

His Lordship would be glad if the Board would again summon the Committee which considered the question of the Canadian Copyright Act of 1889, with a view to considering the present position of the question.

I am, &c.

JOHN BRAMSTON.

No. 58.

COLONIAL OFFICE to FOREIGN OFFICE.

(Extract.)

SIR,

Downing Street, May 4, 1894.

In reply to your letter of the 28th ultimo,* respecting the question of Canadian copyright, I am directed by the Marquess of Ripon to acquaint you, for the information of the Earl of Kimberley, that he concurs in the suggestion that the matter should again be referred to the Departmental Committee which was appointed to consider the Canadian Act of 1889.

Mr. Bramston will again represent this Department.

I am to add that his Lordship is communicating with the Board of Trade as to summoning the Committee.

No. 59.

THE SOCIETY OF AUTHORS to COLONIAL OFFICE.

(Received May 8, 1894.)

[Answered by No. 62.]

Incorporated Society of Authors,
4, Portugal Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, W.C.,

SIR,

May 7, 1894.

I AM instructed by Sir Frederick Pollock, Chairman of the Committee of the Incorporated Society of Authors, to ask whether you could give the Society any information with regard to the Bill on Canadian Copyright which, I understand, is awaiting Her Majesty's assent. I should be very much indebted if it would be possible for you to forward me a copy of the Bill to lay before our Committee, as of course the question is one of vital importance to all English authors. It is now almost a year ago that we had the matter before the Committee and on that occasion, when the Society communicated with you,† you did us the honour to state that you would do everything in your power to assist us on behalf of British authors.

I am, &c.

G. HERBERT THRING.

No. 60.

COLONIAL OFFICE to COPYRIGHT ASSOCIATION (F. R. DALDY Esq.).

[Answered by No. 64.]

SIR,

Downing Street, May 12, 1894.

In reply to your letter of the 3rd instant,‡ on the subject of copyright in Canada, I am directed by the Marquess of Ripon to acquaint you that the communication from the Dominion Government on this question to which he understands you to refer have been received, and are being referred to the Departmental Committee which was appointed to consider the Canadian Copyright Act of 1889.

In these circumstances his Lordship does not think that there would be any advantage in his receiving a deputation on the question until it has been considered by the Committee, and he desires me to add that if you will be good enough to put into writing

* No. 49.

† No. 40.

‡ No. 56.