THE METHODIST CHURCH.

Annual Meeting of the London Conference.

HAMILTON, June 3.—The annual meeting of the London Conference of the Canada Methodist Church opened yesterday in Wesley church. After opening exercises, the election of officers was proceeded with, resulting as follows:—

President—Rev. John Wakefield, First Methodist church, Hamilton.

Secretary—Rev. W. R. Parker, M.A., Thorold.

Assistant-Secretary—Rev. Wm. C. Henderson, M.A., Sarnia.

Journal Secretary—Rev. W. L. Wilkinson, Fergus.

LIST OF STATIONS.

The following is the first draft of Stations for 1880-81, as submitted by the Stationing Committee:—

I. THE HAMILTON DISTRICT.

Hamilton—Centenary church—William W. Ross; John S. Evans, superannuated, Superintendent of the Boys' Home, by permission of the Conference; Henry Lanten, superannuated. Wesley Church—Leonard Gaetz. First Methodist church—John Wakefield; James Shaw, supernumerary. Zion Tabernacle—John G. Scott; Francis Coleman, superannuated. Simcoe street—George Brown. Hannah street—H. T. Crossly. Wesleyan Female College—Alexander Burns, D.D., LL.D., Principal. Wesley P. Wright, B.D., Professor of Natural Science. Dundas—James Graham. Waterdown—Joseph W. Holmes, John E. Hunter. Burlington—George H. Cornish; John Histon, superannuated. Oakville—James McAllister; Thomas M. Jefferis, superannuated; George Washington, supernumerary. Milton—James Preston. Trafalgar—Solomon Cleaver, Vernon H. Emory. Lowville and Killbride—D. McKenzie (Lowville). Zimmerman—Theophilus R. Earle. Carlisle—John Scott, M.A. Lynden—E. A. Chown, B. D., S. Edwards. Jerseyville—William Kettlewell. Caledonia—Thomas Stobbs. Glanford—Joseph Odery, J. Little. Bartonville—David C. Clappison. Stoney Creek—G. C. Madden, one to be sent.

II. THE NIAGARA DISTRICT.

St. Catharines First—Wm. S. Griffin, Thos. Rump, superannuated; St. Catharines Second—Lewis W. Crews, B. A.; St. Catharines Third—George W. Calvert, Merritton—W. R. Smith. Thorold—Wm. R. Parker, M. A. Drummondville—Samuel Wilson, Clifton—John H. Robinson, Peter Bawtenheimer, supernumerary. Queenston—A. M. McCollough. Niagara—James Masson. Beamsville—Reuben Millyard, Lewis Warner, superannuated, Frederick Haynes, supernumerary. Grimsby—Wm. Hawke. Smithville—James C. Slater, one wanted. Fenwick—Charles R. Morrow, Michael Baxter, superannuated. Fonthill—W. Rigsby (D. W. Snider.) Welland—Wm. W. Shepherd. Crowland—James J. A. Lever. Calstorville—James Mooney. Dunnville—W. J. Ford, John V. Wilson, superannuated, Rainham—Aaron D. Miller. Ridgeway—Robert J. Elliott, John Baxter, superannuated. Victoria—W. W. Bridgman. Port Colborne—George Daniel.

III. THE BRANTFORD DISTRICT.

Brantford—Wellington street—Edward B. Ryckman, D. D., Peter German, superannuated. Brant Avenue—Thos. Brook, Hamilton Biggar, Edmund E. Sweet, Elias Williams, superannuated. Oxford street—Augustine Broadway. Woodstock—W. Wellington Carson. Mount Pleasant—Edward Kershaw (Mohawk). Oakland—Charles Baritrop. Fairfield—Richard J. Forman (Burford). Kelvin—William H. File, Richard Phelps, superannuated. Norwich—John Mills. Paris—Amos E. Russ, M.A. Richwood—John Robbins (Ayr). Princeton—John C. Stevenson. Oxford Centre—Charles Stringfellow, R. W. Scanlon. East Zorra—John Elliott (Strathallen). St. George—M. Swann, W. H. Sase. Cainsville—William Amos, F. B. Stacey. Grand River—James White (Brantford), Erastus Hurlburt, superannuated.

IV. THE SIMCOE DISTRICT.

Simcoe—David L. Brethour. Waterford—John Kay. Port Dover—David Chalmers. Townsend—Joseph Ward, B. A. (Tyrrell), J. H. Joselyn. Testerville—Elwin S. Shibley. St. Williams—John Russell. Jarvis—A. Cunningham, C. Deacon. Hagersville—Thos. S. Howard, J. H. Howard. New Credit—Wm. Cross (Hagersville). Cayuga—Thos. R. Fydell. Delhi—R. H. Balmer, Joseph Guest, C. W. M. Gilbert, superannuated. Lynedoch—Robtert Burns. Port Rowan—W. F. Campbell.

