

the ratepayers of the city of Guelph.

When he received the letter from the Mayor, Mr. Drury said, he called up the Hydro and talked to one of the officials. "I think it was Mr. Pope." He said he was assured by that official that the agreement was in accordance with the understanding all along that the Hydro was to take over and operate the road for the city of Guelph as a municipal enterprise. On the strength of that he wrote to Guelph that if the ratepayers approved the agreement the Government would validate it.

"The Government keeps its pledge," he said. "I do not approve of the by-law as submitted, but if Guelph is pleased with that agreement the Government will make no objection."

When he called up the Hydro official, the Premier said, the copy of the by-law had not reached him, and did not reach him until after the decision was made.

CLOSE DIVISION ON ARBITRATORS

By Majority of Three Committee Favors Contention of the City

By a vote of 23 to 20 the Private Bills Committee of the Legislature yesterday morning decided in favor of the contention of the city of Toronto that there should be three arbitrators rather than one to fix the price at which Toronto will take over the Toronto Railway Company this fall. The city's representatives vigorously opposed suggestions, first, that P. H. Drayton should be the sole arbitrator, and, second, that on a commission of three he should be the third member and Chairman.

After lengthy and decidedly vehement discussion of the subject, R. L. Brackin, Liberal member for West Kent, moved that the city appoint one man as arbitrator on a board of three, the company one, and that the third be the official arbitrator. He was seconded by Charles McCrea, Conservative member for Sudbury.

J. W. Curry's amendment, and the one which eventually carried by the small margin of three votes, was that the city and company each appoint one arbitrator, that these two members appoint a third, or in the event of their disagreement that the third member, who is to be the Chairman, shall be named by the courts.

Members voted as follows on the Curry amendment:

For—Allan, Brown, Buckland, Cameron, Carmichael, Crawford, Curry, Ferguson, Halcrow, Henry, Hill, Johnston (Simcoe), Leeson, Lethbridge, Lewis, McArthur, O'Neill, Ramsden, Rankin, Ross (Kingston), Thompson, Watson, Webster—23.

Against—Brackin, Casselman, Cooper, Dewart, Freeborn, Greenlaw, Hall, Hicks, Homuth, McCrea, MacVicar, Marshall, Montgomery, Oke, Pinard, Mageau, Sinclair, Stover, Tolmie, Racine—20.

Action Over Water Lots Dismissed by Master

The action of Attorney-General Raney against Hugh Paton and J. J. Carrick to set aside a patent of water lots in Thunder Bay was dismissed yesterday by Master in Chambers Cameron. The parties had arrived at a settlement. The suit was to rectify the patent by including in it the name of William H. Laird. Mr. Laird's interests are protected by the settlement.

Carvell Utterances

Criticized in House

Hon. Frank Carvell, Chairman of the Board of Railway Commissioners for Canada, received criticism from still another quarter when Peter Heenan, Kenora, spoke in the Legislature yesterday on a question of privilege. He read extensively from a speech of Mr. Carvell's in which the wages of railwaymen were said to be one of the main causes of high operating costs.

Mr. Heenan said that he was an engineer himself and knew something about their wages. The average wage of an engineer for an eight-hour day, he said, was \$7.50. That amounted to \$195 for a 26-day month and \$220 for a 30-day month.

"If he makes more than that it is because of inefficient management," said Mr. Heenan. "If the management cannot get railroad men over 100 miles in eight hours, then it is inefficient."

"I don't think this person should be permitted to go through this country making such statements as he is making," concluded Mr. Heenan.

All Universities

To Get Assistance

Hon. Howard Ferguson asked in the Legislature yesterday, in view of the reported undertaking of the Minister of Education that a substantial sum of money would be granted to the Western University of London, if a similar amount would be granted to Queen's.

"I gave no assurance that any further support would be granted other than what I have already indicated to the House," said Hon. Mr. Grant. "I said the Western University would be generously treated next year so far as capital expenditure is concerned. All the universities will be generously dealt with when the Government decides its policy."

WITHDRAWS HIS BRIBERY CHARGE MADE IN COUNCIL

Ex-Alderman Ashplant of London Logizes Also Utterances

CONF. GLOBE REPORT

Members of the Council Gathered Same Impression of Speech

The ex-Alderman H. B. Ashplant inquiry before the Privileges and Elections Committee of the Ontario Legislature ended yesterday afternoon when Mr. Ashplant tendered an apology. His apology, as worded for him by Mr. Curry, was that if he did say anything at the London Council meeting of March which was capable of the interpretation that had been put upon it by members of the Council, he desired to withdraw it, and was sincerely sorry for having so expressed himself. J. W. Curry suggested the apology, and J. M. Ferguson, committee counsel, acquiesced in its being made.

Mr. Ashplant did not admit at any point that his remarks should be interpreted as meaning that improper methods might be followed