

## No. 7.

Lord *Stanley of Preston* to Lord *Knutsford*.

(Received 5 November 1888.)

Government House, Ottawa, Canada,  
23 October 1888.

My Lord,

WITH reference to your Lordship's Despatch of the 26th April last,\* and previous correspondence, I have the honour to forward herewith a copy of an approved Privy Council Order submitting a report of the Secretary of State for Canada, together with copies of accompanying documents furnishing information in relation to the operation of the Canada Temperance Act, and the sale of intoxicating liquors in the Dominion.

4th October 1888.

I have, &amp;c.

The Right Hon. Lord Knutsford.

(signed) *Stanley of Preston*.

## Enclosure in No. 7.

(P. C. No. 1358 G.)

CERTIFIED COPY of a Report of a Committee of the Honourable the Privy Council approved by His Excellency the Governor General in Council, on the 4th October 1888.

THE Committee of the Privy Council have had under consideration are port, hereunto annexed, dated 8th September 1888, from the Secretary of State of Canada, respecting information asked for in certain Despatches from the Colonial Office in relation to the operation of the Canada Temperance Act and the sale of intoxicating liquors in the Colonies.

The Committee, concurring, advise that your Excellency be moved to forward copies hereof to the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, as recommended by the Secretary of State of Canada.

All which is respectfully submitted.

(signed) *John James McGee*,  
Clerk, Privy Council.

Department of the Secretary of State, Canada.

Ottawa, 8 September 1888.

REPORT to Council respecting information asked for in certain Despatches from the Colonial Office, in relation to the operation of the Canada Temperance Act, and the sale of intoxicating liquors in the Colonies.

THE undersigned, to whom has been referred certain Despatches from the Colonial Office on the subject of the operation of the Canada Temperance Act, commonly known as the "Scott Act," and the sale of intoxicating liquors in the Colonies, has the honour to report.

The Despatches referred to consist of the following:—

(1.) Despatch, dated the 2nd January 1888,† enclosing copy of a letter from the Home Office asking to be furnished with information on certain points with reference to the Canada Temperance Act.

(2.) Circular Despatch, dated the 26th January 1888,‡ requesting to be furnished with any information respecting the sale of intoxicating liquors in the Colonies of a later date than that laid before the Imperial Parliament in the year 1883; and

(3.) Despatch, dated the 26th April 1888,\* transmitting copy of an Address from the House of Commons asking for a Return giving particulars relating to the working of the Canada Temperance Act.

Firstly.—As regards the particulars asked for in the Despatch of the 2nd January 1888, first above enumerated, the undersigned is of opinion that the desired information has been largely supplied by the tabulated statement of elections held under the Canada Temperance Act since the passing of the Act, and of other facts in relation thereto contained therein, which statement was furnished to Council some months since by the undersigned, and is appended to the Order in Council of the 11th May 1888, copy of which his Excellency's predecessor was authorised to forward for the information of the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

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\* No. 3.

† No. 2.

‡ See No. 1, in [c. 5563] November 1888.