V. THE LONDON DISTRICT.

London City—(Queen's Avenue), John Philp, M.A.; Ephraim Evans, D.D.; Wm. Chapman, superannuated; Jas. F. Lattimer, supernumerary. Dundas street, G. R. Sanderson, D.D.; Joseph H. Robinson, superannuated. Wellington street, Thos. M. Campbell, Thos. Hawden, Reuben E. Tupper, David Ryan, superannuated. Pall Mall—Joseph M. Hodson, B.A. Dundas street east—James S. Ross, B.A. London East—Thomas B. Leith, John H. Keppel, superannuated. Petersville—Benjamin B. Keefer. New Brighton—Thos. Colling, B.A. London South—J. S. Colling, (Arva,) Thomas A. Moore. London North—William Walsh, W. H. Spence, (Birr). Ingersoll—Daniel E. Brownell; George Kennedy, superannuated. Ingersoll North—J. W. Shilton. Salford—William Willoughby, E H. Koyle. Belmont—David Hunt, J. W. Saunby. Dorchester—F. H. Sanderson, J. Pring, Wm. Lund. Westminster — Thomas Crown, (Lambeth), G. W. Henderson. Exeter—J. R. Grundy, G. A. Schram. Centralia—James Kennedy, Thorndale—Daniel W. Thompson, W. G. Wilson. Mount Brydges—George Jackson. Appin and Napier—Henry E. Hill, G. Lounds. Glencoe—W. W. Sparling.

VI. THE ST. THOMAS DISTRICT.

St. Thomas First—Manly Benson; St. Thomas Second—Jas. Gray. Aylmer—George Richardson. Tilsonburg—G. N. A. F. T. Dickson. Brownsville—T. M. Jackson, J. W. Sifton. Springfield, J. Charlton, G. W. Dean. Vienna—W. Shannon, J. E. Hackey, Wm. Bothwell (Grove's End), supernumerary. Sparta—J. Saunders, M.A. Talbotville—E. Holmes. Fingal—Jas. H. McCartney. Iona—Robt. R. Maitland. Port Stanley—Jas. Whiting. Straffordville— Jas. Gundy. Otterville—James P. Bell. Tyrconnel—Wm. McCann (Wallacetown.) Bismarck—John G. Fallis, one wanted. Alvinston—B. Sherlock. Muncey—Thos. Cosford, who shall have charge of Mount Elgin Industrial Institute; Abel Edwards, Oneida—S. Kappelle (Muncey), Abraham Sickles, superannuated (Muncey).

VII. THE CHATHAM DISTRICT.

Chatham First—Alexander Langford. Chatham Second—Alfred M. Phillips, B.D. Windsor—J. V. Smith, G. Case. Blenheim—W. W. Edwards, R. W. Wright, (Charing Cross); Edwin McCollum, supernumerary. Kingsville — Thomas D. Pearson. Woodslee—John Neelands. Essex Centre—William Godwin. Amherstburg—Thomas Jackson, Harrow—W. J. Brandon. Romney—Adam I. Snyder. Leamington — James Goodwin. Merlin—C. V. Smith. Ridgetown—R. W. Woodsworth, H. Locke. Wardsville and Newbury—William Hayhurst. Bothwell—Thomas H. Patchell. Moraviantown—To be supplied by Bothwell minister. Thamesville—Thomas Gee, J. B. Lambly. Florence—R. H. Hull. Dresden—John Turner; C. Tester, supernumerary. Wallaceburg — Christopher Cookman, one wanted. Colchester—To be supplied.

VII. THE SARNIA DISTRICT.

Sarnia—David Savage. Point Edward—Jas. E. Ford. Strathroy—W. C. Henderson, M.A., John K. Williston, Jas. A. Ivison; David Hardie, superannuated. Adelaide—W. T. Turner. Kerwood—Robt. Smylie. Watford—George Ferguson, James Hazlewood. Wyoming—G. Clarke. Camlachie—Thomas H. Ormes. Petrolia—J. W. German. Brigden—Jasper Wilson, one to be sent. Oil Springs—T. R. Clarke. Marthaville—Edward J. Clarke, under the superintendence of the Petrolia minister (Copleston); Reuben J. Tyler, superannuated. Parkhill—Wm. C. Watson, M. A. Grand Bend—George J. Kerr. Arkona—J. H. Orme. Forest—Alex. G. Harris. Ravenswood—F. G. Weaver. Stoney and Kettle Points—To be supplied by the Ravenswood minister. Corunna—W. Mills. Sombra and Courtwright—C. C. Couzens. Port Lambton—Joseph Hill. St. Clair—A. Milliken. Walpole Island—Thos. Hanna (Wallaceburg.)

IX. THE GUELPH DISTRICT.

Guelph—Norfolk street—Wm. Williams. Dublin street—William J. Maxwell. Elora—H. McLean, Samuel Fear, superannuated. Ponsonby—E. B Stevenson, B.A. Fergus—R. W. Waddell, B. D. Galt — Alfred Andrews. Preston—Frank Swann. Hespeler—W. Henderson. Georgetown—W. Morton, Nelson Burns, M.A., left without a station at his own request. Washington—R. Hobbs. Piattsville — J. L. Kerr. Berlin—J. E. Lancely. Elmira—John W. Cooley—Nassagaweya—J. S. Fisher. Acton—Thos. L. Wilkinson. Rockwood—John W. Freeman, B. D. Erin—Isaac Crane. Garafraxa—James Laird, John H. Bennett.

