

William Mitchell and William Littlejohns, members of the Union, who were the mover and seconder of the resolution, on a charge of conspiracy. The preliminary hearing of the case was had in the police court in Hamilton on Saturday last, during which, and in consequence of certain evidence adduced, David R. Gibson, also a member of the Union, was also made a defendant and placed under arrest.

There were but two witnesses examined for the prosecution, John Watson and James Guthrie, both of whom had been members of the Union, and were present at the meeting at which the boycotting resolution was passed. John Watson testified as follows: "I am a stonemason and was a member of the Bricklayers' and Masons' Union until Thursday, April 26, when I sent in my resignation. I was present at a meeting of the union on the 19th, and know the defendants. They were also present at the meeting. The plaintiff is a mason, and the question about him was being discussed. Mitchell moved a resolution and Littlejohns seconded it, the purport of which was that no member of the union should work on the city hall or any other city work until Buscombe was discharged from employment. The resolution was carried, but some of the members did not vote for it. The yeas and nays were afterwards taken, and the resolution was affirmed. I was in good standing at the time. The question was then discussed as to whether any man going to work on a city job should be fined fifty dollars, but cannot say whether it was carried or not. David R. Gibson spoke in favor of the resolution; also a man named

Anderson. There were between forty and fifty members present. Smith was at the door and Richard Ailles was in the chair. Laing is financial secretary, and Muir is corresponding secretary. Gibson used to be president and is now on some of the committees. The name of the society is the Bricklayers' and Masons' Union. I came to the conclusion that there was no principle in the thing, and I would rather leave the union than lose my work. There are fines for breach of union rules."

On cross-examination Watson stated that at the meeting all the members of the union present declared that none of them would work for the city unless Buscombe was discharged. He was told that he could not work on the city hall job, and that he must be prepared for the consequences if he went to work

there. He stated that last fall there was some trouble of this same kind about Buscombe and he lost considerable time because of it. He lost five weeks' time, and he was determined he would lose no more time. He was then compelled by the union to leave the job he was working on, which did him no good but was intended to injure Buscombe.

James Guthrie, the other witness, swore that he was at the meeting on April 19, and confirmed what Watson had said. He also stated that D. R. Gibson made a speech in the union meeting, during which he said it was their duty to put Mr. Piggot, the city hall contractor, to all the inconvenience they could.

After the testimony was in brief arguments were made, and the magistrate decided that it was his duty to hold the defendants for their appearance at the assizes to answer a charge of conspiracy. He held that when two or three workmen conspired together to injure another workman, or to deprive him of the means of making his living, it constituted conspiracy in the eyes of the law.

The three defendants, William Mitchell, William Littlejohns and David R. Gibson, were then committed for trial at the assizes, bail being fixed at \$500 each in themselves, with two sureties each at \$250.

#### THE TORONTO ROLLING MILL COMPANY.

In our issue of November 18th last, we stated that the project of building rolling mills in this city was in process of realization. The matter has been under consideration ever since that time, and we

now take pleasure in announcing that it has materialized in the formation of the Toronto Rolling Mill Company, and that work is about being begun on what will be one of the most important industrial enterprises in Canada, certainly in Ontario.

The Ontario Bolt Company, of Toronto, of which Mr. James Worthington, is president, started operations in May, 1885, just about three years ago, having purchased the works at the Humber, near this city, under decree of court. This company has made its venture a success, and now its members are taking up this larger enterprise. They have been joined by some American gentlemen, experienced in rolling mill business, and the capital of the new company will be amply sufficient for all requirements. At first from 150 to 200 men will be employed,



BITING OFF HIS NOSE.

WHAT'S the matter Mike? you look sick.  
O'I'm starvin'. We're on a stroike, and o'I havn't et anything for days.  
Why don't you go to work, then?  
Work! and let the monopolists thrive off me? o'I'll do first.