

## Denominational News.

**ST. JOHN.**—The Waterloo Street Church, St. John, has invited the General Conference to hold the next annual session there, and the invitation has been accepted.

**VICTORIA CORNER, C. Co.**—Rev. G. Swim reports a good revival in progress at Victoria Corner. He baptized two converts Sabbath, 2nd inst. Others are seeking.

**ST. JOHN, NORTH END.**—Rev. W. J. Halse baptized four converts Sabbath morning, 2nd inst., and in the evening service gave the hand of fellowship to seven new members. Large congregations attend his ministry.

**DEER ISLAND, CH. Co.**—The pastor of the Deer Island churches, Rev. A. H. McLeod, is issuing a little monthly called *The Pastor's Organ*. He seeks through it to keep before his people matters connected with the work of the churches and the affairs of the community. We trust it may be a useful auxiliary to his ministry. We clip the following:

We are pleased to announce that there is now no debt on the Fairhaven Free Baptist Church. It has been only a few years since that people undertook the work of building an edifice, and have now a beautiful organ which is almost as free of debt. Such things speak much for the burden bearers and church workers.

**WOODSTOCK.**—Two new members were received into the Woodstock Church, Sabbath, 2nd inst.

**HARTLAND, C. Co.**—The special meetings at Hartland have been closed for the present. Good was done; the church was revived, the faithful few encouraged to trust God and go forward, and five converts were baptized (two of the number belong to Victoria Corner); two have united with the church, and others will doubtless do so soon. The congregations are large, the prayer meetings well attended, and the outlook for the church at Hartland has not for a long time been so good as now. Weak numerically, yet strong in the Lord of Hosts.

GIDEON SWIM.

**MR. GLADSTONE** once said that he would not "describe the statement of an honorable member as false, because that would be discourteous, but he would venture to remark that it was as destitute of truth as if it had been false." This was very nearly as polite as was the method used by a Frenchman who, in giving the lie, said that his adversary "walked round about the truth."

**NOT BAD.**—Kansas has had ten years of prohibition, and during that time the number of convicts in the state prison has fallen off 60 per cent.

**C. T. A. NOTES.**—The law is being more vigorously enforced in Moncton since the election of the new City Council.

The Commercial Hotel man in St. Stephen was one day last week fined \$100 and costs. A few days later he was again fined \$100, and the liquors seized and emptied into the sewer. That's right.

It is rumored that a petition for the repeal of the Scott act is being circulated in Kings Co. If so, it is being done very quietly. The friends of the law should be on their guard.

**THE BEHRING SEA ARBITRATION.**—This arbitration is now going on in Paris. The arbitrators are:

Right Hon. Lord Hannen, Great Britain; Sir John S. D. Thompson, Great Britain; Judge John M. Harlan, United States; Senator John T. Morgan, United States; Baron de Courcelles, France; Hon. Gregers W. W. Gram, Sweden; Marquis Emilio V. Venosta, Italy. Baron de Courcelles, is President. The court sits four and half hours daily, and the discussions are in English.

**DEACON SLIPP.**—Deacon Wm. Slipp, for many years a resident of Queensbury in this County, died at Kingsclear, where he has lived for a few years, on Sunday last. We have not heard any particulars of his last days. He was a man very highly respected by all who knew him. A fuller notice will appear later.

**PROHIBITION IN ONTARIO.**—The prohibitionists in Ontario are besieging the Legislature. Petitions in favour of a plebiscite are pouring into the House. It is said that the Government intends to bring in a bill providing for the plebiscite.

The following bill, also, has been introduced:

1. On, from and after the 1st day of May, 1894, no tavern licenses or shop licenses shall be issued, renewed, or extended within the province of Ontario.

2. This Act shall be read with and as part of the Liquor-License Acts,

and all the provisions of the Liquor License Acts providing for the issue, renewal or extension of "tavern licenses" or "shop licenses," and all parts of the said Acts inconsistent with this Act shall be and are, on, from and after the said 1st day of May, 1894, repealed.

3. On, from and after the said 1st day of May, 1894, it shall not be lawful to sell or expose for sale, by retail, liquors as defined by the said Acts within the Province of Ontario, and any person offending against the provisions of this Act shall be liable to the same penalties as are by the said Acts provided for in case of sales without the license therefor by law required.

**JEWS EXCITED.**—The Russian and Polish Jews in the United States are said to be much excited over the Russo-American extradition treaty. And no wonder. Its effect—says the *Guardian*—will be to place many refugees from the tyranny of the Czar at its mercy even on American soil. We think the United States politicians make too much of the alleged friendship between their country and Russia; and when a treaty like this results from the surface regard of two nations which have no more in common than light and darkness, it is time to speak out against it. The Jews have noble traditions of liberty, and they must be struck with the ghastly incongruity of American friendship for and—in so far as this treaty is concerned—co-operation with despotism in its efforts to crush and mangle individual freedom. This extraordinary treaty and the recent Chinese legislation are a poor comment on the freedom and tolerance of the great Republic.

