

August last, on the subject of the Trade Review, published in Montreal, and also a letter from the manager of that paper, Mr. M. C. Foley, dated the 19th August last, in which the latter states that some years ago he "requested that we might be allowed to refer to your department as a reference, as you had the full particulars of the status of this Journal, at the time we were informed you had no objection to this request." Immediately on seeing this statement of Mr. Foley's, I, as Deputy Head of the Department of the Secretary of State, wrote that gentleman asking when and to whom he made his request, and who informed him that there was no objection to it. Receiving no answer, I wrote again, the last time on the 19th December, 1902, putting the same question and with the same result. I think, therefore, it is due to those persons who have relied on the assurance of agents of the Trade Review, to characterize the statement that the department of the Secretary of State of Canada ever authorized its name to be used as a reference by this newspaper as being wholly unfounded. Nor was such a request made by Mr. Foley.

The Department's knowledge of this paper may be briefly detailed, as follows: On the 31st of January, 1899, Messrs. Myrstedt & Company, of London, England, apparently ignorant of the fact that Montreal is a part of His Majesty's dominions, addressed a letter to "The British Consul" in that city to the effect that a Dr. Griffin called upon them stating that he was the proprietor of "The Canadian Trade Review," which he represented as being the most advantageous medium for advertising in Canada. Messrs. Myrstedt & Company permitted him to take samples of their goods. Later, having heard from a Toronto firm that Dr. Griffin had made unauthorized use of their name, Messrs. Myrstedt & Company enquired if such a person or paper is in existence. This letter duly reached this Department. In reply thereto, the acting Deputy Head wrote to the proprietors of the Trade Review enquiring if Dr. Griffin was entitled to represent it. They replied, giving a list of references, and stating that Dr. Griffin was representing them at the time in England. I forwarded a copy of their letter to Messrs. Myrstedt & Company. On the 28th August, 1900, the Secretary of State received a letter from Messrs. James Murray & Sons, Limited, of Glasgow, stating that the name of his department is given as a reference on the face of a contract note of Henry Harvey & Company, proprietors of the Canadian Trade Review, Montreal. Messrs. Murray & Sons stated that they had entered into business relations with this firm and that their representative informed them that the paper is the Government trade organ. I replied to them as follows: "While I understand the Canadian Trade Review of Montreal to be a