

TUESDAY, MAY 30.

DRURY TAKES ACTION FOR RETURN OF BONDS HE ONCE GUARANTEED

Amendment to Hydro-Radial Bill Orders Giving Back to Government \$11,360,363 of T., N. & St. C. Bonds, Whether in Hands of Hydro Commission or Bankers

PROVISION MADE FOR OTHER BONDS

Among Premier Drury's promised amendments to his Hydro-radial bill, introduced in the Legislature at 11.30 last night in the committee stage, is one ordering the return to the Government of \$11,360,363 worth of Government guaranteed bonds, originally issued for the construction and equipment of the Toronto-St. Catharines Railway.

"As to any such bonds which have heretofore been hypothecated or deposited by the commission with any bank or person as security for the payment of a loan to the commission," says the amendment, "such bank or person is authorized and required to return such bonds to the Provincial Treasurer for cancellation on payment by the Treasurer."

May Guarantee New Bonds.

Further amendments dealing with the Toronto-St. Catharines line authorize the commission to hold in trust for the Crown such lands and assets as have been acquired for a right of way, and, in conformity with the Premier's previous announcement, the Cabinet Council may authorize the Provincial Treasurer to guarantee to the amount of \$11,360,353 bonds which may hereafter be issued under the provisions of the 1914 act, to meet the cost of the railway, when such has once more been approved by a vote of the municipalities.

The first of the Premier's announced amendments last night declared null and void all bylaws here-

tofore passed by municipal corporations, and all agreements made between municipal corporations and the commission under the provisions of the 1914 act, and the commission is ordered to deliver up to the municipalities for cancellation the debentures deposited with it.

Some Lines Under Old Act.

The Hydro-electric Railway Act of 1914 is declared to remain in force with respect to the following lines: Sandwich, Windsor & Amherstburg Railway and the Windsor & Tecumseh Electric Railway, the Guelph Railway, the future acquisition, equipment, maintenance and operation of the railways mentioned in the Toronto Radial Railway Act, and the future acquisition by the commission of the Toronto Suburban Railway, the construction and operation of the Port Credit-St. Catharines