

RETURN showing (1) The Scope of the Act; (2) The Area which it covers; (3) The Counties and Cities which have adopted it; (4) Whether any Compensation was paid when the Drink Shops were Closed; and, if so, what Amounts were paid; (5) The effect on Crime and Pauperism in those Cities and Counties where the Act has been in force for more than Two Years; and (6) How many Contests have taken place under the Act, and in how many Places has the Act been Repealed and Drink Shops Re-opened.

No. 1.

Home Office to Colonial Office.

Sir,

Whitehall, 29 December 1887.

I AM directed by the Secretary of State to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 22nd instant,* with enclosures, on the subject of the "Canada Temperance Act, 1878," and inquiring whether under the circumstances a Report respecting the Act in question would now be of use to this Department; and, in reply, I am to acquaint you, for the information of the Secretary of State for the Colonies, that Mr. Matthews would be glad to know in how many places the Act referred to has been adopted, and what proportion of the population of the Dominion is subject to its provisions; and whether the machinery for taking the Votes under Part I. of the Act, and for enforcing the substantive provisions of Part II. have been found to work well.

I am, &c.

The Under Secretary of State,
Colonial Office.

(signed) *E. Leigh Pemberton.*

No. 2.

Sir *H. T. Holland* to the Marquis of *Lansdowne*.

My Lord,

Downing-street, 2 January 1888.

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Despatch of the 30th of November,* inquiring whether the report on the working of the "Canada Temperance Act of 1878," which was asked for in the Earl of Kimberley's Despatch of the 14th of August 1880,* was still desired.

In reply, I have to transmit for your Lordship's information a copy of a letter † from the Home Office, stating that the Home Secretary would be glad to be furnished with information on certain points with regard to the Act in question.

I have, &c.

The Marquis of Lansdowne.

(signed) *H. T. Holland.*

* Not printed.

† No. 1.