X. THE WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

Drayton—James E. Dyer, Samuel O. Irvine (E. A. Healy). Peel—John Hough (Glenallen), R. Redmond (Hollin), Henry Reid, superannuated. Gorrie—Jas. Broley. Belmore—David Auld, Christopher Carry, supernumerary. Fordwich—Robert J. Husband. Mount Forest—G. Buggin. Kenilworth—J. E. Russ. Listowel—Robert Fowler, M.D. Harriston—G. A. Mitchell, B.A. Palmerston—Charles Lavell, M.A. Clifford—Wm. Savage, Arthur—J. Deacon, H. Cosford. Holstein—P. W. Jones. Trowbridge—Joseph H. Stinson, John Armstrong, superannuated. Moorfield—John R. Isaac, Wm. Taylor, superannuated. Wallace—Henry Berry (Listowel). Luther—Wm. Willimott.

XI. THE STRATFORD DISTRICT.

Stratford—Benjamin Clement. Stratford South—S. Sellery, B.D. Mitchell—R. W. Williams. Harmony—D. Rogers. Fullarton—Robert Phillips, R. Hamilton. Monoton—W. J. Balmer. Brussels—James Harris, one wanted. Walton—William Baugh. Seaforth—Thomas Cobb. St. Mary's—James Haunon, Joseph Shepley, superannuated. Kirkton—F. Nugent, one wanted. Granton—Wm. H. Moss. Lucan—Alfred L. Russell, B.D. Ailsa Craig—John Ridley. Kintore—Samuel Tucker. Millbank—Ed. Fessant. Wellesley—W. Preston.

XII. THE GODERICH DISTRICT.

Goderich—John A. Williams, D D. Clinton—Donald G. Sutherland, B.D., LL.B. Holmesville — A. Edwards. Bayfield—James Livingston, Walter S. Jamieson. Kippin—Nathaniel Smith. Londesboro'—James Caswell. Blyth—Wm. Birks, one wanted. Belgrave—J. Philp. Wingham—Wm. Bryers. Lucknow—J. T. Smith; John Walker, superannuated. Ashfield—R. C. Henders (Lucknow.) Teeswater—Charles E. Stafford. Ulster—E. Teskey (Teeswater.) Dungannon—Robert Davey, J. S. Cooke, Luther O. Rice, superannuated. Kincardine—Wm. McDonagh. Bervie—Christopher Hamilton, one wanted; Jas. Gaddes, supernumerary. J. Rawson, W. Bielby, W. L. Hackett, J. R. Kay, R. J. Tyler—Students Montreal Theological College. Students recommended to College—H. M. Hall, J. White, E. E. Scott, J. G. Foote, S. G. Staples, E. A. Fear, W. Penhall, A. C. Crews, E Lancsley, T. Voaden, J. B. Freeman, J. Stewart, G. R. Turk, C. W. Couzens, D. A. Moir, R. Treleaven, A. A. Bowers, A. E. Smith, W. W. Campbell.

ORANGEISM.

Annual Meeting of the Grand Lodge of British North America.

The fifty-first annual meeting of the Grand Orange Lodge of British North America held in the Albert Hall, Toronto, closed on the evening of the 3rd inst. The attendance was very large, every Province being represented, and the proceedings were very interesting and harmonious.

The reports of the Grand Master and Grand Secretary were entirely satisfactory, showing an increase of membership in nearly every county under its jurisdiction. Sixteen hundred and sixty-two private lodges were returned in good standing.

During the proceedings it was unanimously agreed that the suits entered into by the Montreal brethren should be carried to the higher court of the realm if it was deemed advisable.

Right Worshiptul Brother W. J. Parkhill, M.P.P., was made the recipient of a very handsome gold watch and chain on behalf of the brethren of Ontario, and addresses were delivered by Bro's. John White, M.P., Rev. Jas. Norris, N. Clarke Wallace, M.P., Major John Hoey, F. Clemow, U. C. Little, M.P., Rev. W. M. Pattyson, Hon. M. Bowell, M.P., Ald. Lewis, Ottawa; Major Jas. Bennett, David Marshall, S. S. Peck, M.P.P., William Boyd, LL.B., E. F. Clarke, H. Eilber, G.M O.Y.B., and others, all of whom paid high testimony to Bro. Parkhill's long and faithful connection with the Orange Association.

After the transaction of general business the following brethren were elected officers for 1880 81:—

Most Worshipful Grand Master—Henry Merrick, M.P.P. Most Worshipful Past Grand Master—Hon M. Bowell, M.P.

