

righteously to observe it, we desire to express our full sympathy with the institution and purpose of the Kingston Sabbath Reformation Society."

The subjoined gratifying paragraphs also appeared in the Report, manifesting a deep interest in the work which it is the privilege of your Committee to engage in. "The reading of the letter accompanying the Report kindly placed before this Conference by Dr. Mair, through the Secretary, has given us unfeigned pleasure and satisfaction. This Conference most heartily congratulates the Society on the beneficial results already arising from their efforts, and hopes they will be strengthened to prosecute their work until a rightly moulded public opinion shall arise in its majesty and power, to resist and rebuke all attempts at Sabbath desecration throughout our land, and that the legislature, railway companies, and all other corporate bodies, may be constrained to remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy.

In the accomplishment of so desirable an object this conference will, through its executive, be most happy to co-operate."

#### REGIMENTAL BANDS PLAYING ON THE LORD'S DAY.

It was with sorrow notice had to be taken by the Secretary of an act of Sabbath desecration by the playing of the bands of the 47th and 48th Battalions in marching to St. Andrew's Church of this city on Sunday, 26th of June. It was the hope of the Committee that such occurrences would not have been allowed by the local military authorities after the excellent example set by the Royal Canadian Corps for several years previous to its disbandment, in invariably marching to church without music. Although a pledge has not been given by the Commandant that he would prevent such an act of Sabbath desecration in future, it is hoped that he will feel it to be his duty to give an order to that effect, so that there may be no necessity for appealing to the public to have a stop put to such an unseemly trespass on the Lord's sacred time.

#### LOADING AND UNLOADING OF CARGO ON THE WHARVES OF KINGSTON ON THE LORD'S DAY.

Not much of this kind of Sabbath desecration has been observed during last season by the tract distributor visiting ships in harbor on the Lord's Day. A plea of necessity was attempted in one of the cases which fell under his notice.

Your Committee would respectfully urge upon the Police Magistrate and the civic authorities the importance of impressing upon the minds of the constabulary force the duty of keeping a watchful eye upon what passes on the wharves on the Lord's Day, and directing them without fail to report any cases of breach of the statute against all kinds of labor on the Sabbath, that the offenders may be dealt with according to law.

#### PRELUDE TO A GENERAL MOVEMENT IN THE CHURCHES AGAINST SABBATH BREAKING.

Such a movement is much needed. The initiatory step to which your Committee refer, has been taken by the Committee on Sabbath observance of the Canada Presbyterian Church, but as far as this Committee know, has not yet extended to any of the other churches, at least so as to secure united and powerful action for abating Sabbath desecration and