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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.

No. 3.

Lord *Knutsford* to the Marquis of *Lansdowne*.

My Lord,

Downing-street, 26 April 1888.

I HAVE the honour to transmit to you herewith a copy of an Address from the House of Commons asking for a Return giving certain particulars relating to the working of the Temperance Act of the Canadian Legislature known as the Scott Act.

I should be obliged if your Government could furnish a Return giving the particulars desired.

In connection with this subject I beg to call your attention to my Despatch of the 2nd of January last.*

It would be advisable, if possible, that the Return should be supplied in time to be presented to Parliament during the present Session.

The Marquis of Lansdowne.

I have, &c.
(signed) *Knutsford*.

Enclosure in No. 3.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

Wednesday, 25th April 1888.

Temperance
Legislation, Scott
Act, Canada.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a 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.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council.

Reginald F. D. Palgrave,
Clerk to the House of Commons.

No. 4.

The Marquis of *Lansdowne* to Lord *Knutsford*.

(Received 4 May 1888.)

Halton, Norfolk,
Bruce, Dufferin,
Simcoe, Renfrew;
United Counties—
Stormont,
Dundas,
Glengarry;
Huron.

My Lord,

Government House, Ottawa, 23 April 1888.

WITH reference to the correspondence which has passed relative to the Canada Temperance Act, 1878, I have the honour to transmit to your Lordship extracts from the "Toronto Mail" of the 2nd of March and 20th instant, showing the result of the voting on this Act which has recently taken place in the eight counties noted in the margin.

2. Elections

2nd March.
20th April.

2. Elections were held in these counties under Section 96 of the Canada Temperance Act, Revised Statutes of Canada, chapter 106, for the purpose of revoking the Orders in Council by which the Act had been brought into operation some three years ago in the several counties.

3. These resulted in all cases in the defeat of the Act, *i. e.*, in the adoption of the petition to revoke its operation.

The Right Hon. Lord Knutsford,
&c. &c. &c.,
Colonial Office.

I have, &c.,
(signed) *Lansdowne.*

Enclosure in No. 4.

SCOTT ACT ELECTIONS.

Result of Yesterday's Voting in Seven Counties.

Repeal carried everywhere by Good Majorities—The Latest Returns—Theories of the Defeat advanced by Politicians.

Elections for the repeal of the Scott Act were held yesterday in the Counties of Bruce, Dufferin, Huron, Norfolk, Renfrew, Simcoe, and the united Counties of Dundas, Stormont, and Glengarry, with the following results:—

BRUCE.

Kincardine, 19 April.—Repeal has been carried by a majority estimated at 1,400.

DUFFERIN.

	Majorities	
	For Repeal.	Against Repeal.
Orangeville - - - - -	20	—
Mono - - - - -	59	—
East Garafraxa - - - - -	71	—
Amaranth - - - - -	19	—
Melancthon - - - - -	41	—
East Luther - - - - -	1	—
Shelburne - - - - -	36	—
Mulmur - - - - -	—	80
	247	80
TOTAL for repeal - - -	167	—

DUNDAS, STORMONT, AND GLENGARRY.

Cornwall, 19 April.—The voting on the repeal of the Scott Act took place here to-day. The repeal was carried by a majority of 1,248 in Stormont alone, and the united Counties of Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry together gave a majority of 2,023, as far as heard from. The total majority for repeal is expected to reach 2,500. The following are the returns so far as received:—

	Majorities	
	For Repeal.	Against Repeal.
<i>Dundas :</i>		
Iroquois - - - - -	46	—
Morrisburg - - - - -	107	—
Connaught - - - - -	37	—
Inkerman - - - - -	45	—
Winchester - - - - -	—	20
Morewood - - - - -	—	27
Chesterville - - - - -	98	—
Dixon's Corners - - - - -	14	—
Wallace Schoolhouse - - - - -	37	—
Brinston's Corners - - - - -	—	43
West Winchester - - - - -	—	48
Miller's Schoolhouse - - - - -	—	28
East Williamsburg - - - - -	61	—
	445	166
<i>Stormont :</i>		
Cornwall (town) - - - - -	355	—
Cornwall (township) - - - - -	342	—
Osnabruck - - - - -	76	—
Finch - - - - -	196	—
	969	—
<i>Glengarry :</i>		
Lancaster - - - - -	108	—
Kenyon and Lochiel - - - - -	140	—
Alexandria - - - - -	98	—
Charlottenburg - - - - -	—	6
TOTAL - - -	346	6

HURON.

