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in any of its readings, or without a division while in Committee in either House. This of itself was no small compliment to the measure as introduced. My speech on the Combines Bill contained as you know, a pretty thorough analysis of the increased cost of living and of the conditions which have given rise to large combinations of capital and the dangers which these present to the people.

In addition to these measures I also got through important amendments to the Industrial Disputes Investigation Act, amendments which will make the measure entirely popular to the railway organizations who alone, of all the labour <sup>organizations</sup> employees had any serious opposition to it from the outset. I enclose a clipping from Hansard which contains letters that I quoted from the several railway organizations in proposing these amendments. In brief, they require that the party who is responsible for making the change in conditions shall be the one who must call for a Board of enquiry. The Act, of course, remains as it did, to prevent strikes and lockouts until a board has been appointed. Then, in regard to troubles extending over more than one province, the amendment provides that the officers of organizations where they are recognized by a company may make application without it being necessary for the employees to go to the extent of taking a vote toward this end.

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In addition to these legislative measures, I have been Chairman of two of the most important Committees of the House, one on Proportional Representation, which had only a few meetings, and the other on Mr. Verville's Bill for the purpose of establishing an eight-hour day on public works. This committee met every week and took a great amount of evidence. The report of the committee was presented to parliament last night and it recommends that the evidence taken, together with views expressed, correspondence, etc. shall be carefully classified and the whole published in the form of one volume. This volume will be 500 pages or more in size and will constitute one of the most important documents dealing with this important question ever published.

Besides this legislative and committee work I have been very faithful in my attendance in the House, not having missed a single vote during the session and not being absent more than two days during the entire year. Without rushing into every