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An Act to amend the Act respecting copyrights.

(Note.—*The words and clauses printed between brackets, thus [] are proposed to be struck out at the third reading.*)

WHEREAS it is expedient to make provision for securing and Preamble.
 protecting in Canada the rights of authors in works
 wherein the copyright is subsisting in Great Britain ; and whereas
 5 under Imperial Acts anterior in date to the British North America,
 Act, 1867, copyrights granted in the United Kingdom were declared
 to extend to Her Majesty's colonial Possessions and the importa-
 tion into the British Dominion for sale, of foreign reprints of copy-
 right works was absolutely prohibited, but provision was made
 10 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
 15 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 au-
 20 thority 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
 25 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
 30 authorizing 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 con-
 ditions as will sufficiently protect and secure the authors of such
 copyright works, the advantages accorded to aliens and foreigners
 35 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 sub-
 40 sisting in the United Kingdom, and copyright of which is not
 subsisting in Canada, may be reprinted, published and sold in
 Canada, but only on the conditions and under the restrictions
 hereinafter contained. What works may be reprinted in Canada.

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