

Correspondence  
on Prohibition.

COMMUNICATIONS FORWARDED  
THE GOVERNMENT BY THE  
METHODIST CONFERENCE SO-  
CIAL SERVICE AND EVANGEL-  
ICAL COMMITTEE.

Dear Sir:—I am instructed by the  
Methodist Conference Standing Com-  
mittee on Social Service and Evangel-  
ical Service to forward to you the enclosed  
communication with the Executive  
Committee and the Hon. Mr. Warren.  
I have last I wrote the Prime  
Minister asking permission to publish  
the communication. Up to the present  
time no reply has been received and in consequence the  
communication is withheld. No reply to our  
communication to Mr. Warren has  
been received. Our communication of  
the 8th is a reply to the Prime  
Minister's letter referred to above.

Yours faithfully,  
T. B. DARBY,  
Secretary Conference Committee S.S.  
and E.

St. John's, May 11, 1922.

METHODIST CONFERENCE  
STANDING COMMITTEE ON SO-  
CIAL SERVICE AND EVANGELISM.

His Excellency the Governor in  
Council:

Methodist Conference Standing  
Committee on Social Service and  
Evangelism desires to lay before  
your Honor in Council the following  
communication adopted by the Committee  
at its Regular Meeting held January  
10th, 1922.

WHEREAS, a Liquor Prohibition  
Bill is now before the House of  
Legislature, and that said law provides  
for sale of liquor for medical and  
dining purposes only;

WHEREAS, the policy of the  
Government expressed through the  
Bill's Department tends to  
create an atmosphere of lawlessness,  
bordering upon chaos, which menaces  
the life and property in New-  
foundland;

WHEREAS, the "Prohibition  
Bill" provided for the appoint-  
ment of a Board of Liquor Control to  
oversee the sale of liquor and regu-  
late the sale of liquor;

WHEREAS, the said rules  
regulations have not been chal-  
lenged in any Court of Justice in  
Newfoundland;

WHEREAS, it is generally  
known that the Controller's Depart-  
ment has many of the chief pro-  
ponents of the Act and especially the  
rules and regulations which  
provided for the better carry-  
ing out of the law;

WHEREAS, the Prohibition  
Bill and Regulations Section  
has as follows:

Prescriptions for private pa-  
tients intoxicating liquors to be  
one prescription at any one  
time for not more than 8 ozs. per  
person in all districts supplied by Li-  
censed Practitioners and Licensed Prac-  
titioners and the Electoral  
Districts of St. John's where not so  
limited to be limited to one  
prescription per week and  
Controller, Licensed Practitioners  
and Licensed Practitioners shall re-  
ceive no more than one prescrip-  
tion for any one person from any  
medical practitioner within the  
period of one week.

WHEREAS, Section E, Rules  
and Regulations, reads as follows:

Under Section E, up to the ac-  
tual amount of three gallons only  
shall be sold, where Licensed Drug-  
gists and Licensed Practitioners are  
present, and four and a half gal-  
lons in Electoral Districts where not  
so.

Section one "Additional  
provisions latitude for certain  
classes."

WHEREAS, there are about  
100 medical practitioners in  
Newfoundland, and if all prescribed  
allowances the total amount  
which can legally be sold  
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It is well known that many doctors  
throughout the Dominion prescribe  
little, if any, alcoholic liquor, there-  
fore the legal turnover in any year  
for those who do prescribe would be  
about 75 p.c. of the above amount  
of spirits and wines.

AND WHEREAS, it is known that  
the imports for 1921, were very large  
and out of all proportion to the legal  
medical requirements. The published  
list of imports from September 1st  
to December 31st, 1921, shows 35,670  
gallons of liquor came into Newfound-  
land with an approximate selling  
value of \$800,000.00, and if the same  
rate of importation continues for  
twelve months the liquor business  
will present a sales turnover of  
about 140,000 gallons and a selling  
value of about \$2,400,000, or twenty  
per cent. greater in gallons than the  
average sales in pre-prohibition years  
when many saloons were in St.  
John's.

AND WHEREAS, Section K, Rules  
and Regulations, provides that only  
prescriptions sent in on forms sup-  
plied by the Controller should be hon-  
oured.

AND WHEREAS, if the present  
law were enforced by the Govern-  
ment only 5 p.c. of the stocks im-  
ported would be necessary.