Goderich, 19 April.—Huron County gives a majority of about 1,200 in favour of repeal, with several places to hear from. Following are the returns so far received:—

	Majorities	
	For Repeal.	Against Repeal.
Ashfield - - - - -	—	15
Colborne - - - - -	31	—
Clinton - - - - -	91	—
Goderich - - - - -	91	—
Goderich Township - - - - -	—	37
West Wawanosh - - - - -	—	23
East Wawanosh - - - - -	42	—
Blyth - - - - -	41	—
Brussels - - - - -	51	—
Grey - - - - -	87	—
Howick - - - - -	34	—
Morris - - - - -	25	—
Turnberry - - - - -	—	28
Wingham - - - - -	67	—
Bayfield - - - - -	63	—
Hay - - - - -	177	—
Hullett - - - - -	164	—
McKillop - - - - -	150	—
Seaforth - - - - -	53	—
Stanley - - - - -	—	57
Tuckersmith - - - - -	7	—
Usborn - - - - -	49	—
Exeter - - - - -	39	—
Stephen - - - - -	149	—
	1,377	179
	179	—
TOTAL for the Repeal - - - - -	1,198	—

NORFOLK.

Simcoe, 19 April.—The vote on the repeal of the Scott Act in Norfolk to-day resulted in the repeal being carried by about 700 majority. The vote by townships is as follows:—

	Majorities	
	For Repeal.	Against Repeal.
Charlotteville - - - - -	116	—
Windham - - - - -	62	—
Port Dover - - - - -	13	—
Woodhouse - - - - -	94	—
Simcoe - - - - -	185	—
Waterford - - - - -	—	25
Townsend - - - - -	—	211
Middleton - - - - -	139	—
Houghton - - - - -	61	—
Walsingham - - - - -	272	—
	892	236

RENFREW.

	Majorities	
	For Repeal.	Against Repeal.
Arnprior - - - - -	135	—
Bagot and Blythefield - - - - -	49	—
Brudenel and Lyndoch - - - - -	97	—
Eganville - - - - -	113	—
Hagarty - - - - -	59	—
Sandpoint - - - - -	82	—
Mansfield - - - - -	47	—
Pembroke - - - - -	38	—
Cobden - - - - -	27	—
Alice - - - - -	58	—
Petewawa - - - - -	58	—
Stafford - - - - -	78	—
Shamrock - - - - -	34	—
Admaston - - - - -	58	—
Horton - - - - -	—	77
Renfrew Village - - - - -	—	8
South Algoma - - - - -	—	40
Pembroke Township - - - - -	—	27
Forester's Falls - - - - -	—	41
Ross - - - - -	—	39
Beachburg - - - - -	—	90
Westneath - - - - -	—	136
Rolph, Birch and Wylie - - - - -	12	—
Head Clara and Maria - - - - -	12	—
Bromley - - - - -	63	—
McNabb - - - - -	72	—
Wilberforce and Algoma - - - - -	81	—
Gratton - - - - -	113	—
	1,286	458
	458	
TOTAL for repeal - - - - -	828	—

SIMCOE.

Barrie, 19 April.—The votes in the principal towns of Simcoe all stand in favour of repeal of the Scott Act, with the following majorities:—

	Majorities	
	For Repeal.	Against Repeal.
Barrie - - - - -	196	—
Collingwood - - - - -	332	—
Orillia - - - - -	139	—
Penetanguishene - - - - -	138	—
Gravenhurst - - - - -	65	—
Midland - - - - -	89	—
Bradford - - - - -	58	—
Alliston - - - - -	37	—
Stayner - - - - -	89	—
Tottenham - - - - -	29	—
Beeton - - - - -	11	—

The townships cannot be completed to-night, owing to the impassable state of the roads, but, as far as heard from, all vote by good majorities in favour of repeal, with the one exception of McKellar, in Parry Sound district, which gives a majority against repeal of 47. The total majority for repeal is about 900.

Original Majorities for the Act.

