CANADIAN ACTION.

EXTRACTS FROM THE REPORT OF THE SELECT COMMITTEE OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF CANADA ON THE PROHIBITORY LIQUOR LAW IN 1859.

REPORT.

The Committee to whom were referred the Petition of Stephen H. Follett and others; praying for the enactment of a stringent Prohibitory Liquor Law, and all other petitions on the same subject presented during the present Session, beg leave to submit this their Second Report:—

There have been referred to your Committee, up to the date hereof, 240 petitions, signed by 108,894 individuals, 22 petitions from Municipalities, 3 petitions from temperance organizations, and 1 petition from the Canada Christian Conference; praying for the enactment of a Stringent Prohibitory Liquor Law; 2 petitions from Municipalities, praying that the use of liquors may be prohibited, except for medicinal and mechanical purposes; and 3 petitions, signed by 328 individuals, praying that the sale of Liquor may be restrained.

Your Committee have had before them several gentlemen who have long taken a deep and active interest in the extension of the cause of temperance, viz.: Messrs. Beatty (of Cobourg,) Farewell, (of Oshawa,) and Burr, (of Toronto,) whose evidence and observations accompany this Report.

Your Committee were anxious to obtain, and, through one of their number, invited the attendance of the Honorable Neal Dow, as they considered his thorough practical acquaintance