AND WHEREAS, the Controller's  
Department is a Government Depart-  
ment, the money to purchase the  
liquor is supplied by the Government.  
The Acting Controller is a Govern-  
ment official.

AND WHEREAS, it is against the  
spirit of the British Constitution to  
have a Government Department open-  
ly defying and violating an Act of  
Parliament, which should be strictly  
enforced, until such time as it may  
be amended, in a Constitutional man-  
ner.

RESOLVED, that this Conference  
Committee composed of all the Meth-  
odist clergymen in the city, and re-  
presentative laymen, strongly pro-  
tests to the Government against:

(a) The supplying of liquor to any  
person for beverage purposes only.

(b) The supplying of more liquor  
to patients than the law allows.

(c) The supplying of liquor on  
orders written by those who are not  
medical practitioners, and who have  
no legal standing under the act.

(d) Honoring doctors' prescrip-  
tions for unlimited quantities of  
liquor, regardless of the monthly  
limits set by the Rules and Regu-  
lations.

(e) The importation of such enor-  
mous stocks of liquor which cannot  
be legally sold in Newfoundland for  
several years, and against the placing  
of further orders abroad until re-  
quired to supply the legitimate de-  
mand.

(f) The unrestricted development  
of an outlawed business which diverts  
the large sum of over a million dol-  
lars from regular trade in commodi-  
ties, and while giving practically no  
employment to the masses helps to  
swell the ranks of the unemployed  
through lack of demand for ordinary  
goods thereby assisting in keeping  
industries and stores idle and in-  
creasing the general depression.

RESOLVED, that the same stand-  
ard of law enforcement should govern  
the Controller's Department as is  
maintained by the responsible heads  
of the other Government Departments.

RESOLVED, that this Committee  
strongly urges the Government to  
issue such instructions to the Acting  
Controller as would make the officials  
of his department and all druggists  
refuse to fill prescriptions or orders,  
which are not in accordance with the  
Prohibition Act.

AND FURTHER, that the Govern-  
ment should appoint the Board of  
Control with power to appoint a gen-  
eral manager for the Department,  
who would be in sympathy with the  
act as recommended by the Royal  
Commission and also by the Meth-  
odist Conference during its 1921 ses-  
sion.

Signed on behalf of Committee,  
L. CURTIS, Chairman.

T. B. DARBY, Secretary.

March 9, 1922.

Hon. Sir R. A. Squires, K. C. M. G.,  
Prime Minister.

Dear Sir:—The Conference Standing  
Committee on Social Service and Evan-  
gelism begs to acknowledge the re-  
ceipt of your communication, address-  
ed to Rev. Dr. Curtis, in reply to the  
series of regulations dated Jan. 10th,  
and presented to His Excellency the  
Governor, in Council, by a deputa-  
tion from this Committee.

The Committee notes with interest  
that so far no attempt has been made  
by the Government to dispute the  
figures submitted by the Committee  
which were based on the very large  
importations during the latter half  
of 1921.

The Committee notes the statement  
that the Rules and Regulations were  
not enforced by the Controller's De-  
partment. The Committee understands  
from what it calls a reliable source  
that the records of the Controller's  
Department will prove that some at-  
tempt was made by the Department  
to enforce the Rules and Regulations  
under the late Controller, R. J. De-  
roux, and particularly after the im-  
portation during the first year or so.

The Committee also notes the in-  
formation supplied by you to the ef-  
fect that the Deputy Minister of Jus-  
tice expresses the opinion that the

Rules and Regulations 1917 under dis-  
cussion are "ultra vires." This Com-  
mittee strongly disapproves of the  
adverse judgment of the courts, which  
may be obtained by the opponents of  
the prohibition law, would warrant  
the Government in refusing to enforce  
a legal enactment.

In reference to the offer of the  
Government contained in your letter  
to supply this Committee with funds  
to pay legal fees in a test case of the  
Rules and Regulations before the  
courts, this Committee begs to sub-  
mit that prohibitionists should not be  
expected to accept the task of endea-  
vouring to compel obedience by a civil

servant to a law enacted by the gov-  
ernment.

