

MT. PLEASANT LINE PROJECT IS DEFEATED

People Must Vote First, Says
the Private Bills
Committee

MUCH SPEECH-MAKING

Chairman Tells Spectators
That They Are Not
in a Theatre

The city of Toronto bill to get permission to issue debentures for the construction of the Mount Pleasant car line was defeated in the Private Bills Committee of the Legislature yesterday by a vote of twenty to ten.

An amendment moved by Major Tolmie, Windsor, and seconded by Charles Swayze, Niagara Falls, that the work be not authorized without the vote of the qualified electors was carried after two and a half hours of speech-making and discussion. A record of the vote was called for; the members voted for and against Major Tolmie's amendment as follows:

For: Messrs. Brown, Allen, Calder, Cunningham, Curry, Freeborn, Hall, Hicks, Homuth, McArthur, MacVicar, O'Neill, Pinard, Ramsden, Sewell, Swayze, Taylor, Tisdale, Thompson, Tolmie.

Against: Messrs. Buckland, Black, Crawford, Henry, Johnston, Laing, Leeson, Stevenson, Price, Watson.

Many Women Present.

As in the bill for secession, the committee-room was jammed with spectators. Fifty women from the district the proposed car line was to serve arrived early, and seated themselves along the north wall. When W. H. Price of Parkdale concluded his speech in which he introduced the bill, he received a storm of ap-

plause.

Hon. Mr. Raney, Chairman, was on his feet instantly. "This will not do," he said. "This is not a theatre. Please dispense with all manifestations of approval or disapproval." The city's case was presented by Corporation Counsel Geary, Mayor Church and Controllers Maguire and Gibbons. They contended that the principle of the bill had been approved in the 1915 vote. Controller Cameron, for the minority in Council, spoke strongly against the bill, and said that Yonge street could be cleaned up at half the price proposed for the construction of this road. M. J. O'Leary, President of the Central Citizens' Association, and T. W. Banton spoke for the bill.

Committee has Say.

Mr. Banton thought they were not going to hear him, and excitedly demanded his rights. Mr. Ramsden told him that he would get a hearing, but the committee would say when. Ex-Mayor Urquhart, representing, he said, the women present, who have to walk over a mile at present to get a car line, supported the bill, while Mr. Donnelly, from North Toronto, spoke against it.

Mr. Ramsden asked that ex-Controller Sam McBride be heard, and an old man in one of the back seats rose up and protested fiercely against this, and Chairman Raney had some time pacifying him. Mr. McBride was in his usual fighting mood, opposed the bill, and took a slam at The Telegram. If you could not bow the knee and give the high sign to the editor of that journal, he said, why, The Telegram thought you had to get out of public life.

For and Against.

Ex-Alderman Ball then got a hearing, and maintained that the bill was merely asking for an extension of an existing line, approved five years before. Hon. George Henry and Hon. Thomas Crawford spoke for the bill; Joseph Thompson thought the matter should be left to the Transportation Commission, and for that reason opposed it. Mr. J. W. Curry was in favor of having the people vote on the measure. The vote was then taken.