No. 10.

## THE EARL OF ABERDEEN to the MARQUESS OF RIPON. (Received December 26, 1893.)

Government House, Ottawa, December 12, 1893.

In reply to your Lordship's Despatch of the 13th ultimo, I have the honour to torward herewith copy of a letter from the Department of the Secretary of State for Canada, stating that the Royal Commission on the Liquoi Traffic is still sitting, and that, pending the making of the report of the Commission, the Government has no separate report to make in regard to the matter.

I have, &c. (Signed) ABERDEEN.

## Enclosure in No. 10.

The Under Secretary of State for Canada to the Governor-General's Secretary.

With reference to the Despatch of the Most Honourable the Secretary of State for the Colonies to his Excellency the Governor-General, dated the 13th ultimo, in continuation of a prior inquity regarding the operation of the liquor laws in the Dominion, as in other portions of the Empire, I have the honour to state, for the information of his Excellency, that the Royal Commission appointed to investigate and elucidate the issues involved in the liquor traffic is still sitting, and that, pending the report of said Commission, this Government has no separate report to make in the premises.

I have, &c

The Governor-General's Secretary, Ottawa.

(Signed) L.

L. A. CATELLIER.