

These few greedy publishers have completely imposed upon the late Sir John Thompson and his Government. Instead of passing the Act of 1889, they should pass an Act to confirm the provisions of the Berne Convention as to Copyright.

Yours, &c.

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No. 106.

THE LONDON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE to COLONIAL OFFICE.

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CANADIAN COPYRIGHT.

[Answered by No. 108.]

Botolph House, Eastcheap, London, E.C.,

May 31, 1895.

MY LORD,

You will remember the deputation which waited upon you on the 26th of November 1894 from the London Chamber of Commerce, the Society of Authors, the Copyright Association, and the Printsellers' Association, in regard to the above question, at the time when it was being dealt with by the late Sir John Thompson. I understand that the question is now being revived, and that Mr. E. L. Newcombe, Deputy-Minister of Justice of the Dominion, is shortly coming to this country to confer with Her Majesty's Government on this subject. I am instructed by the Committee of this Chamber which is watching the question to apply to your Lordship, which I now do with the approval of the Council of the Chamber, requesting that, before any solution is arrived at by your Lordship, an opportunity may be given to representatives of copyright owners' interests in this country to be present at any conference or discussion on the subject which may take place with Mr. Newcombe.

I am, &c.

KENRIC B. MURRAY,

Secretary.

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THE COPYRIGHT ASSOCIATION to COLONIAL OFFICE.

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[Answered by No. 108.]

Aldine House, Belvedere, Kent,

June 5, 1895.

MY LORD MARQUESS,

As the "Times" announces that Mr. E. L. Newcombe, Deputy Minister of Justice at Ottawa, is about to visit England to confer with Her Majesty's Government on the Imperial Law of Copyright as it affects Canada, and as the subject is one of great practical importance to Copyright-owners, and most seriously affects their interests, I write on behalf of the Copyright Association, which is identified with more than half the British copyrights in existence, to ask your Lordship to allow it to be represented, and to take part in the conference when and wherever it may be held.

I have, &c.

F. R. DALDY,

Hon. Secretary.

No. 108.

COLONIAL OFFICE to the LONDON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
and the COPYRIGHT ASSOCIATION.

SIR,

Downing Street, June 12, 1895.

IN reply to your letter of the 31st ultimo,* I am directed by the Marquess of Ripon to acquaint you that this Department has received no official intimation of the appointment of Mr. E. L. Newcombe to discuss the question of Canadian copyright with Her Majesty's Government nor of that gentleman's arrival in this country.