

By Mr. *Blakistone*. Question. Was that bill before the Council?

Answer. Yes, sir. It was before one Branch of the Council. I do not recollect whether it was before our Branch or not.

Question. [Showing witness a printed bill.] Was that paper before either Branch of the Council?

Answer. I cannot say positively; my impression is that it was.

Question. What rate of charge does this bill provide for?

Answer. Three cents.

Question. Do you believe the parties named in that bill are able to build a City Passenger Railway?

Answer. I believe they are able to do it.

By Mr. *Gordon*. Question. Had you any interest in the Travers bill at the time it passed the Council?

Answer. No personal interest, no sir; none at all.

Question. Was there a Committee appointed by the Council, after the passage of that bill, for the purpose of investigating the manner and the circumstances under which it was passed?

Answer. No, sir, there was not.

Question. Was there any investigation made in relation to that matter by any person?

Answer. There was a Committee appointed by the Council for the purpose of examining into the legal effect of what was done—as to whether these parties had carried out the provisions of the ordinance, in laying down the track, opening the books, &c.; but nothing in reference to the manner of the passage of anything through the Council. But the Committee arrogated to themselves that power.

Question. They took the matter into consideration?

Answer. Yes, sir.

Question. Were you a witness?

Answer. Yes, sir.

Question. Were you examined?

Answer. Yes, sir.

Question. Under oath?

Answer. No, sir; I told them that I declined to answer any question in relation to fraud, but would answer any inquiry about the purpose for which they were appointed.

By Mr. *Blakistone*. Question. Why not answer that?

Answer. Because it was an impertinent question, which the Council had given them no authority to ask.

By Mr. *Gordon*. Question. Had not the public prints made such charges?

Answer. The same kind of charges that are made about the Senate and House of Delegates.

Question. Had not charges been made that some members of the Council had actually been bribed to vote for this bill?

Answer. Any particular member?

Question. Some of the members?

Answer. I suppose there was.

Question. Had not charges to that effect been publicly made in the Council?