

work which receives important advantages from the Imperial legislation referred to should be supplied for use in the Museum.

Apart, therefore, from the question referred to in the letter from the British Museum, which is now engaging the attention of Her Majesty's Government, I hope that your Government will take such steps as may be in their power to ensure that copies of books published in the Dominion are furnished to the Museum.

I have, &c.

RIPON.

No. 78.

COLONIAL OFFICE to BRITISH MUSEUM.

SIR, VOTEMANN 21101

Downing Street, August 4, 1894.

In reply to your letter of the 19th ultimo,* I am directed by the Marquess of Ripon to transmit to you, for the information of the Trustees of the British Museum, a copy of a Despatch† which has been addressed to the Governor-General of Canada, respecting the supply of books published in the Dominion to the Museum Library.

I have, &c.

JOHN BRAMSTON.

No. 79.

FOREIGN OFFICE to COLONIAL OFFICE.

(Received August 21, 1894.)

[Answered by No. 80.]

SIR,

Foreign Office, August 20, 1894.

I AM directed by the Earl of Kimberley to transmit to you, herewith, to be laid before the Marquess of Ripon, copy of a note from the United States Chargé d'Affaires, inquiring whether there is any probability of Canada withdrawing from the British Copyright Acts, and I am to inquire what answer should, in his Lordship's opinion, be returned to Mr. Roosevelt.

I am, &c.

ER. GREY.

Enclosure in No. 79.

Embassy of the United States, London,

August 16, 1894.

MY LORD, REFERRING to Lord Salisbury's note to Mr. Lincoln of June 16th, 1891, and the note of your Lordship's predecessor in office to Mr. Henry White of the 12th November 1892, I have the honour to ask your Lordship, under instructions from my Government, to be so good as to inform me if there be any just ground to apprehend that the reported agitation of Her Majesty's Dominion of Canada for the repeal of the British Copyright Acts may prove successful. The complications of copyright between the United States and Canada are, unhappily, already serious, but the sanction of the unrestricted freedom of literary reproduction in the Dominion would be so great an evil, that it is sincerely to be hoped that Her Majesty's Government may find it possible to avert any action which could in any way imperil the existing copyright agreement between Great Britain and the United States.

I have, &c.

The Earl of Kimberley, K.G.,

JAMES R. ROOSEVELT.

&c., &c., &c.

* No. 76.

† No. 77.