

Composition of Commission.

With reference to the proposed composition of the Commission—an actuary and two other persons appointed by the Minister and two teachers or inspectors who are members of the Ontario Educational Association elected at the annual meeting of such association—Mr. Musgrove (North Huron), thought the Government should take the responsibility of appointing the Commission and making it permanent, appointed and elected triennially.

Mr. J. C. Elliott (West Middlesex) did not agree with the member for North Huron. "The suggestion I was going to make," he said, "is this: This is a matter which must have the confidence of the teaching profession as a whole. I was going to ask the Minister to consider the advisability of having the majority on the Commission appointed by the Educational Commission—having three members out of five."

Mr. Musgrove's Fear.

Mr. Musgrove treated this suggestion with scorn. "Why," quoth he, "you might have three opposed to this Government, and who wanted to destroy this Government."

Mr. Elliott—It may be that the Educational Association might consider that would be beneficial. (Laughter.)

Mr. Musgrove—Not responsible government at all.

The proposed amendment making it five years and under instead of six years and under as the period when teachers who retire get their contributions back, was allowed to stand over, after some discussion.

Proposed Amendments.

The proposed amendments to the bill included: A teacher or inspector shall not be entitled to any allowance provided for by this act until his claim to such allowance has been approved by a Commission consisting of five members, who shall be appointed and elected triennially as follows: An

actuary and two other persons appointed by the Minister; two teachers or inspectors who are members of the Ontario Educational Association elected at the annual meeting of such association by the teachers and inspectors present and voting thereat.

It was also proposed the Minister may deduct from the annual Legislative grants to School Boards the amount due through that board from its teachers.

Another suggested change was:

"But if at the time of his becoming entitled to such maximum allowance the teacher or inspector has paid into the fund a sum sufficient to purchase at Dominion Government rates a life annuity of a greater amount than \$1,000 per annum, the annual allowance payable to him under the act shall equal the amount of such annuity."

Definitions Submitted.

"Employed" was to include those engaged in Ontario in teaching in a public school, separate school, continuation school, High School, Collegiate Institute, Provincial Normal or Model School, a school to which the industrial education act applies, a faculty of education approved by the Minister, and including its attached observation and practice school, the Ontario School for the Deaf or the Ontario School for the Blind; those engaged in Ontario as an inspector of public schools by a county or other municipality; those engaged by the Minister, or by the Government, as an inspector or a supervisor of any grade or department, or class of such schools, or as Superintendent of Education, or as any other officer designated by the Minister as being engaged in work in connection with the administration of the Ontario Department of Education requiring the professional qualifications and experience of a teacher.

METROPOLITAN RAILWAY EXPROPRIATION SCHEME

CITY AND COMPANY TO HAVE
RIGHT TO ONE APPEAL IF
THEY DISAGREE.

The feature of the clause, reported yesterday by the Special Sub-committee of the Private Bills Committee, regarding the expropriation of the part of the Metropolitan Railway within the city limits, is that in the event of disagreement between the city and the company as to compensation, and following a decision by the Ontario Railway Board, either party has the right to one appeal to the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court of Ontario, the appeal to be within ten days.

In the event of an agreement the city is to grant running rights to the York Radial, on conditions agreed upon mutually or by the Ontario Railway Board.

In the event of the city not accepting the award and completing the expropriation, the cost of the proceedings will be paid by the city.

The by-law authorizing expropriation shall be passed within three months after the passing of the act, the city to have three months after the making of an award in which to either accept or reject it, after which the proceedings cease.

It was decided that York county be given one month, following the passing of the act, in which to file any claims for damages, such claims to be passed on by the Railway Board, and settled when the expropriation price is paid.

Government Rejects Mr. Carter's Motion

In connection with Whitby Hospital expenditures, Mr. Sam Carter (South Wellington) introduced a motion in the Legislature last night as follows:—"That, in view of the present war conditions, large capital expenditures should not be entered upon by the Government except where absolutely necessary for the protection of the public interests. The item for the purchase of land, construction of works and buildings should be reduced by the sum of \$100,000.

The motion was rejected by the Government.