Deputy Grand Master—W. J. Parkhill, M.P.P. Associate Grand Masters—Major James Bennett, Ontario West; David Marshall, Ontario East; Capt. John Woodward, Quebec; M. W. Wilson, Fredricton, N.B; Stuart Mulvey, Manitoba; Rev. Joshua Clay, Nova Scotia; J. L. Winters, Newfoundland; and the Grand Masters of British Columbia and Prince Edward Island. Grand Chaplain—Rev. James Norris. Deputy Chaplains—Rev. W. M. Pattyson, Rev. Rural Dean Cooper, Rev. Alex. Sanson, Rev. C. A. Doudiet, Rev. Sylvester Smyth, Rev. A. Dawson, Rev. Francis Ryan, Rev. Rural Dean Mulholland, Rev. George Beard, Rev. Cano O'Meara, Rev. Hugh Cooper.

Grand Secretary—Thomas Keyes, St. Catharines. Deputy Grand Secretary—A. J. Van Ingen, Cobourg. Grand Treasurer—William Anderson, I.P.S. Deputy Grand Treasurer—E F. Clarke, Toronto. Grand Director of Ceremonies—William White, Tweed.

Grand Lecturer—Eli Higgins, St. Catharines. Deputy Grand Lecturers—J. H. Pritchard, Toronto; Capt. John Niblock, Manitoba; Joshua Barr, Quebec; Andrew Marshall, St. John, N.B.

Port Hope was selected as the next place of meeting of the Grand Lodge on the 1st Tuesday in June, 1881.

The lodge then adjourned in the usual manner.

ALL HOPE GONE.

De Coursier to Suffer the Death Penalty.

Ever since Robert W. DeCoursier was doomed to die on the scaffold for taking the life of his brother, his friends have been working might and main with a view of obtaining, if possible, a commutation of the sentence. Petitions were freely circulated throughout the city and county praying the Executive to exercise clemency in the matter. The petitions were very largely signed. Strong personal influence was also brought to bear on the authorities at Ottawa. Sheriff Jarvis has received a communication from the Under Secretary of State informing him that the Governor-General had come to the conclusion that the law must take its course.

How would the condemned man receive the dread news was a question asked by many. For some time he had been buoyed up by the hopes of his sentence being commuted, and on this account was not so depressed as a man in his situation would have been. It fell to the Rev. John Langtry to break the awful fact that all hope had gone. Mr. Langtry, in company with Rev. W. S. Rainsford, has been ministering to the spiritual requirements of DeCoursier since his trial, and he pretty well understood the character of the man's mind. The reverend gentleman performed his task in as soothing a manner as possible, and impressed the prisoner with the terrible nature of his crime and pointed out that he must prepare to meet his Maker. The clergyman's announcement drew forth no remark from his listener, but it was apparent that the latter was labouring under intense emotion and was much depressed. Mr. Langtry shortly afterwards took his departure, leaving the doomed man alone with his guard, who watches him constantly.

A trotting race took place on the Hamilton Driving Park on Friday afternoon, between Sullivan's b.h. Cotter and Hayes' blk. h., Connaught Ranger, over which considerable money changed hands. The bay took two heats in succession and won the race.

TRENT VALLEY CANAL.

Tour of Inspection by the Minister of Railways and Canals.

PETERBORO', June 3.—Sir Charles Tupper, who is, in company with Hon. Mackenzie Bowell and Mr. Keeler, M.P., making a personal examination into the feasibility, advantages and route of the for so long projected Trent Valley canal, arrived here this evening, after having inspected with much minuteness and care the southern portion of the suggested undertaking. The Minister of Railways and Canals commenced his tour of observation yesterday at Trenton, the outlet of the Trent river, and the proposed Bay of Quinte exit from the canal. Thence he drove along the river to Campbellford, where, having viewed the Trent river, and no doubt having formed a judgment as to its value as a portion of the canal route from the Georgian Bay, he spent the night. This morning he left Campbellford by carriage and viewed Heely's Falls, at which place he took steamer, and passing through Rice lake and up the Otonabee river, arrived here at seven o'clock, accompanied by a large number of Peterboro' gentlemen, who went down the river to meet him.

HISTORY OF THE SCHEME.

The Trent Valley canal scheme is no new proposal. It has been before the public for some considerable time. Half a century ago the natural facilities offered to canal construction by the chain of lakes which empty their waters into the Georgian Bay by means of the River Severn and the lakes which empty themselves into Lake Ontario through the river Trent attracted public attention, and as early as 1833 commissioners were appointed to prepare plans of a canal which should connect the waters of the Georgian Bay with those of Lake Ontario and form a waterway from the then comparatively unexplored and promising North-West to the St. Lawrence and the sea. For some cause or other, probably for the reason that there were doubts as to whether Balsam lake, from which the water supply had to be drawn, could furnish a large enough supply to keep barges afloat, but mainly because the Chairman of the Board of Works reported against them, the works which had in 1836 been commenced on a small scale were abandoned in 1841. Subsequently certain locks and slides were completed with a view to facilitating the floating of timber. In 1845 6 the proposal to continue the canal works was again urged upon the Government, but all that seems to have been done was the sending of engineers to examine and report upon the subject. In 1874 a charter was obtained for the construction of the canal as a private enterprise, but the promoters of the charter have been unable so far to carry the work out.

