

[Enclosure 3 in No. 172.]

ST. JOHNS, NEWFOUNDLAND, 22nd January, 1892.

DEAR MR. TUPPER,—I have just received your note of the 9th and have only time to say in reply that I have no objection to your naming me as an authority in relation to the statement in the *Evening Herald*, in your communications with the Imperial Government. It may be well that it should be known at headquarters that the good sense of the people of the colony on this question is not represented or expressed by its present rulers. But, that on the contrary, so far as we can gather, there is a greatly preponderating if not overwhelming opinion and feeling in the colony antagonistic to the present anti-Canadian and anti-British conduct.

In haste, yours sincerely,

J. S. WINTER.

No. 173.

BURGES, WESTERN SHORE, NEWFOUNDLAND, 15th March, 1892.

Hon. C. H. TUPPER,
Minister of Marine and Fisheries,
Ottawa.

SIR,—I have the honour of writing you requesting information at your earliest convenience as to whether my having made use of my "cod seine last summer on the Canadian Labrador shore," by paying the license for that privilege for my schooner "Notice" whether the same privilege will be extended to me the coming summer, should I think of going there, "by paying the license as required."

I have the honour to be, sir,

Your obedient servant,

JOHN VACHER, JR.

No. 174.

OFFICE BOARD OF TRADE,
10 St. John Street and 39 St. Sacrament Street,
MONTREAL, 17th March, 1892.

Hon. CHARLES H. TUPPER,
Minister of Marine and Fisheries,
Ottawa.

SIR,—I have the honour to communicate the following minute adopted by the council of this board on 15th instant as the result of its consideration of the probable loss of trade to this country in consequence of the tariff difficulties between Newfoundland and Canada:—

That the council is of opinion that all retaliatory legislation "against Newfoundland should be withdrawn and that diplomacy should be trusted to arrange other matters in dispute, and further that the government should be sustained in its opposition to a treaty giving rights and privileges to a foreign power on this continent in the British North American inshore fisheries, which, jointly with Newfoundland, belong to the Dominion of Canada by birthright and immemorial usage."

As the publication of this minute might be deemed inexpedient by the government, it has not been communicated to the newspaper press.

I have the honour to be, sir,

Your obedient servant,

GEO. HADRILL,

Secretary.

P.S.—A similar letter has been addressed to the Hon. J. J. C. Abbott, Premier.