The following are the majorities given in favour of the Act on its adoption in each of the above counties:—

Bruce - - - - -	1,312
Dufferin - - - - -	795
Dundas, Stormont, and Glengarry - - - - -	1,706
Huron - - - - -	1,653
Norfolk - - - - -	1,037
Renfrew - - - - -	730
Simcoe - - - - -	1,183

THE SCOTT ACT IN HALTON.

Repeal carried yesterday by about 200 majority.

Milton, 1 March.—The result of the election to-day on the petition for the repeal of the Scott Act in the county of Halton is a considerable surprise for the supporters of the measure. The latest returns show a total majority of about 200 in favour of repeal, with a few places to hear from, which cannot change the result. The following are the returns so far received:—

	Majorities	
	For Repeal.	Against Repeal.
Acton - - - - -	- - -	8
Burlington - - - - -	2	—
Esquesing:		
Ward 1 - - - - -	52	—
" 2 - - - - -	88	—
" 4 - - - - -	13	—
" 5 - - - - -	21	—
Georgetown - - - - -	28	—
Milton - - - - -	43	—
Nassagaweya:		
Ward 1 - - - - -	- - -	A tie.
" 2 - - - - -	- - -	39
" 3 - - - - -	- - -	39
Nelson:		
Ward 1 - - - - -	- - -	23
" 2 - - - - -	31	—
" 3 - - - - -	- - -	36
" 5 - - - - -	- - -	18
Oakville - - - - -	53	—
Trafalgar:		
Ward 1 - - - - -	26	—
" 2 - - - - -	60	—
" 3 - - - - -	- - -	30
" 4 - - - - -	20	—
" 5 - - - - -	- - -	9
" 6 - - - - -	- - -	36
	437	238
	238	
TOTAL Majority for Repeal - - -	199	

No. 5.

Colonial Office to Home Office.

Sir,

Downing-street, 7 May 1888.

With reference to previous correspondence, I am directed by Lord Knutsford to transmit to you, for communication to Mr. Secretary Matthews, a copy of a Despatch* from the Governor General of Canada, with extracts from the "Toronto Mail," showing the result of the voting on the "Canada Temperance Act, 1878," which has recently taken place in eight counties.

I am to request that these extracts may be returned to this Department, as they will probably be included in a Paper to be given to Parliament on the subject.

I am, &c.

The Under Secretary of State,
Home Office.

(signed) *John Bramston.*

No. 6.

The Marquis of *Lansdowne* to Lord *Knutsford*.

(Received 1 June 1888.)

My Lord,

Government House, Ottawa, 15 May 1888.

With reference to your Lordship's Circular Despatch of the 26th January last, † in which you requested 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 1883, I have the honour to forward herewith copy of an approved minute of the Privy Council, submitting a tabulated statement of statistics with reference to elections held under the "Canada Temperance Act," commonly known as the "Scott Act."

You will observe that application has been made to the Minister of Justice for additional information touching Dominion and Provincial legislation, which, when received, will be duly forwarded.

I have, &c.

The Right Hon. Lord Knutsford, G.C.M.G.,
&c. &c. &c.

(signed) *Lansdowne.*

Enclosure in No. 6.

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 11th May 1888.

THE Committee of the Privy Council have had under consideration a Circular Despatch dated 26th January 1888, from the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, requesting to be furnished with any information respecting the sale of intoxicating liquors in the Colonies of a later date than that laid before Parliament in 1883.

The Secretary of State, to whom the matter was referred, submits herewith a tabulated statement of the elections held under the "Canada Temperance Act," commonly known as the "Scott Act," since the passing of the Act; said statement embracing the names of cities, counties, and union of counties where elections have been held, the total number of votes polled for and against the Act, the total number of voters on the lists, together with the majorities recorded for or against the Act, or for repeal.

The Minister states that the Minister of Justice has been applied to for additional information touching Dominion and Provincial legislation, which, when received, will be forwarded without delay.

The Committee recommend that your Excellency be moved to forward the information herewith to the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

All which is respectfully submitted for your Excellency's approval.

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

* No. 4.

† No. 1 in [c. 5563], November 1888.

ELECTIONS held under the "CANADA TEMPERANCE ACT," popularly known as the "SCOTT ACT," since the passing of the Act (Revised Statutes of Canada, c. 106).

