

First, that the present policy of making Canada a market for American reprints, and closing the Canadian press, for the benefit of the American press, in regard to British copyright works, has a direct tendency to induce the United States to refuse any international arrangement; second, that inasmuch as the existing Canadian copyright law affords protection to the copyright holder in every country which may make a treaty with Great Britain, it cannot be suggested, as it once was, that self-government in Canada, on this subject, would, in the least, impede negotiations with the United States for an international arrangement.

I have the honour to be, my Lord,

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