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CANADA.

British Dominions for sale of foreign reprints of copyright works was absolutely prohibited, but provision was made, that in case the Legislature of any British Possession should be disposed to make due provision for securing or protecting the rights of British authors in such Possession, and should pass an Act for that purpose, it should be lawful for Her Majesty, if she should approve of the nature of such provision, to issue, if she should think fit, an Order in Council, removing the prohibition to import foreign reprints of copyright works in such Possession so long as such provision for securing or protecting British authors should remain in force therein, and whereas Her Majesty has seen fit, with reference to the Dominion of Canada, to act upon the authority so conferred upon Her, and foreign reprints of British copyright works are now permitted to be imported into Canada upon the payment of a duty collected on behalf of the owners of such copyrights of twelve and one half *per centum ad valorem*; but, nevertheless, reprints in Canada of such British copyright works have not heretofore been permitted; and whereas by the British North America Act, 1867, express power is given to the Parliament of Canada to legislate upon the subject of copyright; and whereas provision for securing and protecting authors of British copyright works can be much more effectually made by authorising the reprinting and publication of such works in Canada on the terms in this Act contained, and whereas it is but just that Her Majesty's subjects in Canada should be allowed, on such conditions as will sufficiently protect and secure the authors of such copyright works, the advantages accorded to aliens and foreigners in respect of the reprinting of British copyright works. Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and House of Commons of Canada, enacts as follows

1 Works of which the copyright has been granted and is subsisting in the United Kingdom, and copyright of which is not secured and subsisting in Canada, under any Canadian or Provincial Act, or which have not been *bonâ fide* printed and published in Canada, under the copyright so subsisting there, within one month from the time at which copyright may have been secured in Canada, may be reprinted, published, and sold in Canada, but only on the conditions and under the restrictions hereinafter contained. Provided always, that the period of one month, in this clause mentioned, may be extended by the Minister of Agriculture, on proof that the publisher has made satisfactory progress with the printing of the work.

2 No person shall reprint or publish any such copyright work without the license of the Governor General for that purpose.

3 The Governor General in Council may make regulations for the licensing of persons to engage in the work of reprinting and publishing in Canada, British copyright works; but before obtaining such license every such person shall enter into bonds, with sufficient sureties to the satisfaction of the Minister of Inland Revenue, for the payment to Her Majesty of all duties of excise, which, under this or any other Act of the Parliament of Canada, may be payable in respect of such reprints

4 Any copyright work reprinted in Canada, and intended to be published under this Act, shall before publication be registered in the office of the Minister of Agriculture, who shall for the purpose of this class of registrations, cause to be kept in his office a book to be called the "Register of Reprints of British Copyrights;" and before registration shall be completed the person seeking for the same shall deposit with the Receiver General the sum of 100 dollars, to be returned to such person on proof that printing and publishing have *bonâ fide* taken place, and the sum of 1 dollar shall be payable to Her Majesty in respect of every such registration by the person desiring the same; provided always that every such registration shall be absolutely null and void if the work therein referred to be not *bonâ fide* printed and published by the person making the registration within one month thereafter, unless the Minister of Agriculture shall have, for the like reason as is mentioned in Section 1, extended the time for such printing and publishing, which he is hereby authorised in that case to do.

5 There shall be imposed, levied, and collected for the account and benefit of the owners of the British copyright therein on all reprints in Canada of works wherein or whereof the copyright is subsisting in the United Kingdom, an
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