SURVEY OF THE ROUTE.

In 1879, Mr. Norman Barnhart, on behalf of Mr. Boyd, who secured the charter, surveyed the route of the canal, and reported that the construction and successful working was quite feasible. He proposes that the canal be built to accommodate barges of about 450 tons burden, or of a capacity of fifteen thousand bushels. These barges would load with the produce of the West at the mouth of the River Severn in the harbour at the south-eastern corner of the Georgian Bay, and, proceeding down the canal, convey their freight to Montreal, where it would meet the ocean steamers. As this route is shorter than the existing water route, and as, if constructed and successful, it would take freight from Chicago and the West generally along the northern lakes and down through the centre of the Province, its effect on the trade of the western part of Ontario would be by no means small. Indeed, among the objections raised by the opponents of the canal, is the view that it would injure railway interests, and cut off the business of the Welland canal.

THE EXPENSE.

Another objection which has been raised against it is the expense. In reply to this the statement is made that for $3,000,000 the canal can be constructed in a manner suitable to the floating of barges. The route of the canal as now proposed, which takes in the navigable waters of the Severn, of Lake Couchiching, of a portion of Lake Simcoe, of Balsam lake, of Cameron, Sturgeon, Pigeon, and Cheemong lakes, of the Otonabee, of Rice Lake, and the Trent, presents 136 miles of navigable water, nine miles of water communication that will have to be improved, and fifty-nine-and-a-half miles of canal construction.

THE SUPPORTERS OF THE SCHEME

urge that it be carried out on the ground that it will shorten and cheapen transportation between Chicago, the eastern terminus of the Canadian Pacific railway, with other west points and the seaboard. It was no doubt in view of these representations that the Minister of Railways and Canals was lead to make his tour of inspection.

In the evening Sir Charles Tupper and Mr. Bowell were entertained at a public dinner.

COLLINGWOOD, June 5.—Considerable excitement was caused in our town to-day by the arrival of Sir Charles Tupper. He arrived at Midland this morning by special train, accompanied by a number of friends, and ran down Midland Bay in a tug. On his return to Midland he embarked on the Georgian Bay Transportation Company's steamer Manitoulin, which was specially sent from here to meet him about ten o'clock a. m. He was met by Mr. Dalton McCarthy, M. P., Mr. T. Long, M. P. P., Mayor Dudgeon, Messrs. Jno. Hogg, Reeve, and Jno. Nettleton, Deputy Reeve, of Collingwood; C. Cameron, ex-Warden of Simcoe, and Geo. Moberly. On arrival at Collingwood about two p. m. they were met by Messrs. MacDonnel, Wheeler, Stephen Gamon, Rowland, and other leading men of this place, and escorted to the Conservative club. Subsequently a large number of the townsmen of Collingwood, with the Reeve of Nottawasaga, and the Deputy Reeve of Sunnidale, waited upon the Minister of Railways and congratulated him upon the success of the Ministerial policy and the prospects of the Trent Valley canal. Sir Charles expressed himself most favourably disposed to the canal from his personal observation of the route, and stated that a thorough survey would be immediately undertaken by the Government, which would then be in a better position to judge of the merits and feasibility of the plan, which would receive the most earnest consideration of himself and his colleagues.

Arrest, Escape and Recapture of an Incendiary.

AYLMER, Ont., June 5.—At an early hour yesterday morning a warrant was placed in the hands of detective Clayton for the arrest of George A. Hughes, charging him with an attempt to burn the barn of George Summers, situated about two miles from this place. After Hughes' arrest he was placed in the lock up. He, however, effected an escape, but was recaptured about two hours after and brought before Squires Nairn and Gillet, who committed him to gaol. His trial will come off at the general sessions next week.

Exportation of Cattle.

BELLEVILLE, June 3.—Mr. Allen Carson, of Picton, purchased here yesterday a car load of cattle for shipment to England.

Lingham & Son will ship 2,170 head of cattle this week from Boston.

Stratford Cheese Market.

STRATFORD, June 5.—At the Stratford cheese market held yesterday, two thousand three hundred and fifty boxes were offered. Twenty-one factories were represented, and over one hundred and forty-five boxes sold at eleven cents, two hundred and fifty boxes at 11 1-16c., nine hundred and ninety-five boxes at 11½c. The next fair will be held here on Thursday, June 17th, at three p.m.

Mr. Daniel Swigert asks fifteen thousand dollars for the rattling two-year-old Hindoo, by Virgil out of Florina. Hindoo won the Tennessee Stakes at the recent Louisville meeting without trouble. He is described as not a grand colt in general appearance, but evidently built for speed. He has an ugly face and head, good neck and shoulders, good barrel, and fine hips and quarters. His feet and legs are his most comely points, and his action, like all the Virgils, is peculiar, but easy. By Kentucky he is regarded as a wonder.

