

former, and one of the latter to each Member of the Commons, and *vice versa* to the Members of the Senate.

The Honorable Mr. *Fournier*, from the Select Standing Committee on Railways, Canals and Telegraph Lines, presented to the House the Sixth Report of the said Committee, which was read, as followeth :—

Your Committee have considered the following Bills, and have agreed to report the same with amendments, viz. :—

Bill to incorporate the Lake *Superior* and *Manitoba* Railway Company.

Bill to incorporate the *Ontario* and *Pacific* Junction Railway Company.

Bill to extend the powers of the Dominion Telegraph Company.

Bill to enable the Great Western Railway Company to further extend and improve its connections, and to authorize and confirm the issue of certain Debenture Stock.

Bill from the Senate, intituled : “ An Act to extend the time limited for paying in of subscription of Stock in the *Canada* and *New York* Bridge and Tunnel Company,”

And the following Bills without amendment :

Bill respecting the issue of Bonds by the *Saint Francis* and *Megantic* International Railway Company.

Bill to amend the Act incorporating the *Quebec* Frontier Railway Company.

Bill from the Senate, intituled : “ An Act to authorize the *Brockville* and *Ottawa* Railway Company to issue Preferential Mortgage Debentures, and for other purposes.”

Also the following Resolution as a recommendation :—

*Resolved*, That in the opinion of the Committee the Bill to amend the “ Railway Act, 1868,” falls within the same category as the Bills referred to in the Resolution adopted by the Committee and reported to the House on the 16th instant.

Mr. *Rymal*, from the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders, presented to the House the Fifteenth Report of the said Committee, which was read as followeth :—

Your Committee have considered the Petition of *John Wallace*, M.P., for leave to present a Petition for incorporation of the *Hopewell* Shipbuilding Company notwithstanding the expiration of the time limited for the reception of Private Petitions ; and as the reasons assigned for the delay are satisfactory, they recommend that leave be granted therefor.

Mr. *Irving*, from the Select Committee appointed to consider and report to this House what changes it is desirable to make in “ An Act to amend the Criminal Law relating to Violence, Threats and Molestation (35 *Victoria*, Chapter 3),” presented to the House the Report of the said Committee, which was read, as followeth :—

The Select Committee, to whom it has been referred, to consider and report to the House what changes it is desirable to make in an Act to amend the Criminal Law relating to violence, threats and molestations (35 *Vict.*, Chap. 21), respectfully report :

That the object in view when the above was passed in connection with the Trade Unions Act, 1872—(35 *Victoria*, Chapter 30) both having been patterned upon Imperial Acts, was among other matters, to introduce clauses which should legalize the combination of workmen, destroy the old doctrines of restraint of Trade, and declare that combinations which had for their object the compulsion of the Masters by strike, should no longer be conspiracies.

Notwithstanding the stringency of the provisions in the Act against Acts defined as “ Molestation by Workmen,” and not otherwise offences, the working classes were led to believe that the two measures referred to, taken together, would greatly ameliorate the hardship of the laws previously existing.

It is nevertheless felt both in *England* and in *Canada*, that the Judicial construction which has been placed upon the provisions of the Act differs from the impression which had been generally formed of them, and such construction has not operated as fairly to the working classes as the respective Legislatures of the two Countries intended in enacting them.