

some hours duration, the motion was carried and a Committee, (of which Mr. Brown is Chairman,) nominated accordingly. The discussion served to give prominence to the subject—to reflect light on several of its most important bearings—to elicit partially the mind of the Government leaders—to remove sundry misapprehensions, and to exhibit that the opposition is by no means invincible, but that with prudent and prayerful dealing, it may be successfully, perhaps speedily, overcome.

An eye-witness thus writes from Quebec:—"The debate of last night did our cause a great deal of good. Till then there was nothing but sneers and laughter when the subject was touched upon. But the expression of feeling from so many respectable members has changed the face of things wonderfully."

The Parliamentary Committee have set themselves at the onset, to collect and digest statistics. With a view to this, they have been receiving evidence, oral and documentary, from parties to whose opinions, from their position in society, business relations, and mental and moral qualifications, weight may be attached.—Your Committee was at an early date, applied to by Mr. Brown, and has been enabled to render some assistance in procuring suitable witnesses, increasing the number of memorials, and gathering telling facts. On the matter of witnesses, we communicated with Toronto and Hamilton, while John Counter, Esq., Mayor of the City, acted as our own representative.—The thanks of your Committee are due to that gentlemen, for so promptly acceding to their wishes, despite the pressure of other duties.

It is somewhat remarkable, and forms an auspicious omen, that one of the witnesses already summoned, was a Roman Catholic Priest. He volunteered evidence, we understand, specially respecting Sabbath desecration on the St. Lawrence Canals; and the evidence he gave proved of the most satisfactory description. It is encouraging, in connexion with a Church which practically sets an extinguisher on the Sabbath, by making it the season for sales, celebrations and festive amusements, to find one frankly recognizing its benefits, and boldly standing forward in its defence.