CUBANS IN CANADA.

A Suspicious Vessel Sails from Montreal.

BALL CARTRIDGES IN SARDINE BOXES.

The Ship Stopped by the Quebec Authorities.

MONTREAL, June 3.—On the 23rd of May, twenty-five Cubans who had been in council in a room in Bleakly street, New York, left that city and started out for Canada, some of them directing their course toward Toronto and Kingston, while the remainder, it is said, came on to Montreal. Detectives were informed of the affair, and a close watch was kept to see what shape it would develop into. Soon information was received that a large quantity of ball cartridges packed in sardine boxes and preserve cans was stored on the s s Attila. The agents of the vessel knew nothing of the affair, but a circumstance which tended to confirm the suspicion was that the vessel absented itself from its wharf for some time without notifying the harbour master. The captain, who is a Cuban, was apprehended for this breach of the law and was fined $40. No authority could be obtained to search the vessel, which yesterday cleared "with lumber." The night before last a detective went down from here to Quebec and had a long interview with the Spanish Consul and Judge Doucet with a view to searching the ship on its arrival there. Dufort, one of the Cubans, had been before the detective with a view to finding out how much the Spanish Consul knew of the matter. There was a proclamation made in the time of Lord Dufferin against the shipment of supplies from Canada to any foreign insurgents. Developments will be looked for with interest.

AT QUEBEC.

QUEBEC, June 3.—The ship Attila, from Montreal, while proceeding down the river to-night for sea, in tow of the tug Hercules, was stopped by the Collector of Customs, conjointly with the Spanish Consul-General, and Judge Chauveau and two guardians from the Customs House placed on board until to-morrow. The object of the detention is understood to be a suspicion that beneath its cargo of grain there are a quantity of arms and ammunition shipped in Montreal for the Cuban insurgents. Fillibusters from Cuba have already been detected here and seen safely out of the Province. The authorities had been watching all day for the Attila, and she almost succeeded in passing without notice about dusk. She arrived here a week or two ago with a cargo of sugar from Havana.

QUEBEC, June 6.—The discharging of the cargo of the barque Atalaya, suspected of having on board contraband material of war, has been ordered by his Excellency the Governor-General.

AN EXTENSIVE BURGLARY.

Several Thousand Dollars Stolen from a Trenton Store.

TRENTON, June 6.—This morning about four o'clock an extensive burglary was discovered to have been committed in the store of W. W. Miller, grocer and provision dealer of this place. The burglars got in through the front door by prying it open with a chisel. They then went to work at the safe, which is behind the counter, close to the plate glass window. Holes were drilled in the safe door near the combination, and an explosion wrenched it off, also breaking the plate glass window into atoms. They then hurriedly took out the contents, about $3,000 in cash, and notes to the amount of $1,500, leaving some loose silver on the floor. Some parties sleeping near the store heard the noise about 2 o'clock, but were not sufficiently aroused to think it serious. The police have the matter in hand. No doubt the burglary was the work of professional thieves, as Chief Coleman has found some of the tools, one a diamond drill.

A TORONTONIAN AT LEADVILLE.

Two Hundred Men Tramping Home.

A Toronto gentleman some time ago left for the great fortune field, Leadville, with the promise of receiving $4 per day to work in the mines. He has been disappointed, however, as the following extract taken from his letter to a friend here will show:—

There are hundreds out here to-day homeless and hungry, and some of them from Canada, climbing the mountains and trying to get home. On the way from Denver to Leadville, I saw fully two hundred tramping for home. The sudden lack of several persons who went out there led many to suppose that the land overflowed with milk and honey, and notwithstanding the fact that the country possesses great mineral wealth, there are, nevertheless, many drawbacks not taken into account by those who are induced to emigrate there. Many persons going out to the new country foolishly write home, stating they can earn twice as much as they really get, and in consequence others are led to these places by such falsely glowing accounts, which invariably prove a delusion.

THE CANADIAN TARIFF.

Letter From Sir A. T. Galt.

The following letter from Sir A. T. Galt appeared in the London *Times* of the 18th ult:—Many severe strictures have been passed upon the recent tariff of the Dominion of Canada, which it was alleged would seriously diminish the export of British goods; and very little attention was given to the assurances of the Finance Minister that the effect of his classification of articles would be beneficial to certain industries in Canada, while it would not prove detrimental to English trade, although it might exclude American goods.

I have not the *data* to determine the last point, but judging from the utterances of the United States press and the recent move towards reciprocity with Canada, there can be little doubt that the tariff has had the expected [illegible] on the trade, however, at last in [illegible] cial figures, an[illegible] Trade and Nav[illegible] lished in the *Eco*[illegible] following interesting particulars:—The total exports to British North America, taking every item where the name of the country is given, for the four months ending April 30th, 1879, amounted to £1,315,085, while in 1880 they were £1,716,283—increase in 1880, £401,198, or 31 per cent., notwithstanding the advance of duties. It must further be observed that, as the new tariff did not come into force until the 15th of March, 1879, exportations from January 1st to that date were stimulated by the prospects of increased Customs duties, and the comparison with 1880 is therefore really too favourable to 1879. That this cause must have had a marked effect is proved by the comparative returns for April, when the stimulus was withdrawn. In April, 1879, the exports were £262,645; in April 1880, the exports were £587,780—increase, £325,135, or equal to 124 per cent.