PLACE.	Number of Voters on List.	VOTES POLLED		MAJORITIES	
		For.	Against.	For.	Against.
1878.					
Fredericton (City), N.B.	788	403	203	200	—
York, N.B.	3,483	1,229	214	1,015	—
Prince, P.E.I.	5,434	1,762	271	1,491	—
1879.					
Charlotte, N.B.	4,220	867	149	718	—
Carleton, N.B.	3,913	1,215	69	1,146	—
Charlottetown, P.E.I.	1,829	887	253	584	—
Albert, N.B.	2,300	718	114	604	—
Kings, P.E.I.	5,673	1,076	59	1,017	—
Lambton, Ont.	10,500	2,567	2,352	215	—
Kings, N.B.	4,409	798	245	553	—
Queens, N.B.	2,579	315	181	134	—
Westmoreland, N.B.	5,754	1,082	299	783	—
Megantic, P.Q.	—	372	844	—	472
1880.					
Northumberland, N.B.	3,321	875	673	202	—
Stanstead, P.Q.	3,570	760	941	—	181
Queens, P.E.I.	6,351	1,317	99	1,218	—
Marquette, Man.	4,600	612	195	417	—
Digby, N.S.	2,802	944	42	902	—
1881.					
Queens, N.S.	1,574	703	82	681	—
Sunbury, N.B.	1,369	176	41	135	—
Shelburne, N.S.	2,266	807	154	653	—
Lisgar, Man.	2,168	247	120	127	—
Hamilton (City), Ont.	7,593	1,661	2,811	—	1,150
Kings, N.S.	3,431	1,478	108	1,370	—
Halton, Ont.	40,641	1,483	1,402	81	—
Annapolis, N.S.	3,205	1,111	114	990	—
Wentworth, Ont.	6,806	1,611	2,209	—	508
Colchester, N.S.	4,147	1,418	184	1,284	—
Cape Breton, N.S.	3,656	789	216	523	—
Hants, N.S.	3,642	1,082	92	990	—
Welland, Ont.	7,064	1,610	2,378	—	768
Lambton, Ont.	10,500	2,557	2,962	—	105
1882.					
Inverness, N.S.	3,546	960	106	854	—
Pictou, N.S.	5,780	1,555	453	1,102	—
St. John, N.B.	4,365	1,074	1,076	—	2
Fredericton, N.B.	788	293	252	41	—
1883.					
Cumberland, N.S.	4,653	1,560	262	1,298	—
1884.					
Prince County, P.E.I.	5,434	2,939	1,065	1,874	—
Yarmouth, N.S.	3,361	1,287	96	1,191	—
Oxford, Ont.	11,327	4,078	3,298	775	—
Arthabaska, P.Q.	3,214	1,487	233	1,252	—
Westmoreland, N.B.	5,754	1,774	1,701	78	—
Halton, Ont. (for Repeal)	4,664	1,947	1,767	—	180
Simcoe, Ont.	13,015	5,712	4,529	1,183	—
Stanstead, P.Q.	3,570	1,300	975	325	—
Charlottetown, P.E.I.	1,829	755	715	40	—
Stormount, Dundas, and Glengarry	13,057	4,590	2,884	1,706	—
Peel, Ont.	—	1,805	1,999	—	194
Bruce, Ont.	12,160	4,501	3,189	1,312	—
Huron, Ont.	13,810	5,957	4,304	1,653	—

