

BILL IS WITHDRAWN BY BRUCE MEMBER

Sought to Amend Public Service Works, High- ways Act

F. W. Elliott, Liberal member for North Bruce, yesterday withdrew his bill to amend the Public Service Works on Highways Act.

The bill would have had the effect of making a corporation which has works on the highway bear the whole cost of moving the same when changes are being made on the highway. At present the cost is borne in equal proportions by the highway authorities and the operating corporation, but the cost does not include the replacement or removal of appliances or works, nor the cost of any material or supplies, nor any other expense or loss occasioned to the operating corporation.

Since the introduction of the bill, a good many pole-line companies are said to have become greatly exercised over it.

When it was called for second reading yesterday, Hon. William Finlayson, Chairman of the Municipal Law Committee, expressed the opinion, from legal inquiries that had been made into the situation, that it would not get very far, and Mr. Elliott, its sponsor, promptly withdrew it.

SMALLER COUNCILS PROVIDED IN BILL

Questionnaire Will Be Sent to the Municipalities Affected

A bill which was brought before the Municipal Law Committee of the Legislature yesterday by F. W. Elliott (Liberal, North Bruce) asking the authority for small towns to reduce the number of their Councillors from six to four was laid over indefinitely until a questionnaire can be sent to all municipalities affected to determine their views.

This action was taken on the suggestion of Dr. Paul Poisson (Conservative, North Essex), in spite of the fact that the majority of committee members felt that the average Council in a small municipality is too large and unwieldy.

Mr. Elliott's argument in support of his bill was that the change would not affect representation on the Council, and that the cost of government would be cut down, inasmuch as most municipalities pay their Councils.

Hon. William Finlayson, Minister of Lands and Forests, was again selected as Chairman of the committee.