

EDINBURGH NORTHERN TRAMWAYS.

PROCEEDINGS BEFORE SELECT COMMITTEE.

The Edinburgh Northern Tramways Bill came before the select committee of the House of Commons yesterday. Sir Henry Selwyn-Edgerton presided, and the other members of the committee were Mr Hamilton, Mr Easton Smith, and Mr...

Baillie Anderson said the Town Council were not in opposition to the bill, but they were not in favour of it. He was of opinion that the new tramways would be of advantage to the city. Cross-examined by Mr RICHARDS.—The consent of the Corporation given to this bill was conditional, and it was part of the condition that they should guard their right to appear and raise any points. The reason why they took action was to guard their right to purchase the tramways.

reason why they entered into a special agreement with the Water Trust was that they were to get some special benefit from it. They were offered terms, but it was in outrageous terms. If they had entered into such an agreement with the gas company they would have been opposed by the Corporation. Mr Phillips, secretary of the Gaslight and Coke Company for many years, said his was the largest gas company in the world.

OPENING OF NEW EDINBURGH MEAT MARKET.

A new meat market, which has lately been erected at Fountainbridge by the Edinburgh Meat Market Company (Limited), was opened yesterday by Mr Charles Wilson, chairman of the company. There was a very large attendance of buyers and consignors, and amongst those present were Messrs Charles Banks, Malcolm Brodie, John Moffat, John G. Smart, Henry Waters, and James Wood—directors; Mr Henry Wakelin, solicitor, secretary to the company; and Mr Peter L. Henderson, the architect of the premises.

OREGONIAN RAILWAY PANIC IN DUNDEE.

The panic which prevails in Dundee in consequence of the information which has been received from Oregon that the Oregonian Railway Company is about to be incorporated in the United States, has been increasing. Judging from the heavy falls in the value of American securities held in the Dundee market, and the reports published yesterday of other disastrous bank failures in New York, it is considered considerably to intensify the excitement. Further news of the action of the management of the Lessee Company is looked for with feverish anxiety.

PROVINCIAL.

Homecoming at Duns Castle.—The return of Mr and Mrs Hay to Duns Castle yesterday afternoon caused great rejoicing in Duns. Since Mr Hay's accession eight years ago, he has resided at Ferryhill. The shops in the town were closed and flags displayed. The carriage of Mr Hay, containing himself and Mrs Hay, was dragged in a heavy sledge down to the castle, where congratulatory addresses were presented. There were illuminations in the evening. ANKMAN—SERIOUS ACCIDENT TO A VETERINARY SURGEON.—On Wednesday afternoon, a serious accident occurred to Mr John Teit, veterinary surgeon, Anstruther. He was on professional duty at Charlesfield, a farm about three miles from the town, and while he was there a mare gave birth to a foal. Mr Peter Carruthers and he went to have a look at the animal, which was lying quietly along with the foal in a loose box.