These figures show most conclusively that the Canadian tariff has not had the effect of excluding British manufactures, while they are still more gratifying as evidence that Canada is now rapidly recovering from her recent depressed condition and sharing in the prosperity of the United States. My last advices from Canada state that from 3,000 to 4,000 men can find immediate employment on railroad work and as farm labourers, which is most gratifying testimony to the restoration of confidence. It is well known that the Dominion did not feel the effect of the United States crisis of 1873 for upwards of a year, and the reaction for the better has also, in like manner, been longer in reaching the British provinces.

MYRTLE NAVY.—The success which the Myrtle Navy tobacco has with the public is because it is composed of the very finest Virginia leaf grown, and is manufactured with the most scrupulous care at every stage of the process.

CANADIAN ITEMS.

A piscatorially inclined gentleman reports that the Napanee river and Bay of Quinte are swarming with shad, probably some of Seth Green's planting.

Mr. W. H. Rogers placed one of his new fishways in the river at Milton, Queens, N.S., and a number of the leading inhabitants of Milton have signed a paper expressing satisfaction with its working.

Now that a great portion of our workingmen have emigrated, there is a sudden demand for men to work on railways, river dredging and shipyards throughout the Western Counties. We are able to state that several who have left home this spring have returned, and if others had patiently waited, there would have been no reason for any to have left home seeking work, especially from this part of the Province.—*Windsor (N.S.) Mail.*

A correspondent of the St. John *Telegraph* writes from Campbelton: Salmon are just commencing to run, and trout are abundant. J. P. Mowat, who last year freighted a brig with frozen salmon for England, has this year opened a branch establishment at Gaspe, and expects to do a larger business than usual in freezing and exporting fish. He has bought the building off Ritchie's wharf here, known as the Ritchie store, and is fitting it up for a storehouse.

The Vandyck is the name of a magnificent ship of 1,375 tons, that was towed into port this morning by the tug R. Doane from Yarmouth. She was launched on the 25th inst., from the yard of her owner, Mr. George H. Lovitt, and will be rigged and fitted out here. She has not yet been chartered. Her dimensions are: length of keel, 194 feet; breadth of beam, 39 feet; depth of hole, 23 feet 2 inches. She will class ten years in English Lloyds.—*St. John Globe*, 27th.

The Sons of Temperance, at their Grand Division session in Orillia, appointed a deputation to wait upon the Minister of Education and press upon him the necessity for teaching in schools the nature and effects of alcohol upon the system; and they ask that the English temperance lesson books written by Drs. Ridge and Richardson for the London National Temperance League, shall be added to our list of authorized text books. These works have been adopted by the School Boards of London, Liverpool and New York.

Mr. Edward Davidson, of Upper Falmouth, N.S., found on his farm, a few days ago, twelve pieces of silver plate. He discovered them by accident. The edge of one of the pieces was thrown up to the surface by the frost, so he removed the dirt away and found the others. The farm on which these plates were found is the old Castle farm that was formerly inhabited by the French, and afterwards owned by Governor DesBarres, grandfather of the present Judge DesBarres. The Nova Scotia Historical Society are desirous of buying the lot.

A crazy man, or certainly a very odd individual, has been creating consternation among the timid in the vicinity of High street, on the outskirts of Moncton, N.B., during several days past. He is described as roaming about entirely naked, with the exception of a sheepskin girdle, in which is fixed a knife. He is said to live in the woods. One night last week two ladies were attacked by him, and one of them gave him a sound slap with a sunshade before he would leave. On Friday evening a party of boys were surprised by the unknown.

Mr. N. J. Binson, of New Bedford, Mass., recently exported from P.E. Island thirty-eight carriage and cart horses. These horses were purchased at an average of ninety dollars each—prices ranging from sixty to one hundred and seventy-five dollars. Among them were some of the finest carriage and cart horses ever bred in the province, and we do not exaggerate in the least, says the *Examiner*, when we say they were the largest and finest lot of horses ever exported from the Island at one time.

Several so-called Arabians arrived in St. John, N.B., recently from Halifax. They applied at the police station for protection, but did not receive it there, and two of them being sick were sent to the public hospital on a doctor's certificate. The two who were sent to the hospital are father and son, and are troubled with Bright's disease. They were around town and attracted much attention by their unique garb. They came from Jamaica to New York as stokers in a steamer, and from thence went to Halifax, proceeding thence to St. John. The intention of the authorities is to return them to Halifax.

