

punishment of fraud, are the principal amendments suggested by the Council.

#### INTERCOLONIAL RAILWAY AND TERMINUS.

On the judicious selection of this important route will probably depend the future prosperity of the Dominion, and impressed with this conviction, your Council requested our city members to oppose the resolutions introduced into the House of Commons during the first part of the Federal Session, to give the Government the power of selecting the route, unless they were assured that the Major Robinson line would be chosen. The Council also petitioned Parliament in favor of that route, and have taken advantage of every opportunity to press its superior claim on all persons likely in any way to influence the decision of the Government. A deputation also waited on the Governor General, to urge the importance and necessity of a terminus opposite the city. The Union Act, however, locates the head of the Intercolonial at River du Loup, and if it is the desire of the citizens to have a terminus at Point Levis, communication ought to be opened at once with the Grand Trunk authorities, who are the proper parties to consult in the matter, with the view to the construction of an extension line to the river side at South Quebec.

#### THE SHIP-CARPENTERS' STRIKE.

In December last, a deputation of the ship-carpenters addressed a communication to the Council, requesting them to interfere to settle the unfortunate differences that existed between them and the ship-builders, as to the rate of wages, and the then pending strike. The Council, estimating the full force of their appeal, and convinced of the disastrous consequences which their ill-advised proceedings were producing, undertook the task, distinctly intimating that in doing so they did not in any way recognize the Union. Interviews were accordingly held, both with the men and the masters, and after considerable time and labor spent in considering the subject in all its bearings, the Council arranged a basis with the builders—much more liberal than any previous propositions—on which they would open their yards, and resume operations. Though at first the men somewhat discourteously declined the terms, they afterwards on reflection consented to them, and went to work. In the interest of themselves and their families, and that of the important branch of trade with which they are connected, your Council sincerely hope that for the future they will allow good sense and judgment to control and regulate their actions.

#### THE COAL TRADE.

A bill having been introduced into the House of Assembly during the late session of the Provincial Parliament, to regulate the discharge of coal, and its provisions having been considered very objectionable by the trade, the Council took prompt action to defeat it, and it was afterwards withdrawn.