COPY OF CORRESPONDENCE RELATING TO

PLACE.	Number of Voters on List.	VOTES POLLED		MAJORITIES		
		For.	Against.	For.	Against.	
1884--continued.						
Dufferin, Ont. - - - -	4,098	1,904	1,109	795	—	
Prince Edward, Ont. - - - -	—	1,528	1,653	—	125	
York, N.B. - - - -	3,483	1,178	655	523	—	
Renfrew, Ont. - - - -	5,876	1,748	1,018	730	—	
Norfolk, Ont. - - - -	7,005	2,781	1,694	1,087	—	
Compton, P.Q. - - - -	—	1,132	1,620	—	488	
Brant, Ont. - - - -	8,063	1,690	1,088	602	—	
Brantford (City), Ont. - - - -	—	646	812	—	166	
Leeds and Grenville, Ont. - - - -	13,443	5,058	4,384	674	—	
1885.						
Kent, Ont. - - - -	12,982	4,368	1,975	2,393	—	
Lanark, Ont. - - - -	4,784	2,433	2,027	406	—	
Lennox and Addington, Ont. - - - -	5,989	2,047	2,011	36	—	
Brome, P.Q. - - - -	3,431	1,224	739	485	—	
Guelph, Ont. - - - -	1,550	694	520	168	—	
Carleton, Ont. - - - -	7,513	2,440	1,747	693	—	
Northumberland and Durham, Ont.	16,934	6,050	3,863	2,187	—	
Drummond, P.Q. - - - -	3,216	1,190	170	1,020	—	
Elgin, Ont. - - - -	3,355	3,335	1,479	1,856	—	
Lambton, Ont. - - - -	10,500	4,465	1,546	2,919	—	
St. Thomas, Ont. - - - -	2,500	754	743	11	—	
Missiquoi, P.Q. - - - -	—	1,142	1,167	—	25	
Wellington, Ont. - - - -	11,020	4,516	3,086	1,430	—	
Chicoutimi, P.Q. - - - -	3,443	1,157	529	628	—	
Kingston, Ont. - - - -	—	785	842	—	57	
Frontenac, Ont. - - - -	5,084	1,334	693	641	—	
Lincoln, Ont. - - - -	12,932	2,060	1,490	570	—	
Perth, Ont. - - - -	—	3,368	3,536	—	168	
Middlesex, Ont. - - - -	17,912	5,745	2,370	3,375	—	
Guysboro', N.S. - - - -	1,930	463	31	432	—	
Hastings, Ont. - - - -	—	2,369	2,376	—	7	
					Against the	
Haldimond, Ont. - - - -	—	1,755	2,063	—	Act, 808	
Ontario, Ont. - - - -	11,719	3,412	2,001	1,351	—	
Victoria, Ont. - - - -	8,316	2,467	1,502	965	—	
Peterborough, Ont. - - - -	6,620	1,915	1,597	408	—	
					Against repeal,	
Fredericton, N.B. (Repeal) - - - -	738	285	298	—	13	
					Against the	
Argenteuil, P.Q. - - - -	—	526	601	—	Act, 75	
Prescott and Russell, Ont. - - - -	—	1,535	3,131	—	1,586	
1886.						
Pontiac, P.Q. - - - -	3,064	533	935	—	402	
St. John (City), N.B. - - - -	4,365	1,610	1,687	—	77	
St. John (County), N.B. - - - -	2,481	467	424	43	—	
Portland, N.B. - - - -	1,669	667	520	147	—	
1887.						
City of Charlottetown, P.E.I. (for Repeal) - - - -	1,829	669	889	—	Against repeal, 20	
1888.						
Stormont - (Repeal of Act) - - - -	13,057	—	—	For repeal, 1,081	—	
Dundas - ditto - - - -		—	—	338	—	
Glengarry - ditto - - - -		—	—	715	—	
Renfrew - ditto - - - -		5,676	2,580	1,670	910	—
Dufferin - ditto - - - -		4,098	—	—	—	—
Simcoe - ditto - - - -		13,915	—	—	—	—
Bruce - ditto - - - -		12,160	5,085	3,093	1,392	—
Norfolk - ditto - - - -	7,005	2,804	2,082	722	—	
Westmoreland, N.B., ditto - - - -	5,754	1,698	2,464	—	Against repeal, 766	
Halton - - - -	46,641	2,060	1,853	For repeal, 199	—	
Huron - - - -	13,810	—	—	—	—	

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, &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.

The

* No. 3.

† No. 2.

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

The point in the letter from the Home Office not met by the statement referred to is as to whether the machinery for taking the votes under Part I. of the Act, and for enforcing the substantive provisions of Part II., has been found to work well. As regards the first phase of this question, the undersigned would only remark that during a Ministerial experience of six years he has heard of no complaint on the subject, and he has reason to believe that the mode prescribed has on the whole worked smoothly and satisfactorily. The second phase of the query, touching the machinery under Part II. of the Act, comes under the purview of provincial administration, and is answered in the replies received from the provincial authorities hereafter referred to.

Since the date of the tabulated statement, previously mentioned (9th May 1888), two additional elections under the Act, both for repeal, have been held, of which the particulars are given in the subjoined supplementary statement.

