

The undersigned recommends that a copy of this report, if approved, be transmitted to Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Respectfully submitted.

JNO. S. D. THOMPSON,  
Minister of Justice.

No. 23.

COLONIAL OFFICE to F. R. DALDY, Esq.

SIR,

Downing Street, January 16, 1891.

I AM directed by Lord Knutsford to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 13th of December,\* on the subject of the Canadian Copyright Bill.

The matter is receiving Lord Knutsford's attention, and a further communication will be addressed to you when it has been fully considered.

I am, &c.

R. H. MEADE.

No. 24.

LORD KNUTSFORD to LORD STANLEY OF PRESTON.

MY LORD,

Downing Street, March 18, 1891.

WITH reference to your Despatch of the 20th December 1890,† I have to acquaint you that the whole subject of Canadian copyright has been under consideration, but that Her Majesty's Government thought that it would, on the whole, be desirable to delay replying to that Despatch until it was seen how the copyright question would be finally dealt with in the United States.

Your Ministers will doubtless also wish to consider the probable effects in Canada of that legislation.

I have, &c.

KNUTSFORD.

No. 25.

LORD STANLEY OF PRESTON to LORD KNUTSFORD.

(Received November 5, 1891.)

[Answered by No. 34.]

Government House, Ottawa,

October 19, 1891.

MY LORD,

I HAVE the honour to transmit to your Lordship, with a request that it may be laid at the foot of the Throne, an address to Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, from the Senate and House of Commons of Canada praying for Imperial legislation conferring upon the Parliament of Canada power to legislate in the interests of the people of the Dominion on all matters relating to the subject of copyright; and praying that notice may be given by Her Majesty's Government of the withdrawal of Canada from the Berne Copyright Convention.

I have, &c.

STANLEY OF PRESTON.

Enclosure in No. 25.

TO THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.

MOST GRACIOUS SOVEREIGN,

WE, Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Senate and Commons of Canada in Parliament assembled, humbly beg leave to approach Your Majesty for the purpose of representing:

That by the Statute of Your Majesty's Parliament (5 & 6 Vict. c. 45) the privilege of copyright was given to any person who should publish a literary work in the United Kingdom if he should be a subject of Your Majesty or a resident of any part of Your Majesty's dominions and the republication within the Empire and the importation into the Empire of any copyrighted work was prohibited.

The operation of the above-mentioned Act was attended with great inconvenience to the people of the North American Colonies and formed the subject of formal remonstrances from several of their Legislatures.