

Sub-Committee for Metropolitan Purchase

In connection with the proposal of the city of Toronto to purchase that portion of the Metropolitan Railway within the city limits, a sub-committee of the Private Bills Committee of the Legislature was appointed yesterday to prepare a report for the Legislature regarding the proposed expropriation. The sub-committee will meet at 2 o'clock this afternoon, and consists of the following members: W. A. Allen, West Simcoe; Sir Adam Beck, London; Hon. Thos. Crawford, Hartley Dewart, Geo. H. Gooderham and Mark Irish, Toronto; Severin Ducharme, North Essex; George H. Henry, East York; Thomas Marshall, Lincoln; Charles McCrea, Sudbury; Wm. McDonald, Bruce; Victor Sinclair, South Oxford.

BULK SALES BILL TO PROTECT CREDITORS

PREMIER HEARST FAVORS BILL PREVIOUSLY VOTED DOWN.

After being rejected repeatedly for three or four years, the bulk sales bill, introduced in the Legislature this year by Mr. Sinclair (South Oxford), will shortly become law, judging from the remarks of Premier Hearst during a brief discussion of the measure yesterday. The object of the proposed legislation is to prevent retail merchants from selling their stocks in bulk and going off with the proceeds without settling up with their creditors. At present, wholesale merchants are in the habit of extending credit to anyone who chooses to enter the retail business, and there is nothing to prevent the retailer from selling the goods en bloc and leaving the country with the money. The legislation is to stop this sort of thing. The bill was defeated by a small majority last year. Premier Hearst said yesterday that the sentiment of the House seemed to be strongly in favor of the measure passing at the present session. He thought the bill had merits. They should seek to protect the creditor in every legitimate way without embarrassing business men. So far as he was concerned there was no objection to the principle of the bill, and he proposed that it be sent on to the Legal Committee for consideration of the details.

The measure was supported by Messrs. Dewart, Sinclair, Wellington Hay, Carter and Studholme. Mr. Sinclair said it had been referred to the Retail Merchants' Association, which had objected to it in other years, and he understood the objections had been removed.

The bill was given its second reading and sent on to the Legal Committee.
