

LENNOX FAILS IN APPEAL IN EASTERN STUB LINE CASE

Member of North York Tried to Induce Legislature to Upset Decision of Private Bills Committee and Make it Easier for Company

The attempt of Mr. T. Herbert Lennox (North York) to have the House interfere with the work of the Private Bills Committee and amend the clause in the city's bill compelling the Toronto Railway Company to give a service on the Queen street east stub line, in respect of which the city should maintain the track allowances, was rudely bumped in the Legislature yesterday. Mr. Lennox sought to reverse the decision of the committee and leave the whole matter to the Ontario Railway and Municipal Board.

The matter attracted a great deal of local interest, and east end residents gathered in large numbers in the galleries, and when Mr. Lennox's proposal was defeated the ladies who were unfamiliar with the fact that "strangers are not allowed in the House" broke into rounds of applause.

As far as could be seen, Mr. Lennox stood alone for his amendment, which was not even put to a vote, and the second reading of the bill carried.

Mr. Lennox's Amendment.

Mr. Lennox's amendment was that the Toronto Street Railway Company shall continue to operate its service of cars on Queen street east to the

present eastern limit, that terms of payment to the company shall be determined by the Ontario Railway and Municipal Board, and that the service shall commence immediately on the passing of the act. In answer to a question, Mr. Lennox stated that the decision of the Private Bills Committee was that the cost of the operation of the service was to be borne by the Street Railway Company, the city having to keep up the roadbed.

After Hon. Thomas Crawford and Mr. Whitesides (East Toronto) had spoken in support of the committee's decision, Mr. George Henry (East York) made a reference as to whether Mr. Lennox had an interest in the matter, which remark raised some dissent. Mr. Henry replied: "If he has no interest I do not know why he takes an interest in a domestic matter in my riding."

Committee Defended.

Mr. McPherson (West Toronto) also backed up the decision of the Private Bills Committee, saying that the railway company, by formerly running over this part and thus inducing people to reside there were under a moral obligation to these residents.

Mr. Lennox, at the conclusion of the discussion, took occasion to hit back at Mr. Henry. He said: "I shall treat with the utmost contempt the gratuitous insult that came from the lips of the member for East York."