

*The following Circular was issued by the Commission :*

ROYAL LABOR COMMISSION,

OTTAWA, 16th November, 1887.

The Royal Commission appointed for the purpose of making enquiries into all subjects connected with labor and its relations to capital will hold meetings from time to time (as may be announced) at various centres of industry.

The Commission will be glad to hear any evidence that may be offered bearing on the subject of labor, its relation to capital, the hours of labor, the earnings of laboring men and women, methods of arbitration for the settlement of disputes between employers and employes, and generally any means that may be advanced for promoting the material, social, moral and intellectual prosperity of the working classes.

For the purpose of giving a better idea of what subjects are considered pertinent to these enquiries the following general heads are given, viz. :—

Factory laws.

Laws regarding machinery.

Lien law and garnishment of wages.

Proportionate profits of capital and labor.

Cheapening of production by use of machinery.

Has the use of machinery lowered wages?

Profit-sharing.

Iron-clad contracts.

Conspiracy laws and black-lists.

Masters and servants Acts.

Child labor.

Female labor.

Employers' liability.

Truck system.

Foreign contract labor.

Land and other rents.

Weekly payments and pay days.

The apprentice system.

Hours of labor and rates of wages.

Purchasing power of wages.

Wages in Canada as compared with those in Great Britain and the United States.

Arbitration.

Effects arising from organized labor upon the working classes.

Strikes and their results.

Labor combinations.

Difference between manufacturers' prices and cost to consumers; and is this difference greater or less in the case of imported articles as compared with articles of home production?

Trusts.

Workingmen's co-operative benefit societies.