

SHIP NEWS.

PORT OF ST. JOHN.

Arrived. June 23-Str London City, Patterson, from London via Halifax, Furness, Withy and Co. sea cargo.

CANADIAN PORTS.

At Port Williams, June 21, sch Bidal B, Kirkpatrick, Boston.

BRITISH PORTS.

At Plymouth, June 21, bark Abvonia, Hilton, from Bahia-Bianca.

FOREIGN PORTS.

At Havana, June 14, str Bratsberg, from Halifax.

MEMORANDA.

In port at Falmouth, June 19, bark B. Morris, Stuart, for New York.

dola, Chadwick, from Manchester for Chatham.

SPOKEN.

Bark Valkyrie, Jensen, from Valencia for Quebec, June 12, lat 47.23, lon 53.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y., June 21-Notice is given by the Light House Board that light vessel No 13 was yesterday (June 20, 1899) repaired to her station.

WILL NOT DRAW BACK.

Hon. Joseph Chamberlain Defines England's Position in the Transvaal Question.

Great Britain Will Show Herself Not Unworthy of Her Glorious History and Traditions.

BIRMINGHAM, Eng., June 26.-Joseph Chamberlain, secretary of state for the colonies, addressing the members of this city this evening reviewed carefully the Transvaal question.

Mr. Chamberlain said the government had tried to establish friendly relations with President Kruger, but all their advances had been received with contempt.

After denouncing in the strongest terms the attitude and actions of the Boers, Mr. Chamberlain, with great deliberation and emphasis, added: "The Transvaal's enormous secret service fund has procured it friends and advocates in every country.

"Four times since independence was granted we have been on the verge of war with the Transvaal. It is erroneous to say that the government will draw back now that it has put its hand to the plow.

HAYVERHILL, Mass., June 26.-Two 12-year-old boys, Eugene Rogers and Levi Goddard, both of whom were unable to swim, were drowned this afternoon while bathing in Little River.

BOSTON LETTER.

Peace Commission Sent to Philippines Said to be a Failure.

A St. John Schooner Captain Whose Time Piece Got Him Into Trouble at Salem.

Building Industry in a Satisfactory Condition - Little Change in the Fish Market.

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(From our own Correspondent.) BOSTON, June 24.-St. John's day was observed by the Knights Templar of this state at Matine today.

A diploma was awarded this week at the State Normal school at Salem to Miss Gertrude M. Brown of Shelburne, N. S.

A wedding in which several Nova Scotians were interested occurred on Wednesday evening at the Clarendon street Baptist church in this city.

Thomas Mulcahey of Yarmouth arrived in Boston on the morning of the 23rd, and as a result of his experience with had men and their ways parted with \$340 in gold.

A party of 300 French Canadians left Waterville, Me., June 19, on an excursion to Canada.

Capt. Asa Tower of the St. John schooner Rebecca W. Huddell, who got into trouble with the United States officers at Salem for importing to the customs authorities, will escape with a small fine.

Dr. Robert E. Bell of Lowell, formerly of Cape Cod, was in the trial of the Vaughn brothers of Lowell, two professional burglars, for shooting a policeman.

The Dairy Farmers Association of New Hampshire has begun a campaign against oleomargarine, and will endeavor to prevent its manufacture and sale in the state.

The Gloucester fishermen are congratulating themselves on the collapse of the Liverpool salt trust.

Among the provincialists in the city this week were W. Russell of St. John and O. M. Hart of Fredericton.

The building industry is in a satisfactory condition, and in fact the outlook is much better than for years.

The demand for spruce continues brisk and stocks are fairly held.

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\$23 to 25 for second clear, \$38 to 40 for extra pine, and \$34 to 36 for clear.

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ST. STEPHEN, June 26.-Conference opened this morning with Rev. C. H. Palsey in the chair.

Whereas, the liquor traffic is only evil and that continually, a disgrace to our civilization and country, one of the greatest corrupters of political life and action, and the subtle enemy of the peace and purity of our home;

Whereas, the Methodist church is always and everywhere the relentless and uncompromising foe of this ungodly and destructive business;

Whereas, we ought to be more concerned and anxious for the welfare of our homes, the safety of our dominion and the triumph of the kingdom of Christ than we are for the success of any political party;

Whereas, any government is not worthy of our support which proves false to a great principle of political morality and unworthy the votes of those who pray to God for the complete suppression of the liquor traffic;

Whereas, in the recent plebiscite vote there was a majority in favor of a law prohibiting the manufacture, sale and importation of intoxicating liquor throughout the dominion;

Therefore be it resolved, That though the dominion government hold out no hope that a prohibitory law will now be enacted, this conference reaffirms that it cannot be satisfied with anything less than total prohibition for the whole dominion, and would urge every member to remember this in their selection and choice of candidates at the polls and in every way that may be conducive to this end.

Be it further resolved, That this conference is of the opinion that the most stringent methods available should be employed to suppress the evils of intemperance.

That the conference request its ministers to bring before their congregations the matter of temperance by preaching sermons thereon and by frequently calling attention to the matter from their pulpits.

Rev. Dr. Stewart spoke strongly on the resolutions. He thought that some amendment should be adopted narrating the displeasure of this conference at the manner in which the country has been hoodwinked by the government on this great question.

The report on the children's fund brought out the fact that there was a deficiency of one hundred dollars from the Fredericton district.

John A. Lindsay of Woodstock gave notice of motion for the next conference that he would move in favor of reducing the age of those receiving aid from this fund from twenty to eighteen years.

Rev. Dr. Evans presented the report of the supernumerary committee, showing that the claims on this society for the past year had been paid at the rate of 85 per cent.

The report was laid on the table for further consideration.

An animated but good natured discussion on Sunday school matters occupied nearly all morning.

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It will be seen that Rev. Mr. Palsey qualifies the reference as a gradual reduction in the percentage of increase.

Another subject for debate was introduced by Rev. Dr. Stewart, who moved the following amendment to the temperance committee's report.

Second, in determining that the negative vote in one province should count for more than the affirmative given in each of the others and of the majority of the whole in a matter of such importance to the well being of the people, and introduced by the government itself as a test of the wishes of the people.

Third, that the premier himself has attempted to vindicate the inaction of the government on the ground that it was always understood that such a majority as that given would not suffice for the introduction of such a measure, while he had steadily refused to give this intimation at the time when it was most eagerly sought, and which it had been of the highest service.

Attention has been called to a slight error in the report of Rev. Dr. Carman's address at the opening of conference. The published statement makes him say, "Sir Wilfrid is an honest man; he will right the wrong."

BIRTHS. BELL-In this city, on June 24th, to the wife of William T. Bell, a son.

MARRIAGES. CURRAN-HURD-At the residence of Peter Brantford, Fredericton, June 22nd, by the Rev. F. H. W. Pickett, Walter Curran and Miss Annie Hurd, both of English Settlement, Kings Co., N. B.

DEATHS. HIRSHOP-At Black River, on June 22nd, Sarah, widow of the late Robert Hirschop, in the 82nd year.