being attended to by another committee, and a building selected as a permanent depot; other minor matters are receiving attention from the regular and special committees of the Council.

I will as far as possible within reasonable limits, discuss these and kindred subjects further on, but before doing so will refer shortly to the legislation of the last session of our Local Parliament, in so far as it relates to the interests of the City of Halifax. In addition to the several acts specially mentioned herein, there are others which indirectly affect interests within the city, but not to any great extent.

The City Council and citizens in general, should keep track of legislation on civic affairs, and affecting civic rights and privileges, the more especially as it is only by legislative enactments that additional taxation can be imposed on the rate payers.

It not infrequently happens that important city interests are largely interfered with by Acts of Parliament, passed in apparent disregard of the wishes of the citizens, or their legally constituted representatives. Many instances of this could be cited, but it would serve no good purpose, especially as public opinion is divided upon some of the laws in question.

LEGISLATION OF 1886.

The last session of the Provincial Legislature was a very prolific one in enactments, and the City of Halifax came in for its full share. Among the 168 chapters which were the result of the session's work, some ten or twelve directly affected the interests of the Corporation of Halifax. These I will specially note, indicating some of the most prominent features.

Chapter 1.—" An Act to authorize certain grants in aid of Railways, and to provide for the completion and consolidation of the Railway between Halifax and Yarmouth," if carried into operation will be of immense benefit to the trade of Halifax.