PLACE.	Number of Voters on List.	Votes for the Act.	Polled against the Act.	Majorities.	
				For.	Against.
Arthabaska, Province of Quebec.	4,098	230	455	—	225
Stanstead, Province of Quebec.	4,595	1,187	1,329	—	142

Secondly.—With respect to the Circular Despatch, secondly enumerated, the undersigned, having regard to the course followed on previous occasions, and more particularly with references to Earl Kimberley's two Circular Despatches on the same subject, referred to in the present Circular Despatch (*see* Sir Alexander Campbell's report* thereon attached to the Order in Council of the 29th November 1882), placed himself in communication with the Department of Justice, from which department a report has been obtained (*see* Appendix A.*) forwarding the desired particulars both as regards Dominion and provincial legislation respecting the sale of intoxicating liquors, with copies of the several statutes in force on the subject. Upon reference to the report it will be observed that all the provinces have replied to the inquiries instituted by the Department of Justice with the exception of Quebec.

See p. 23 [c. 3477], 1883.

The third paragraph of the report from the Department of Justice relates to the information already supplied by the undersigned in the tabulated statement of elections, &c., previously mentioned.

Thirdly.—Touching the information sought in the Imperial Return moved for and referred to in the Despatch of the 26th April, thirdly enumerated, the undersigned would point out that it covers the same ground of inquiry, to a certain extent, as is embraced by the Circular Despatch of the 26th January, previously dealt with.

The further particulars desired respecting (1) compensation when drink shops are closed; and (2) the effect on crime and pauperism in those cities and counties where the Act has been in force for more than two years, coming under provincial administration, have formed the subject of a communication addressed by the undersigned to the respective local governments (except that of British Columbia, in which province the Act has never been adopted), from all of whom, with one exception, Quebec, replies have been received. These replies are now submitted and form Appendix B.

The undersigned would recommend, in the event of this report being adopted by Council, that his Excellency be moved to forward a copy thereof, with copies of the accompanying documents, to the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, in answer to the several Despatches from his office enumerated herein.

(signed) *J. A. Chapleau,*
Secretary of State.

APPENDICES.

A.*—Report of Department of Justice, with replies from Provincial Governments, embodying information (in part) desired under Circular Despatch dated the 26th January 1888.

B.—Replies received by Secretary of State from Provincial Governments, embodying information (in part) desired under Despatch dated the 26th April 1888.

* *See* No. 38 [c. 5563], 1888 (Intoxicating Liquors, Colonies).

Appendix " B."

PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

Sir, Government House, Toronto, 22 June 1888.
 ADVERTING to your Despatch of the 14th instant, in which you desire to be furnished, for the information of the Imperial Parliament, with certain particulars asked for in an Address to Her Majesty relative to the operation and effect of the Canada Temperance Act, I have now the honour to transmit to you herewith a letter on the subject received by the Provincial Secretary from Mr. J. W. Manning, Chief Officer of the License Branch, Canada Temperance Act Division.

I have, &c.
 (signed) *A. Campbell*,
 Lieutenant Governor of Ontario.

Provincial Treasurer's Department.—License Branch.

Canada Temperance Act Division, Toronto,
 19 June 1888.

Sir,
 HAVING reference to the return required for the information of the Imperial Parliament, with the particulars asked for in the Address to Her Majesty, relative to the operation and effect of the Canada Temperance Act, I have the honour to state that it is almost impossible to answer from the statistical returns the second question presented by the Imperial Parliament for the following, amongst other reasons:—

1. Some counties, as for instance, Brant, Frontenac, Carleton, and Middlesex, contain within their gaols commitments from outside the area controlled by the Canada Temperance Act, and there are no means of separating them.
2. Because the years are not parallel, the gaol year closing on the 30th September, whilst the license year closes on the 30th April.
3. Because the tables, as given in the report of the Inspector of Prisons, show the offences in gross for the whole province, and therefore not divisible into counties.

It has therefore been considered advisable, as the nearest approach to the requisite information, to give, (a) the number of persons arrested for being drunk and disorderly during the last year of license and the last year of the operation of the Canada Temperance Act; (b) the number of persons in the several gaols on the last night of each of the same years; and, (c) the number of persons arrested for all causes in the last year of license, and the last year of the operation of the Canada Temperance Act in the whole province.

