

have introduced legislation are lawyers; this is natural and proper. Further, one half of the bills introduced are fathered by lawyers. In the following pages we have, as a rule, mentioned the various members of the legal profession by whom the bills were introduced, but being usually on the side of the House farthest removed from the Government benches, their bills are not likely to become Acts of Parliament. It is to be regretted, that, no matter what party is in power, an opposition member has but little chance of impressing upon the Government his views respecting legislation required.

As with the Municipal Act in the province of Ontario, and the Municipal Code in the province of Quebec, the most fertile ground for improvement in Federal legislation is supposed to be the Railway Act. Among the amendments already proposed is one by Mr. Lancaster which requires a coroner to hold an inquest whenever a person is killed or receives injuries causing death on the property of, or by, or in a train of a railway company. It is alleged that, in some cases, coroners are not unduly anxious to cause trouble to the company. The labour members of Parliament would make more stringent the law respecting the payment of wages, and would not allow the company to withhold any part thereof for any reason whatsoever. One of last year's bills, of Mr. Sharpe (Ontario), which is again introduced would compel the company to make annual returns of money held and unpaid for one year, whether for money orders, cheques or transfers by telegraph, and requires the company to transfer the amount to the Minister of Finance. An amendment by Mr. Meighen demands that particulars respecting cattle guards in use be approved by the Railway Commission, and also is concerned with damages caused to or by cattle on a railway. Discrimination in the rates charged for suburban or commutation passengers' tickets is the reason for the bill introduced by Mr. Macdonell, somewhat on the line of the similar bill he introduced last year.

Free trade in railway charters may be said to be the text on which is based a bill introduced in the Senate to provide for the