

the declarant, a lockout or strike, as the case may be, will be declared, and that the necessary authority to declare such lockout or strike has been obtained'. The Board, when constituted, is invested under the act with full power to summon and enforce the attendance of witnesses, administer oaths and otherwise to do or cause to be done all that may be necessary to secure a full investigation of the matter referred to it.

The act does not contemplate that the Department of Labour, or any Department of the Government, shall institute proceedings when its provisions are believed to have been infringed. Any individual may lay the information necessary to initiate such proceedings, as in the case of any other infringement of the law, when the procedure for enforcing penalties is that prescribed by part xv of the Criminal Code (Chap. 146, R.S.C., 1906).

Initiation of proceedings.

The Commission appointed on November 21, 1902, to revise, classify and consolidate the public general statutes of Canada completed their task during the year by the issue of the Statutes of Canada in four volumes, intitled 'The Revised Statutes of Canada, 1906', and consisting of the acts of the parliament of the Dominion of Canada in 155 chapters, with three appendices and an index.

Consolidation of Statutes.

On March 25 a joint address from the Senate and House of Commons, expressing loyalty and devotion to His Majesty the King and praying that His Majesty and Her Majesty the Queen would be graciously pleased to visit the Dominion, was forwarded to the Imperial Secretary of State. In reply, a despatch dated July 7 was received by the Governor General from Lord Elgin setting forth by command of His Majesty in very gracious terms reasons why it was not possible for the Sovereign to pay a visit to the Dominion at the present time. The full text of this despatch was published in the Canada Gazette of July 21; but the concluding paragraph may here be quoted as follows:

Address from the Senate and House of Commons praying the King and Queen to visit Canada.

In spite, however, of the many and strong inducements which prompt Him to gratify the loyal wishes of His Canadian subjects, I am to say that the King feels unable at present to entertain the idea of a journey to Canada. Whether the difficulties suggested in an early portion of this despatch, and others which I need not particularise, could be overcome, it is premature to discuss now. But His Majesty desires that your lordship should make it known to