**PERSONAL.**—Rev. Wm. Downey is certainly more comfortable and stronger than he was two weeks ago. He is able to be up awhile every day. His many friends are hoping that the improvement is permanent, and are praying that he may come back to a good degree of health again.

Sir John Abbott, ex-Premier of the Dominion, has returned from his European trip, but his health has not much improved.

Rev. F. D. Crawley and wife have gone to Boston for a two or three weeks holiday. Mr. Crawley has been ill lately.

Father Chiniquy was given the degree of doctor of divinity by the Presbyterian College, Montreal, last week.

Mr. David Pugh, for many years chief surveyor of lumber for Mr. Alexander Gibson, has had to give up his position on account of failing health. Mr. Pugh has been a most careful and faithful surveyor.

**SUNDRIES.**—The speed of a wild duck is ninety miles an hour. The farmer who leaves his wife to do the gardening don't deserve to have either.

Great Britain derives a revenue of \$1,200,000 yearly from the sale of revenue stamps that must be put upon all packages of patent medicines. Whiskey and idleness are two of the main pillars upon which the throne of the devil rests. There are 200,000, 000 of people in Africa who never saw a Bible or heard a whisper of the gospel tidings. In Uganda a man will willingly work for three months for a copy of the New Testament in his own language. It is estimated that there are about 50,000 Jews in Palestine, most of them in Jerusalem. One of the largest forests in the world stands on ice. It is situated between Ural and the Okhotsk Sea. A well was recently dug in this region, when it was found that at a depth of 340 feet the ground was still frozen.

## Things in Short Meter.

[BY PEN &amp; SCISSORS.]

Enough spider web to go around the world would weigh one-half pound.

One fourth of the land surface of the globe is occupied by English-speaking people.

A child just born has less chance of living a year than an octogenarian.

Drumk allows every subject, male or female, who is sixty years of age, a small pension.

The manufacture of false teeth for horses is a new industry just opened in Paris with a capital of 2,000,000 francs.

It is believed that the world's population is increasing at the rate of nearly 6,000,000 a year.

The law of Germany requires every male citizen to serve three years in the standing army, four years in the reserve, and five years in the landwehr.

"Ma," said the newspaper man's son, "I know why editors call themselves 'we.'" "Why?" "So's the man that doesn't like the article will think there are too many people for him to tackle."

Paris gardeners buy toads which they use as insect destroyers. There is a regular weekly sale of these hideous little animals in the French capital. A franc piece will buy from seven to a dozen of them.

## Newspaper Law.

We desire to call attention to the laws in force regarding the receiving of newspapers:

1. Subscribers who do not give express notice to the contrary are considered wishing to continue their subscriptions.

2. If subscribers order a discontinuance of their periodicals, the publishers may continue to send them until arrears are paid.

3. If subscribers neglect to take the periodicals from the office to which they are directed, they are responsible till they have settled up their bill and ordered them discontinued.

4. If subscribers move to other places without informing the publisher, and the papers are sent to the former direction, they are held responsible.

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## Local Legislation.

Mr. Killam introduced a bill for the appointment of a police magistrate in the parish of Westmorland.

Hon. Mr. Mitchell committed a bill to further amend chap 63, consolidated statutes.

The house agreed to the bill for establishing and maintaining a police force in the city of Moncton.

Mr. Dibblee committed a bill to enable the municipality of Carleton to take security for a bonus in aid of the erection of a woollen factory. Agreed to, with amendment.

The house resolved itself into committee of the whole, re public schools.

Mr. Blair moved the following resolution.

**Resolution.** That at the time of the passing of the common schools act of 1871 and for several years thereafter, the Roman Catholic people in many sections of the province continued to maintain separate schools at their own expense while paying school rates in support of the public schools; that the state of feeling in the public mind in consequence of this division of opinion became so grave and serious that it was deemed advisable by the government of that day that steps should be taken to quiet the agitation and induce the Catholic people to accept the law; that at the conference on the 6th of August, A. D. 1875, between certain representative Roman Catholics and the then executive government—which government had been sustained at the previous general election known as the school law election of 1874 and was composed exclusively of Protestant members—an arrangement was recommended to the board of education that the certificate of the superior of any of the Roman Catholic teaching orders of the qualification of an applicant and that he or she had attended one year at any recognized normal school should be taken to be sufficient to render the holder thereof eligible for examination for license under the regulations of the board of education, without requiring the attendance of the applicant at the provincial normal school; that immediately upon the said arrangement being entered into the same was made through the press without any public protest or objection and was thereupon accepted by the Roman Catholic people, who closed their separate schools and came in under the free school law and have so continued till the present time; that, while the members of the house regard the arrangements entered into as aforesaid as in the nature of a public compact which it would now be both unjust and inexpedient to open up or rescind, we heartily approve the early action of the present government in so enlarging the scope of the said arrangement as to adopt a regulation (see regulation 31 school manual for 1892) whereby the holder of a similar certificate from a training or normal school whether or not connected with any religious denomination of Christians, is equally entitled to apply for examination for license without attending the provincial training school at Fredericton; and further.