(A.)	Drunk and Disorderly Last Year of License.	Drunk and Disorderly Last Year of Canada Temperance Act.
Brockville - - - - -	80	24
Bruce - - - - -	—	—
Cornwall - - - - -	3	4
Dufferin - - - - -	1	3
Elgin - - - - -	57	45
Haltcn - - - - -	9	5
Huron - - - - -	3	—
Kent - - - - -	18	7
Lambton - - - - -	130	38
Lanark - - - - -	6	9
Lennox and Addington - - - - -	6	8
Northumberland and Durham - - - - -	26	6
Norfolk - - - - -	4	5
Ontario - - - - -	4	—
Oxford - - - - -	21	—
Peterborough - - - - -	27	11
Renfrew - - - - -	11	2
Simcoe - - - - -	31	16
Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry - - - - -	—	—
Victoria - - - - -	13	1
Wellington - - - - -	32	22
Frontenac - - - - -	—	—
	482	206

Total number of prisoners in each of the gaols on the

	Last Night of September in License Year.	Last Night of September in Canada Temperance Act Year.
Brockville - - - - -	17	14
Bruce - - - - -	4	7
Cornwall - - - - -	4	6
Dufferin - - - - -	15	16
Elgin - - - - -	12	12
Frontenac - - - - -	—	—
Halton - - - - -	9	7
Huron - - - - -	10	10
Kent - - - - -	6	15
Lambton - - - - -	10	13
Lanark - - - - -	18	16
Lennox and Addington - - - - -	4	3
Northumberland and Durham - - - - -	15	11
Norfolk - - - - -	3	4
Ontario - - - - -	11	11
Oxford - - - - -	10	19
Peterborough - - - - -	15	11
Renfrew - - - - -	26	8
Simcoe - - - - -	25	20
Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry - - - - -	—	—
Victoria - - - - -	6	7
Wellington - - - - -	5	10
	215	220

These figures include the persons detained for want of surties to keep the peace, insane, and as witnesses.

The last year also includes offenders against the Canada Temperance Act.

“C.”

The total number of commitments for the whole province, excluding Toronto, for the years 1880 and 1887, being the last full year of license, and the last full year under the Canada Temperance Act respectively are :

1880 - - - - - 8,391 | 1887 - - - - - 7,226

The estimated increase of population being about 18 per cent.

I have, &c.

The Honourable
The Provincial Secretary, Toronto.

(signed) *J. W. Manning*,
Chief Officer of the License Branch
of the Canada Temperance Act Division.

2.—PROVINCE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

Government House, Halifax.

29 June 1888.

Sir,

REFERRING to Mr. Powell's Despatch of the 14th instant, asking for particulars, for the information of the Imperial Parliament, relative to the operation and effect of the Canada Temperance Act, I have now the honour to state that the Act being a Dominion one, and the Provincial Government having nothing to do with it, none of the Provincial Departments is in possession of any official information in relation to its operation.

It is, however, within the knowledge of my Provincial Secretary that no compensation was paid for the closing of any drink shops in counties where the Act was adopted. In most cases the Act, though adopted by vote of the electors, has not been thoroughly enforced.

It would, therefore, be difficult to draw from its operation in this province any conclusions respecting the value of legislation of that character.

I have, &c.

The Hon. the Secretary of State for
Canada, Ottawa.

(signed) *M. H. Richey*,
Lieutenant Governor.

PROVINCE OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

Government House, Fredericton, N.B.,
20 June 1888.

Sir,

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Despatch, dated 14th instant, asking for information for the Imperial Parliament relative to the operation and effect of the "Canada Temperance Act."

First, as to compensation paid; secondly, as to the effect on crime and pauperism, in those cities and counties where the Act has been in force for more than two years.

In answer to the first inquiry, No. 4, no compensation was in any case paid when the drink-shops were closed. To the second inquiry, No. 5, no reliable answer can be given, as returns of convictions, &c., are not made to the Government, and my Council report that there are no persons with whom they could communicate who could give a correct answer. The result if obtainable would scarcely be satisfactory, as the uncertainty of the constitutionality of the Act for a long period, practically suspended its operation in several electoral districts when first adopted.

I have, &c.

(signed) *S. L. Tilley.*

The Hon. Secretary of State, Ottawa.

