

GOVT. REBUFF FOR HAMILTON

Request for Power to Operate Terminal Railway is Thrown Out

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Lucas Points Out the Danger of Granting the Application

Hamilton's application to the Legislature to permit that municipality to be incorporated as a terminal to company, and have the power to build and operate a four and a half mile cut-off railway so as to divert freight traffic from the centre of the city, and also to construct, maintain and operate any other lines within a radius of 15 miles from the centre of the city, was thrown out by the Private Bills Committee yesterday. Hon. I. B. Lucas, the Chairman, pointed out that if such powers were granted to Hamilton, other municipalities could make similar requests. Sir Adam Beck explained that now the Hydro-radial by-law had been passed by Hamilton, it was the intention of the Commission to construct common terminals. A conference was held between representatives of the Hamilton Council and Sir Adam Beck following the committee meeting, and an agreement was reached which will be submitted to the committee. It provides that authority will be given Hamilton to construct the proposed cut-off railway, and that ultimately it will be taken over and incorporated in the Hydro-radial system.

The other clauses of the bill, which were approved, were to permit the Council to pass by-laws, without submitting them to the ratepayers, to provide \$15,000 for the completion of the filling in of Sherman Inlet, to provide \$7,000, the amount

expended in completing the west-end sewage disposal works, and to provide \$300,000 for improvements to the City Hospital, and for the erection and equipment of a Nurses' Home for Mount Hamilton Hospital. The clause to authorize the municipality to enter into an agreement with the Dominion Government to erect an additional technical school unit was withdrawn.

Approve S.P.C.A. Request.

Subject to some qualifications the power asked for by the Ontario Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals in its bill of incorporation were approved. Under the drafted bill it was the intention to allow inspectors or agents of the Society to have the right to demand assistance of "all magistrates, Crown attorneys, sheriffs, constables and police officers." This the committee felt might result in the occurrence of trouble, and "magistrates, Crown attorneys and sheriffs" was struck out.

In the drafted act there was provision to relieve the Society or its branches of responsibility for wrongful acts of its officers unless such acts had been authorized, or from responsibility for unauthorized debts, etc., contracted by its agents or officers. However, opposition developed to this clause, and counsel agreed that it should be dropped, the Society relying on the common law.

Another bill which was reported yesterday was one to incorporate the "Church of Jesus Christ," which is an organization founded by Bishop R. C. Evans. It contained only the usual terms of incorporation. But one amendment was made, and that was to change the name to "Christian Brotherhood Church" from "Church of Jesus Christ." The bill to give the township of Crowland power to constitute a Board of Police Commissioners was also put through. Several other bills were reported after but little discussion.