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**About Copyright.**

It was a narrow escape, there is no doubt about that.

But prompt, harmonious, and decided action averted the catastrophe; and now there is time to discuss the question before the next session of Parliament.

The foregoing remarks refer to the action of the Government in springing on the House at the end of the session, a bill amending the Canadian Copyright Act, and which, the more carefully it is studied, is seen to make the most radical changes in the present act, and to strike the most deadly blows at important Canadian interests.

When the CANADIAN BOOKSELLER was started its projectors recognized the fact that the question of Copyright was one which would engage the early and earnest attention of the trades interested. With the first number, therefore, a petition was sent out, praying the House to appoint a committee to examine fully into the question. Many of the leading houses in the book trade signed the petition and returned it to this office. The petition was then presented to the Executive Committee of the Ontario Booksellers' Association; but that august body refused to move in the matter, and it was therefore forwarded to Ottawa direct.

In due time Lieut.-Col. Denison, M.P., presented the petition to the House, but it appears that it was too late, as on May 4th, the Hon. J. S. D. Thompson, the Minister of Justice, introduced a bill into the House of Commons, amending the Canadian Copyright Act, and said bill was then read a first time, and again a second time on May 5th. Immediately on ascertaining this, we wrote to Ottawa for a copy of the bill, but was advised that it was not yet printed, and that a copy would be mailed us as soon as it was. On the 16th inst., a copy of the bill was received at this office, when it was seen that changes seriously affecting many interests were contemplated, and as it was announced that an endeavor would be made to prorogue the House the same week, it was seen that prompt measures were necessary in order to secure the withdrawal of the bill.

Accordingly, the CANADIAN BOOKSELLER took steps to hurriedly convene a meeting of those interested, word being sent to publishers and to officers of the Employing Printers' Association, the Ontario Booksellers' Association, and the Toronto Typographical Union. It is to be regretted that, in the hurry of the moment, several gentlemen interested in the matter were overlooked, but as the prime movers in calling the meeting, we can state positively that there was