JUDICIAL COMMITTEE OF THE PRIVY COUNCIL.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, WHITEHALL: Wednesday, November 11th, 1885.

PRESENT:

The	RIGHT	HONOURABLE	THE LORD CHANCELLOR.
The	RIGHT	HONOURABLE	LORD FITZGERALD.
			LORD MONKSWELL.
			LORD HOBHOUSE.
			SIR MONTAGUE E. SMITH.
			SIR BARNES PEACOCK.
The	Right	Honourable	SIR RICHARD COUCH.

IN THE MATTER of the PETITION of HIS EXCELLENCY the GOVERNOR-GENERAL of CANADA on the Liquor License Acts of 1883 and 1884.

(FROM CANADA.)

Sir FARRER HERSCHELL Q.C., M.P., Mr. G. W. BURBIDGE, Q.C. (of the Canadian Bar), and Mr. JEUNE (instructed by Messrs. BOMPAS, BISCHOFF, DODGSON, & COXE), appeared as Counsel for the Canadian Government.

Mr. HORACE DAVEY, Q.C., M.P., The Honble. C. F. FRASER, Q.C. (of the Ontario Bar), The Honble. J. L. RUGGLES CHURCH, Q.C. (of the Quebec Bar), (instructed by Messrs. FRESHFIELDS & WILLIAMS), and Mr. HALDANE, appeared as Counsel for the Provinces of Ontario, Quebec, Nova Scotia, and New Brunswick.

> [Transcript from the Shorthand Notes of Messrs. MARTEN & MEREDITH.]

Sir FARRER HERSCHELL: My Lords, I appear in this case on behalf of the Governor-General of Canada, the case being a reference to your Lordships to determine whether or not two Acts passed by the Dominion Parliament of Canada—the