This Committee wishes to again  
strongly urge and emphasize the fact  
that the Controller is a civil servant  
holding office "during pleasure" and  
removable "at will." The Rules and  
Regulations 1917 were provided by  
his masters, the Government, for his  
guidance, and until the Government  
repeals these Rules and Regulations,  
it is the plain duty of the Controller  
to obey them, and of the Government  
to disown him if he does not.

This Committee would respectfully  
point out that the Rules and Regu-  
lations were worked out by the Board

of Liquor Control without precedent  
to meet local conditions. The princi-  
ples of the said Rules and Regulations  
have now been endorsed by the Ontar-  
io Government, but on a more strin-  
gent basis, only 50 prescriptions a  
month being allowed. During 1921—  
November—the United States Govern-  
ment by a vote of 251 to 92 passed the  
"Anti Beer Bill," which provides  
among other clauses as follows:—  
"Physicians are limited to one hun-  
dred prescriptions for intoxicants in  
ninety days, and cannot prescribe  
separately or in aggregate for any  
one patient more than one half pint  
of alcohol in ten days."

This Conference Committee re-  
spectfully insists that the Government  
should instruct the Controller to obey  
the Prohibition Laws in every way, as  
now on the Statute Book, as present  
conditions contend to rapid demonst-  
ration of the white people.

On behalf of the Conference Com-  
mittee,  
T. B. DARBY,  
Secretary,  
St. John's,  
April 15th, 1922.

Hon. W. R. Warren,  
Minister of Justice,  
St. John's,  
City.

Dear Sir:—I am instructed by the

# Great Sale of High-Class Dining-Room Furniture

May! Month of preparation for prospective June brides. Of wonderful gathering together of dainty clothes and linens; of careful planning of expenditure for each room in the new house—"How much can we allow for the Living-room, Dining-room, Kitchen, etc."—of the happy furnishing of these lovingly-planned rooms after the purchases are all made.

May! Month of home-making. Our huge "Make-room" Sale will appeal forcibly to June brides-to-be. It is buying made easy to shop with us. Here under one roof is everything necessary for every room in the house.

Though we are specially featuring beautiful Dining-Room Furniture this week, all our wonderful stock is offered at prices that are a delight to the actual purchaser, and a temptation to every one.



## A Tale of Dining Tables

Round Tables, Square Tables, Ex-  
tension Tables, Jacobean legs, Pedes-  
tal legs, Quartered Oak, Jacobean  
Oak, Fumed Oak; all sorts of hand-  
some Dining Tables at prices that  
are unbelievably small for such  
"quality" articles.

Extension Tables—Square, in good  
surface oak.

Regular Price ..... \$44.50  
Make Room Price ..... \$26.70  
Regular Price ..... \$48.50  
Make-room Price ..... \$28.10

Extension Tables—Round, in fine  
fumed finish.

Regular Price ..... \$72.25  
Make-room Price ..... \$48.00  
Regular Price ..... \$78.00  
Make-room Price ..... \$52.00

Extension Table—Special, very  
massive, quarter cut oak, pedestal  
legs, highly polished, golden finish.

Regular Price ..... \$145.00  
Make-room Price ..... \$95.00  
Many others at various prices.

## Dining-Room Buffets

10 only Surface Oak Sideboards, English  
bevelled plate mirror, 24 x 14.

Regular Price ..... \$70.50  
Make-room Price ..... \$38.50  
Buffets, surface oak; very attractive de-  
sign.

Regular Price ..... \$71.00  
Make-room Price ..... \$48.00  
Buffet, golden finish; Queen Anne de-  
sign.

Regular Price ..... \$110.50  
Make-room Price ..... \$85.00  
China Buffet, quarter cut, golden oak;  
beautiful colonial style.

Regular Price ..... \$150.00  
Make-room Price ..... \$95.00  
Buffet, quarter cut golden oak; colonial de-  
sign.

Regular Price ..... \$165.00  
Make-room Price ..... \$110.00

Buffet, genuine walnut; Queen Anne de-  
sign.

Regular Price ..... \$176.85  
Make-room Price ..... \$123.50  
Buffet, Jacobean oak; William and Mary  
design.

Regular Price ..... \$220.00  
Make-room Price ..... \$154.00  
Very large Buffet, quarter cut golden oak,  
golden finish; colonial style.

