

The right of the Parliament of Canada to enact and enforce its own copyright legislation has been endorsed by the unanimous vote of the Parliament and Senate of Canada ; by the newspaper press of Canada ; by the Board of Trade of the City of Toronto, and other cities ; by the employing printers of Canada ; by the typographical unions and printing pressmen's unions ; by the trades and labour councils (comprising representatives from the various trades) ; by the Booksellers' and Paper Makers' Association, and by many others.

The above reasons, amongst others, for the enforcement of the Copyright Act of 1889, were laid before Sir Mackenzie Bowell, the Premier of the Dominion of Canada, and Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper, the Minister of Justice, by an influential deputation of the Copyright Association of Canada, at Toronto, in February 1895.

Signed on behalf of the Copyright Association of Canada,

J. ROSS ROBERTSON, President.

DAN A. ROSE, Vice-President.

RICHARD T. LANCEFIELD, Hon. Secretary.

No. 95.

THE MARQUESS OF RIPON to the EARL OF ABERDEEN.

MY LORD,

Downing Street, April 8, 1895.

I HAVE the honour to request that you will inform Mr. R. T. Lancefield, hon. secretary-treasurer of the Copyright Association of Canada, that I have received his telegram of the 22nd ultimo and his letter of the same date* on the copyright question.

I have, &c.

RIPON.

No. 96.

THE EARL OF ABERDEEN to the MARQUESS OF RIPON.

(Received April 9, 1895.)

[Answered by No. 101.]

MY LORD,

Government House, Ottawa, March 27, 1895.

WITH reference to your Lordship's Despatch of the 4th August last† relative to the desire of the Trustees of the British Museum to have copies of books to which copyright privileges are granted in Canada deposited in the Museum, I have the honour to enclose herewith copy of an approved Minute of the Privy Council, from which your Lordship will observe that it is the intention of Ministers to recommend to Parliament such an amendment of the present Copyright Act as shall meet the wishes expressed by the Trustees.

I have, &c.

ABERDEEN.

Enclosure in No. 96.

EXTRACT from a REPORT of the COMMITTEE of the Honourable the PRIVY COUNCIL, approved by His Excellency on the 25th March 1895.

THE committee of the Privy Council have had under consideration a Despatch, hereto attached, dated 4th August 1894, from the Marquess of Ripon, covering an application of the Trustees of the British Museum to be supplied with copies of Canadian copyright books.

The sub-committee of Council, to whom the matter was referred, state that under the Canadian Copyright Act (R.S.C., chapter 62), two copies of all books, maps, &c., upon which a copyright is sought, have to be deposited with the Department of Agriculture, one copy being kept in the Department of Agriculture, as of record, and the other copy deposited in the Library of Parliament, and if a copy is also to be supplied to the British Museum, the Copyright Act will have to be changed so as to make the deposit of three copies necessary.

* Nos. 93 and 94.

† No. 77.