4. PROVINCE OF MANITOBA.

Manitoba and Keewatin, Government House,
Winnipeg, 6 September 1888.

Sir,

I HAVE the honour to enclose to you herewith certain information which I have this day received from my Government regarding the operation of the Canada Temperance Act in this Province.

I have, &c.

(signed) *John Schultz,*
Lieutenant Governor.The Honourable
The Secretary of State, Ottawa, Ontario.

Sir,

Winnipeg, 5 September 1888.

IN reply to the communication addressed by Lawrence J. Clark, to the Honourable Joseph Martin, Acting Provincial Secretary, and the communication from Walter Robert Bown, Private Secretary to his Honor the Lieutenant Governor in Council, asking for information on the following points: Whether any compensation has ever been paid the drink-shops closed in counties in the Province of Manitoba that have adopted the Scott Act, and what has been the effect on crime and pauperism in the cities and counties where the Act has been enforced for more than two years, I beg to say that the Canada Temperance Act, commonly known as the Scott Act, has been brought into force in only two counties in the Province of Manitoba, and in none of our cities and towns.

It was first brought into force in the county of Marquette, and remained in force there about six months, when it was declared to have been illegally brought into force by a decision in the Supreme Court of Canada.

No compensation to liquor dealers was provided when the Act was brought into force in the county of Marquette, and it was in force so short a time that it is impossible to say what effect, if any, it had on crime and pauperism in that county.

With regard to the operations of the Act in the county of Lisgar, I believe the Act was voted upon and brought into force some time ago, but objections were taken to the mode in which the Act was brought into force, and it practically has never been enforced, although nominally it still remains the law in that county.

The Manitoba Government, however, are granting licenses in the county of Lisgar, but I suppose they consider the Act inoperative.

For these reasons it is also impossible to say what effect, if any, the Act has had in that county.

I believe no provision was made in the county of Lisgar for compensation to liquor dealers.

I have, &c.

(signed) *H. W. Maclean,* Chief Clerk.The Honourable
The Provincial Secretary, Winnipeg.

5. PROVINCE OF PRINCE EDWARD'S ISLAND.

Government House,
Prince Edward's Island, 22 June 1888.

Sir,

Charlottetown, 21st
June 1888, Provincial
Secretary's
Office.

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Despatch of the 14th instant, requesting to be furnished, for the information of the Imperial Parliament, with the particulars asked for in portions of an Address to Her Majesty relative to the operation of the Canada Temperance Act; and I now transmit herewith the report of the Provincial Secretary on the subject, by which you will observe that "No compensation was paid when the drink shops were closed in this province."

There being no available data as to its effect on crime and pauperism in those places where the Act has been in force for more than two years, it is impossible to state its effect definitely, but the stipendiary magistrate of Charlottetown, before whom all persons who are illegally engaged in the sale of intoxicating drink within the city limits are tried, stated, when the matter was submitted to him, that "Generally speaking it has had no effect, except that the crime of perjury has been greatly increased."

I may also observe that as the Canada Temperance Act was carried here by a very small majority of the electors when the question of its adoption was submitted to them; its enforcement when it became law, under these circumstances, was a very difficult task, and this must always be the case unless it has the general moral support of a large majority of the people in the city or county where it is adopted, who will maintain its provisions, and see that they are properly enforced.

G. Powell, Esq.,
Under Secretary of State, Ottawa.

I have, &c.
(signed) *A. A. Macdonald*,
Lieutenant Governor.

Provincial Secretary, Prince Edward's Island,
Charlottetown, 21 June 1888.

Sir,

IN reply to the following queries contained in letter from Ottawa of 14th instant, I have the honour to append the answers hereinafter given.

No. 4. "Was any compensation paid when the drink shops were closed in such of the counties of the Province of Prince Edward's Island as adopted the Act?" No.

No. 5. "What has been the effect on crime and pauperism in those cities and counties where the Act has been in force for more than two years?"

Not having any data to guide me in this I applied to the stipendiary magistrate, who has just sent me the following:—

"Generally speaking of no effect, except that the crime of perjury has been greatly increased."

His Honor the Lieutenant Governor,
Prince Edward's Island.

I have, &c.
(signed) *Arthur Newbery*,
Assistant Provincial Secretary.