Regular Price ..... \$23.50  
Make-room Price ..... \$165.00  
Massive Buffet, quarter cut golden oak,  
golden finish; colonial style.

Regular Price ..... \$265.00  
Make-room Price ..... \$180.00  
Very massive Buffet, colonial style, quar-  
ter cut golden oak, golden finish; size 25 x 60.

Regular Price ..... \$275.00  
Make-room Price ..... \$184.00

## For the June Bride's Presents

These handsome China Cabinets are most useful as well as ornamental in any din-  
ing-room. They will safeguard the bride's dainty china gifts. One of them would be a  
delightful gift in itself for the bride-to-be.

China Cabinet in fumed finish quaint mis-  
sion style.

Regular Price ..... \$67.50  
Make-room Price ..... \$41.50  
China Cabinet in fumed oak heavy mission  
design.

Regular Price ..... \$98.50  
Make-room Price ..... \$65.00  
China Cabinet, Jacobean oak finish; Wil-  
liam and Mary design.

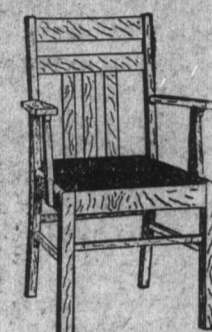
Regular Price ..... \$130.50  
Make-room Price ..... \$91.50

China Cabinet, genuine walnut; Queen  
Anne design.

Regular Price ..... \$133.75  
Make-room Price ..... \$95.00  
China Cabinet, Jacobean oak; authentic  
copy Queen Anne period.

Regular Price ..... \$142.85  
Make-room Price ..... \$100.00  
1 only China Cabinet, fumed oak; very  
handsome design.

Regular Price ..... \$135.00  
Make-room Price ..... \$81.50



## ARE YOUR DINING CHAIRS SHABBY?

If they are—you'd better "make-  
room" for one of the great bargains  
in Dining-room Chair Suites offered  
below. Some of them are perfect re-  
plicas of antique designs, all of them  
are tremendously reduced in price.

6 Chairs—5 Dinners, 1 Carver, gold-  
en finish, upholstered seats.

Regular Price ..... \$105.00  
Make-room Price ..... \$75.00  
5 Chairs—5 Dinners, 1 Carver,  
fumed finish, upholstered seats.

Regular Price ..... \$110.00  
Make-room Price ..... \$78.00  
6 Chairs—5 Dinners, 1 Carver, gold-  
en finish, upholstered Morocco line.

Regular Price ..... \$120.00  
Make-room Price ..... \$85.00  
6 Chairs—5 Dinners, 1 Carver, solid  
walnut frames, upholstered in genu-  
ine leather.

Regular Price ..... \$215.00  
Make-room Price ..... \$145.00  
1 Dining Chair Suite, solid fumed  
oak, mission design, upholstered  
genuine leather; slip seats.

Regular Price ..... \$245.00  
Make-room Price ..... \$157.00  
1 Dining Room Suite, genuine  
quarter cut oak, golden finish, highly  
polished, with slip seats, upholstered  
real leather.

Regular Price ..... \$250.00  
Make-room Price ..... \$160.00

## Lounges of Luxury

Some dining-rooms—particularly rather large  
rooms—have a knack of looking too bare when a  
Dining Suite only is used. In this case a Lounge  
is just what the room requires to give it the  
"homey" appearance so necessary to comfort.

Red and Brown Morocco line Lounge, finely  
sprung and well padded.

Regular Price ..... \$55.00  
Make-room Price ..... \$40.00  
An exceptional Lounge Bargain, upholstered in  
good Green Velour.

Regular Price ..... \$55.00  
Make-room Price ..... \$40.00  
A smart, strong and serviceable Lounge, up-  
holstered in soft toned Tapestries.

Regular Price ..... \$65.00  
Make-room Price ..... \$45.50  
Many others at various prices.

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ence.

Yours faithfully,  
T. B. DARBY,  
Secretary of Committee.

Come to The Tangled Skein,  
Holy Cross Schools, this even-  
ing—May 12th.

REORGANIZING UNION — The  
Firemen's Union is now being  
reorganized, and within the past  
month over one hundred members  
have been added to the roll. On Tues-  
day next a meeting of the Union is  
being held when matters of import-  
ance will come up for discussion.