

concession are both in the Crown and tributary the one to the other that both should be submitted to public auction jointly, one of the conditions of sale being that the purchaser should pay a bonus for the right of occupation and an annual rental for the water power as well as reasonable dues for the pulp wood required for the industry.

### 8. PROVINCIAL COMMISSION FOR PROTECTION OF MUNICIPALITIES

That in the opinion of this Convention many public interests would be greatly protected by the appointment of a Provincial Commission having authority to deal with such questions as the bonding powers and capitalization of companies concerned in the operation of public utilities, the application of municipalities for consolidating debenture debts, and by-laws of municipalities purporting to confer monopolistic rights in public utilities, such Commission to have power to advise upon the terms of such by-laws and generally upon other matters similar to certain State Commissions in the United States or Local Improvement Boards in the Mother Country.

### 9. LABOR QUESTION.

That this Convention is pleased to notice the progressive character of the labour legislation of the Province of Ontario during the last twenty-five years, by which wages are secured by liens and preferences over ordinary creditors or by simple processes at law, by which the safety of the working classes has been protected on railways and in factories, by which the hours of labour have been restricted, and facilities afforded for voting at municipal and parliamentary elections; by which the inspection of factories, bakeries and mines have been provided and a Labour Bureau established for collecting information with regard to the condition of labour in Canada and other countries.

That this Convention is of the opinion that those branches of the public service affecting labour should be consolidated with a