a bill of the Legislature. The details with regard to fencing and increasing the width of the street to 86 feet, were left to City Solicitor Johnson, Assessment Commissioner Forman and Mr. Wm. Davidson, one of the Cemetery Trust representatives, to draw up the necessary clause. The Cemetery Board withdrew its objection to a straight thoroughfare.

In connection with Prospect Cemetery, the trustees objected to the city being given power to put streets through wherever they chose, and wanted the places designated where the streets were to go. It was finally decided that the Cemetery Board could sell the unused portion of the property opened by the new streets, but the reservation was made that no further interments would be made on the brow of the hill.

VOTED DOWN MEASURE FOR LOCAL TAX REFORM

CONSERVATIVES, SAVE MR. GOOD-
ERHAM, OBEY THE PROVIN-
CIAL SECRETARY.

Mr. Rowell won out in the Legislature last night in his contention that Mr. Gooderham's bill to implement the tax reform plebiscite taken in Toronto on January 1, 1913, could not be withdrawn without the unanimous consent of the House, and had to go to a second reading. The Parliamentary authorities and the Speaker supported the stand taken by the leader of the Opposition, and when the motion to withdraw the bill was declared out of order, Mr. Gooderham again suggested to Mr. Hanna that it might be sent to the Municipal Committee for a "quiet and decent burial." But Mr. Hanna held to his position of the previous day. The House was divided on the second reading, and what thousands of the ratepayers of Toronto had expressly voted for was denied. Mr. Gooderham himself had the courage to support the bill, and voted along with Mr. Allan Studholme with the Opposition in favor of the principle of the bill. The vote was 49 to 17.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO MUNICIPAL ACT

TO DEFINE RESIDENTIAL DIS-
TRICTS, LESSEN FIRE RISK
AND REMOVE TREES.

Proposed amendments to the municipal act brought in by the city of Toronto were discussed in the Municipal Committee of the Legislature yesterday morning, but no definite action was taken on any of the measures.

Power to permit a municipality to define a residential district and to prohibit the erection of any buildings other than dwelling houses was urged by Mayor Hocken. He cited several instances which had occurred lately, one notably in Rosedale, where a large lot had been purchased for a stone yard, and the only thing that prevented the operation of the yard was the refusal of the C. P. R. to put in a siding. Another case was the desire of a company to establish a coal yard in the centre of a residential district. The situation at present was unfair, as people often purchased property with the idea of building, believing that the section would remain exclusively residential. Alderman McBride pointed out that the declaration whether a district should be residential rested entirely with the majority of the property owners of the locality affected.

To lessen the fire risk the city sought power to raise the license fee for clothes-pressing establishments. It was pointed out that the use of gasoline for cleaning, etc., was increasing the fire risk to a large extent, as these volatile fluids were kept in open vessels. Another amendment sought to raise the license fee for circuses from \$500 to \$2,000 per day.

Parks Commissioner Chambers wants power to remove trees where considered necessary in the public interest. The policy of the department was to beautify the city, and at the present time it experienced trouble with individuals who, often for sentimental reasons, objected to the removal of trees off the streets. He also pointed out that the notice now required to be given in the case of tree removals served no useful purpose and often led to inconvenient delays.

RULES INVOKED AGAINST DEBATE ON SOCIAL REFORM

HON. MR. FOY PREVENTS DIS-
CUSSION OF MR. ROWELL'S
MOTION.

In the Legislature last night Mr. Rowell's motion that the growing importance of social and industrial problems demanded the creation of a department of the Government, presided over by a responsible Minister, whose chief concern should be to study and promote legislative and administrative action for the betterment of the conditions of the workers of the Province, was objected to by Hon. Mr. Foy on the ground that it was similar to that contained in the amendment to the address previously voted down. Mr. Rowell agreed that the Acting Premier's point was well taken, according to the rules, if he wished to press it. His object in bringing forward the motion was to have the subject discussed unencumbered by any other issue.

Hon. Mr. Foy said he would press the point, as obeying the rules of the House.