

excellent opportunity would have been afforded the residents of both sections to see what progress had been made by each other in the Arts and Manufactures.

Your Sub-Committee petitioned Parliament last session for the amendments to the Patent Law, which have been repeatedly recommended by the Board ; but no beneficial result has attended their labour, although special legislation was evoked in individual cases, and one of the principles asked for by the petition—the patenting foreign inventions—was admitted in these particular cases; a result which your Sub-Committee remonstrated strongly against, inasmuch as the man of means was favoured, while the equally worthy but poor man was ignored ; whereas, in the opinion of your Sub-Committee, no distinction between the two should be recognized.

Your Sub-Committee, while regretting that these remonstrances were insufficient to overcome the influence exerted in this matter, was nevertheless gratified that they were not fruitless, but led to the insertion into each Act granting such privileges, of restricting clauses, which had been recommended as desirable and applicable to a general measure.

The petition and correspondence are herewith submitted.

Your Sub-Committee recommend to their successors the desirability of continued action in endeavouring to obtain the adoption of such a law on this important subject as will be a happy substitute for the unjust and illiberal measure which now exists in our statute book.

Your Sub-Committee has much pleasure in drawing your attention to the fact, that the Act 24th Vic., chap. 21, respecting Trade Marks, which was prepared and submitted to the Legislature by a previous Sub-Committee, has been largely taken advantage of during the past year, and is one of the fruits of the efforts for the public good put forth by this Board.