

IV.
COLONIAL
COPYRIGHT ACTS.

Act of Canada,
31 Vict. c. 7

as the provisions of such Act shall continue in force in such colony, the provision contained in the Imperial Acts in the said above-recited Act mentioned, or in any other Acts, against the importing, selling, letting out to hire, exposing for sale or hire, or possessing, foreign reprints of books first composed, written, printed or published in the United Kingdom, and entitled to copyright therein: and it is expedient to pass such Act as aforesaid, to the end that foreign reprints of such works may, under the provisions of the said Imperial Act, be lawfully imported into Canada, on conditions common to the whole Dominion; and to remove doubts as to the intent of the Act passed in the present Session of the Parliament of Canada, intituled, "An Act imposing duties of Customs with the Tariff of Duties payable under it;" Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and House of Commons of Canada, enacts as follows.—

Governor in Council
may impose a duty
on such reprints
of British copyright
works for the benefit
of the authors

1 It shall be lawful for the Governor in Council to impose upon books imported into Canada, and being copies printed or reprinted in any other country than the United Kingdom, of books first composed, or written, or printed, or published in the United Kingdom, of which the copyright shall be still subsisting, and with regard to which the notice to the Commissioners of Customs required by any Act of the Parliament of the United Kingdom in that behalf, shall have been given, an *ad valorem* duty, not exceeding twenty per cent, and from time to time, to alter the said duty (not exceeding in any case the rate aforesaid) and, from time to time, to establish such regulations and conditions as may be consistent with any Act of the Parliament of the United Kingdom then in force, as he may deem requisite and equitable, with regard to the admission of such books, and to the distribution of the proceeds of such duty to or among the party or parties beneficially interested in the copyright, and such duty shall be collected in like manner as duties of Customs, and under the provisions of the Acts relating to such duties

Interpretation

2 The word "book" in this Act shall include every volume, part or division of a volume, pamphlet, sheet of letter press, sheet of music, map, chart or plan, separately published

When to come into
force

3 The foregoing provisions of this Act (except in so far as it may be otherwise directed in any such order as aforesaid of Her Majesty in Council) shall come into operation upon, from, and after the day to be appointed for that purpose, in any Proclamation of the Governor, signifying Her Majesty's Royal Approval of this Act, and the issuing of such Order of Her Majesty in Council, and not before

Former duty to
remain until a duty
is imposed under
this Act

4. And it is hereby declared, that it was not the intent of the Act of the Parliament of Canada, cited in the Preamble to this Act, that any duty imposed on foreign reprints of such British copyright books as are mentioned in the foregoing sections of this Act, by any Act of the late Province of Canada, or by any order of the Governor of that Province in Council, made or to be made under such Act, or by any Act of the Legislature of the Province of Nova Scotia, or of New Brunswick for the purpose of being distributed to or among the party or parties beneficially interested in the copyright, should be repealed, and any such duty shall continue to be collected for the purposes aforesaid, until a duty shall be imposed for like purposes under this Act, after which it shall cease

CAPE OF GOOD HOPE

No 2 of 1873

ACT to protect and regulate the Rights of AUTHORS in respect of their
WORKS

[This Act will be found printed in Command Paper, c 1067 of 1874,
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