

Under these circumstances, the Board of Trade direct me to state that there do not appear to be any special reasons why the Secretary of State for the Colonies should take an exceptionally favourable view of the application of the Dominion Government.

I am, however, to add that the Board of Trade have given great consideration to the complaint referred to in Sir John Thompson's memorandum as to the effect of the Act of 1842, by which copyright is given to any person publishing a literary work in the United Kingdom, if he is a subject of Her Majesty, or resident in any part of Her Majesty's dominions. It is very doubtful whether an alien belonging to a country not party to the Union should have the privilege of obtaining copyright in Her Majesty's dominions for a work published in that country by mere residence in Her Majesty's dominions; and the Board of Trade will be very glad to consider in consultation with the Colonial Office and the Foreign Office, whether it might not be possible, without interference with the Convention or the International and Colonial Copyright Act, to amend the Act of 1842 by withdrawing such a privilege from citizens of States not parties to the Convention.

I am, &c.

HENRY G. CALCRAFT.

No. 13.

LORD STANLEY OF PRESTON to LORD KNUTSFORD.

(Received September 1st, 1890.)

Stanley House, New Richmond, P.Q.,

August 18, 1890.

MY LORD,

I HAVE the honour to transmit to your Lordship a copy of an approved Minute of the Privy Council of Canada concurring in the views expressed in the letter appended, dated London 14th July,* from Sir John Thompson to your Lordship with respect to the Copyright Act of Canada.

I have, &c.

STANLEY OF PRESTON.

Enclosure in No. 13.

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 7th August 1890.

The Committee of the Privy Council have had under consideration the annexed letter, dated London, 14th July 1890,* from Sir John Thompson, Minister of Justice, to the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, with respect to the Copyright Act of Canada.

The Committee concur in the views therein expressed, and they advise that your Excellency be moved to forward a copy hereof to the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, and that a copy be also sent to the High Commissioner for Canada.

All which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN J. MCGEE,

Clerk, Privy Council.

No. 14.

FOREIGN OFFICE to COLONIAL OFFICE.

(Received September 3, 1890.)

[Answered by No. 15.]

(Extract.)

Foreign Office, September 1, 1890.

I AM directed by the Marquess of Salisbury to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 5th August,† enclosing a copy of a memorandum by Sir J. S. D. Thompson on the subject of the Canadian Copyright Act, 1889.

In reply, I am to request you to state to Lord Knutsford that there appear to be very serious objections to this Act.

* No. 9.

† No. 11.