

Which was sustained.

The question then being, "Shall the previous question be now put?"

It was sustained.

The question then recurring upon the amendment proposed by Mr. Linthicum ;

It was rejected.

Mr. Devecmon proposed the following amendment :

Fifth line of 3rd section, after the words "applied by them," insert "and whenever and as often as the coal trade of the said Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company is injuriously affected by a reduction of the rates of transportation on coal by the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, the President and Directors of the said Canal Company are hereby authorized and required to reduce the rates of toll in a similar ratio, so as to maintain its equality of advantage with the said Railroad Company in the transportation of coal.

The following amendment, proposed by the Committee on Ways and Means, viz :

In section 3, line 5, after the word "expenses" insert "including all expenses incurred since the close of navigation in the autumn of 1866.

In section 4, line twenty-eight, after the word "whatsoever" insert "unless in the judgment of the President and Directors who may, from time to time, be elected under the provisions of this Act, the said surplus or any part thereof may be absolutely necessary for repairing extraordinary damages to said canal, or making improvements thereto, or to its dams, locks or other works, in which case it shall be the duty of the Treasurer of the State, with the consent of the trustees of said bondholders, to pay to said President and Directors, upon their requisition, out of said surplus, such sums as they may have expended in such extraordinary repairs or necessary improvements."

Mr. Brydon proposed the following amendment :

Section 7. And be it enacted, that until otherwise ordered by the General Assembly, the President of the said Canal Company and one of the directors other than those to be nominated by the said trustees shall reside in Allegany county.

Mr. Evans proposed the following amendment :

Strike out the enacting clause and insert the following as a substitute for the bill :

That the Board of Public Works be authorized to sell the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal to the highest bidder for not less than six millions of dollars clear of all liens.