

### Parliamentary Matters.

Amongst the important Parliamentary Bills which have come before Parliament during the year was the "Lord's Day Bill." This Bill was introduced at the instigation of the Lord's Day Alliance and was adopted as a government measure, and had it been allowed to pass as introduced it would have prevented vessels, after landing their steerage passengers at Quebec on a Sunday, from proceeding on their journey the same day. It would also have prevented the loading of cattle, and the handling of perishable cargo. Strenuous objections were taken by the Federation and other transportation interests to this Act, and I am pleased to say that it was considerably modified as set out in detail in this report, see page 19.

### Ship Channel.

Good progress has been made in carrying out the work of deepening and widening the ship channel between Montreal and Quebec. The following extract from the report of the Superintending Engineer of the ship channel, Mr. F. W. Cowie, to the Deputy Minister of Marine and Fisheries, Lt.-Col. F. Gourdeau, explains satisfactorily the work that has been done and what is in contemplation:—

"The work in the ship channel through Montreal Harbour known as the Longueuil Shoal, which the Montreal Board of Trade and Shipping Federation of Canada urged the Government to undertake, was finally completed on August 9th, and has already proved of great benefit to navigation. This shoal, situated at the foot of current St. Mary, will no longer be a serious menace to navigation, as the improvements give a wide, easy channel, and the leading marks are to be of a permanent and distinctive character.

"The completion of the 30-foot channel through Lake St. Peter was promised for the end of October, 1906. It was actually completed to the old width of 300 feet on the 14th of November.

"Although the widening, in Lake St. Peter, has been completed at all the important curves, and over about one-third of the length requiring dredging, there remains yet about 12 miles of channel to be widened, and the dredge 'Tarte' will now be able to undertake the work of the widening of the straight portions without the constant delays, as was the case when she had to stop work for every passing ship.