A terrific thunderstorm visited the eastern part of P. E. Island on the evening of the 24th. The lightning struck in several places, but was unaccompanied by any fatal results, except in the case of the family of Mr. Anthony McPhee, of Greenvale. This family was sitting round the fire when the lightning descended the chimney, entered the floor, and afterwards went out through the side of the house, making an opening in the logs as if a cannon ball had passed through them. In its course it prostrated other members of the family, burning one of them severely; and, so to relate, killing one—a promising little girl of five years of age—instantly.

"Captain De Longueill," who has been travelling over New Brunswick and Nova Scotia selling at every turn bogus drafts on banks and bankers, having seen the advisability of a change of name if not of heart, has taken to calling himself "John G. Heisler, Esq." He has been heard from at Tancook Island, Lunenburg Co., N.S., and has sold a supply of bank drafts on Macleflan & Co. A few days ago, Messrs. Simeon Jones & Co., received from Mr. Lowell, of Halifax, a draft for presentation to Macleflan & Co., of St. John. It was drawn by "John G. Heisler, Esq.," in favour of "Jane S. Wilson," for $400. Mrs. or Miss Wilson is presumably the victim. It does not follow, however, that she is victimized to the extent of $400, as "Heisler" or "De Longueill" was always liberal in regard to the face value of his checks or drafts. If he could get an advance of $20 on the strength of his signature he was generally willing to let the balance go for a rainy day. He could not get an advance of $20 on the strength of his signature in this instance, however, and left the country.

RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCE.

The Baptist church congregation, Tiverton, has wiped off the debt, some $800, on the parsonage.

The Anglican Society for Promoting the Employment of Additional Curates raised last year $246,995, out of which it made 620 grants in aid of stipends.

The Jewish congregation in Vienna, Australia, has given in the past ten years 96,615 florins for benevolent purposes. In the same period 2,615 marriages were solemnized.

The English Church Association has within a few years spent $217,865 in trying to put down ritualism, $60,000 of which have been swallowed up by prosecuting Mr. Mackonochie.

The Anglican Colonial and Continental Church Society reports an income of upwards of $85,000 the past year. The expenditures amounted to nearly $100,000. Considerable help was given to the church in British America.

Rev. Mr. Bodwell, of Forest, Ont., has received a pressing call from Albion circuit, in the vicinity of Toronto. He is held in such high esteem by his present congregation that probably he will be induced to remain at his present post.

Rev. Robt. Kerr, of Masonville, Diocese of Montreal, to whom the congregation unanimously offered the pastorate of Trinity Episcopal church, Quebec, which has for some time been without any regular minister, has decided to accept the position.

A new official list of prelates of the Russian Church shows that there are in active service in Russia proper 3 Metropolitans, 13 Archbishops, 36 Bishops in charge of dioceses, and 22 Assistant Bishops. In all, there are 94 prelates in the Russian Church.

Canon Farrar, in a recent sermon on foreign missions, said that missions to the heathen had been an unmistakable reflex blessing to ourselves, partly in the indirect and the uncontemplated results of science, discovery and commerce, and far more inestimably by awakening a deeper religious life at home.

"Oh! degenerate church! is there within you no Nehemiah—no Zerubbabel, son of Shealteel? Are we given over bound to Tatnal and the Aphrasehites?" The object of this and similar advertisements in the Scottish papers is to stir up the church to a more vigorous resistance of the tide of disestablishment.

The Rev. Willard F. Hardy narrowly escaped a failure to be ordained as pastor of a Congregational church at Whately, Mass., because he said, in answer to a question by the Council, that "it is our fault, and not simply our misfortune, that Adam sinned." Several members objected to that doctrine.

All the good things of this world are no further good to us than as they are of use; and whatever we may heap up to give to others we enjoy only so much as we can use and no more. The German proverb of the key—"If I rest I rust"—is applicable to the labour of the hand and the mind and to the misuse or abuse of the gifts of God to us. Indolence is impotence, rest is rust.

In the matter of accepting and publishing the revised edition of the Bible, the American Bible Society have resolved "to await the verdict of competent judges, based not alone or chiefly upon the high reputation of the eminent men who have devoted so much time to this work, but upon the book, which embodies the results of their long study and their joint deliberations."

Mayor Kalloch, of San Francisco, lately made an address to the Baptist congregation of which he is pastor, in reply to those Baptist churches which had proposed to put him on trial. He was remarkably defiant. Envy, he said, was the cause of the attacks on him. He had built up a church larger than all of the same denomination in San Francisco combined, and his fellow clergymen hated him for that.

Never did any soul do good but it came readier and with more cheerfulness to do the same again. Never was love or gratitude or bounty manifested but with increasing joy which made the practiser still more in love with his acts. Our endeavours may be in vain without God's blessing, but yet in vain shall he challenge a blessing who makes no endeavour. Sloth and cowardliness are twin sisters.

At the General Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, in session in St. Louis, there is one white delegate and some mulattoes who are perfectly white. A clerical spectator (white) ventured to say to a delegate:—"Why do not these men pass as white men, and live among white men?"