**Resolved,** That in the opinion of this committee neither the said original arrangement nor the said regulation 31 contravenes the non-sectarian principle of the free common school law of 1871.

Mr. Stockton moved in amendment.

"That in the opinion of this committee it is desirable that the subject matter of the petition be referred to a committee or commission of five independent men with power to examine witnesses under oath and call for persons and papers and report to this house at its next session."

Chairman Killam decided the amendment out of order.

The speaker confirmed Mr. Killam's decision.

The following amendment was moved by Mr. Powell, seconded by Mr. Phinney:

"That in the opinion of this committee the arrangement made between the then existing government and certain others, representative Roman Catholics on the 6th day of August, 1875, was a compromise adopted with the object of securing and preserving public peace and harmony, and it is not deemed desirable in the public interest to depart from the arrangement then entered into."

Mr. Powell's amendment was lost.

The original motion was carried—Yeas 27, Nays 11.

Mr. Blair moved the following resolution:

**Resolved,** That regulation number 20 of the board of education passed and in force in the year 1872 was in the words following: "Regulation 20 emblems in the school room—Symbols or emblems distinctive of any national or other society, political party or religious organization, shall not be exhibited or employed in the school room, either in its general arrangements or other exercises or on the person of any teacher or pupil; and

Whereas, On the 31st December, 1872, the board of education passed the following order: "Ordered that nothing in regulation 20 shall be taken to prevent the wearing of the cross or any other emblem ordinarily worn by the members at large of any denomination of Christians," which amending order was first published in the school manual of the year 1873, and so continued until the year 1875, when it was published in substantially the same form as it is at present, excepting as to the wearing of emblems of any temperance organization; and

Whereas, The regulation on that subject now in force is as follows: "Regulation 21, symbols or emblems in the school room—symbols or emblems distinctive of any national or other society, political party or religious organization shall not be exhibited or employed in the school room in its general arrangements or exercises," and that nothing herein shall be taken to refer to any peculiarity of the teacher's garb or to the wearing of the cross or other emblems worn by the members of any denomination of Christians or temperance organization; therefore,

**Resolved,** That in the opinion of the members of this house the said regulation 21 does not contravene the non-sectarian principle of the school law and it is not expedient to alter or amend the same, and the said regulation is hereby approved.

This was carried also.

Hon. Mr. Blair moved the following:

**Resolved,** That while the leasing or occupancy by a board of school trustees of any building suitable for school purposes is not contrary to the non-sectarian principle of the school law or any regulation of the board of education merely by reason of such building being the property of any religious denomination or Orange, Masonic, temperance or other society or association, it is expedient that the power of a board of school trustees to lease or occupy such building should be subject to limitations, and the members of this house approve the action of the board of education in providing, as has been provided by regulation number 10, school manual 1892, that "such rooms or buildings, as the case may be, shall be under the supervision and control of the trustees for school purposes during school hours and at such other times as the necessities of the school may require," and that "any school house or school houses owned by the districts shall be first occupied to its or their full seating capacity before additional accommodation shall be leased, unless the chief superintendent of the board of education in consideration of any special circumstances in any case shall otherwise order."

**Carried.**

Mr. White committed a bill providing for instruction in public schools of the effects of alcoholic drinks and narcotics upon the human system. He explained that while it was true the board of education recognized the teaching of temperance, it was desirable to place the matter upon a more permanent footing and emphasize its importance.

Mr. Blair thought there was no necessity for the bill and opposed it.

Mr. Stockton was strongly in favor of the bill.

Mr. Mitchell objected to this bill.

Mr. Phinney said there was a very general public sentiment in favor of legislation like that proposed.

The bill passed.

Mr. Connell committed a bill incorporating Hartland village for fire and other purposes. Agreed to.

Mr. White committed a bill to consolidate and amend the acts to provide for short-hand reporting in certain courts. He said one of the changes provided in the bill was that litigants who had their expenses lessened by the employment of stenographers should pay a fee of \$5 per diem to be taxed as costs in the cause.

Mr. Powell said litigants had a natural right to the use of the machinery of justice without cost. To poor clients this tax would be very onerous.

Mr. Blair thought the "poor man" argument was a sentimental one.

Mr. Mott agreed that courts should be made as free from expense as possible. The fee was wrong in principle.

Progress was reported.

