

Government House, Toronto,  
November 30, 1889.

SIR,

ADVERTING to the subject of your Despatch of the 1st ultimo, transmitting, for the information of my Government, copy of a printed Circular Despatch from the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, enclosing a printed extract from the London "Times," embracing a report of the discussion in the House of Lords on the 12th July last, on a notice given by the Earl of Wemyss, touching certain information desired respecting the present working of the Liquor Laws in Canada and in the United States, I have the honour to transmit to you, herewith, for the information of the Colonial Secretary, copy of a report made to my Provincial Secretary by the late Chief Officer of the Canada Temperance Act Division of the Provincial Secretary's Department.

I have &c.,

(Signed) A. CAMPBELL,  
Lieutenant Governor of Ontario.

The Hon. the Secretary of State,  
Ottawa, Ont.

Provincial Secretary's Department, License Branch,  
Canada Temperance Act Division, Toronto,

November 27, 1889.

SIR,

IN reply to the Circular Despatch from the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, and in which was enclosed an extract from the London "Times" report of a discussion in the House of Lords on the 12th July last, on a notice given by the Earl of Wemyss touching certain information desired respecting the present working of the Liquor Laws in Canada and the United States, I beg to say that no additional information can be given to that contained in my letter of June 19th, 1888, except in so far as to supply an omission with reference to the portion of the question then submitted and numbered 4, and to which no reply was then made.

No compensation was made or proposed to be made in those counties in which "The Canada Temperance Act" was adopted to the parties who by such vote were deprived of their licenses, but in no case was the said Act brought into operation until the expiration of the existing licenses

I have, &c.,

(Signed) J. W. MANNING,  
Late Chief Officer.

The Hon. Provincial Secretary,  
Toronto.

Government House, Halifax,  
October 29, 1889.

SIR,

I HAVE the honour, in reply to your Despatch of the 1st instant, enclosing a copy of a Circular Despatch from the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, requesting information as to the working of the Liquor Laws in Canada and the United States, to transmit, for his information, the accompanying memorandum of the Provincial Secretary of Nova Scotia on the said subject.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) A. W. MACLELAN.

The Hon. the Secretary of State,  
Ottawa.

MEMORANDUM by the PROVINCIAL SECRETARY OF NOVA SCOTIA, on the request of LORD KNUTSFORD for INFORMATION regarding the WORKING of the LIQUOR LAWS in CANADA and the UNITED STATES.

Most of the counties of Nova Scotia have adopted the "Canada Temperance Act," an Act of the Parliament of the Dominion of Canada. An inquiry concerning the operation of this Act has already been answered by this Department.

Where the Canada Temperance Act is in force it overrides all Provincial legislation. In the case of the county of Colchester doubts arose as to the legality of the proceeding by which the "Canada Temperance Act" was adopted. In consequence of these doubts special difficulty occurred in enforcing the Act. This led to the taking of proceedings to repeal the Act, so far as it affected the county of Colchester, and the repeal was carried by vote of the elector as provided in the Act. Colchester county is therefore no longer under the operation of the Dominion Act, but subject to Provincial legislation. In the few counties where the Canada Temperance Act is not in force the Liquor traffic