

wish them. God-speed in their holy toil. It affords us great pleasure also to note the active measures taken by the Inspector-General of Police to stamp out the illicit sale of intoxicants, and trust that vigorous efforts will be made to enforce the Permissive and Local Option Laws.

8. Your committee also urge that every District present the Temperance statistics to the Conference and that a table be made of the same in the printed Minutes of Conference.

JOHN C. SIDEY, *Secretary*.

XVIII. LORD'S DAY OBSERVANCE.

1. This Committee recommends the Conference to transfer the subject of the Lord's Day Observance to the Committee on Privileges or to the members thereof who may reside in St. John's and suggests to that committee the need of giving attention to this most important matter, as Sabbath desecration seems to be a growing evil.

2. This Conference holding to the sanctity of the Lord's Day and believing that much unnecessary work is done by the Coastal Company's steamers on the Sabbath, and many employees of the Co., are altogether deprived of the rest and privileges of the Sabbath, would instruct the members of the Lord's Day Observance Committee to wait upon Messrs. Harvey & Co., and respectfully request them to make as far as practicable such changes in the time of sailing of the steamers and their general management as to remove these difficulties altogether, or reduce them to a minimum.

3. *Whereas*, the Conference has learned that mails arriving on Sunday have been assorted on that day, thereby depriving the Post Office officials of their needed rest and attendance upon their religious duties, it is hereby resolved that the Governor-in-Council be respectfully requested to order that said practice be discontinued.

4. *Resolved*, that we respectfully call the attention of the Inspector-General of Police to the very prevalent practice both of youths and those older, of playing football, cricket, and other games in the town and suburbs of St. John's on the Sabbath.

J. E. P. PETERS, *Secretary*.

XIX. COMMITTEE ON PRIVILEGES.

Resolutions from the Carbonear and Bonavista Districts respecting the reduction recently made in the Educational Grants, and which were referred by the Conference to this committee for consideration were discussed.

The following resolutions were then passed:—

Resolved, That the Conference memorialize the Government in expressing regret that it regarded it necessary to diminish the Educational Grant, and whilst expressing pleasure that the government on fuller consideration has increased the Educational appropriations in respect to the wishes of many, would most earnestly urge our Legislature to restore as soon as possible the Grant to at least its former amount.