Mr. Stockton committed a bill respecting liens of mechanics and others on buildings and lands. He suggested that a vote be taken on the principle of the bill, after which if the principle carried, the details could be considered.

Mr. Blair opposed it.

Mr. Baird favored the bill, claiming that some corporations already had liens.

The first section of the bill was carried and progress was reported.

The house went into committee on further consideration of public schools.

Mr. Blair said he believed that all evidence needed had already been given, but to meet the view so generally expressed for a further investigation of the Bathurst troubles he would move a resolution to that effect:

**Resolved,** That one of the judges of the Supreme court or of the County courts be commissioned under act of assembly 49th Victoria, chapter 4, to proceed to Bathurst town and village to inquire into and fully and thoroughly investigate any alleged infractions of the law or regulations on the part of the teachers or trustees in each of the said school districts, and generally to inquire into all matters of complaint which shall be laid before the said com-

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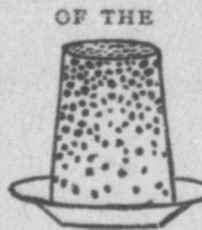
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missioner touching the management of the said schools and take evidence upon all such matters on oath and report the evidence so taken to the board of education to be laid before the legislature at its next session.

Dr. Stockton said that was substantially the same resolution as he had moved the other day.

Mr. Stockton read a petition which he had received from Bathurst asking either a committee of the house be appointed to inquire into matters there or that legislation be passed granting the Bathurst minority separate schools.

Mr. Phinney said the government had made a change of base. The resolution meant another year of agitation and difficulty. The resolution was a shame and the government were mistaken in thinking they could manufacture political capital out of it. The attorney general had stigmatized Rev. Mr. Thomson, Rev. Mr. Allen and Rev. Mr. Sellars as liars. Why was not the meeting at Bathurst held in the school room instead of at the Keary house with its adjacent rum shop? The government had approached the Bathurst petitioners not in a conciliatory but in a dictatorial spirit. He moved, seconded by Mr. Smith (St. John):

**Resolved,** That in the opinion of this committee the alleged grievances in connection with the operations of the common schools in the town of Bathurst and Bathurst village, so far as the same have been disclosed to the committee by the returns, documents and evidence read at the clerk's table could have been amicably settled or arranged by judicious, firm and considerate action on the part of the board of education, and

Further resolved, That this committee is of opinion that the delay of the board of education in dealing with alleged difficulties and alleged infractions of the law and regulations and inquiring into complaint as to the administration of the school law in these districts have greatly added to the difficulty in bringing about harmony in educational matters in these said districts, and this committee further hereby expresses its opinion that further inquiry and investigation should, without unnecessary delay, be made into the alleged infractions and prompt action taken thereupon by the board of education.

Mr. Powell then moved an amendment to the effect that a supreme court judge make the enquiry and report the evidence to the board of education and that the board immediately thereupon cause the evidence to be published.

Mr. Blair could not agree to confine the reference to a supreme court judge. Mr. Powell's amendment was lost.

The original resolution was carried by 25 to 12.

Dr. Stockton seconded by Mr. Phinney made his motion, that in the opinion of this house it is desirable that the electoral law of the province be so changed that no person shall be entitled to vote in more than one electoral district at any general election of members to serve in the legislative assembly.

Dr. Stockton discussed the principles which should control the exercise of the franchise, and referred at length to the evils growing out of the present law in St. John, by what is called the "swamp vote." A similar state of affairs existed in Sunbury County.

Mr. Blair said there were many strong reasons against the resolution. He could not subscribe to it.

The resolution was lost: Yeas—11; Nays—18.

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## SUBJUNCTIVE

**WILKINSON-JONAH.**—In this city, on the 5th inst., by Rev. Dr. McLeod, Mr. Thos. L. Wilkinson and Miss Frances Jonah, both of Stanley.

**CAMPBELL PATTERSON.**—At the Minister's residence in Carleton, on the 3rd inst., by Rev. G. A. Hartley, Mr. Hazen Campbell and Miss Rose Patterson both of St. John, west.

## Deaths.

**LINTON.**—At Calgary, March 25th, Ina Maybell, second daughter of James C and Edith M. Linton, and granddaughter of Mrs. John G. Vanwart, formerly of Fredericton and Woodstock.

**FERGUSON.**—At Waterville, C. Co., on the 23rd ult., Phebe S. Ferguson, aged 41 years, youngest daughter of the late Thomas C. and Lydia Ferguson. Our sister died, as she had lived, a Christian. From the time of her conversion till her death she lived a consistent Christian life. Suddenly, without a moment's warning, she passed away, but she was ready, and has gone "to be with Christ, which is far better." She was a member of the Free Baptist Church at Third Tier. The funeral was conducted by the pastor, Rev. G. Swim, assisted by Revs. J. Noble, T. S. VanWart, C. Comben and J. H. Coy. G. S.

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