

of excise, which under this or any other Act of the Parliament of Canada may be payable in respect of such reprints.]

4 Any copyright work reprinted in Canada, and intended to be published under this Act, shall before publication be registered in the office of the Minister of Agriculture, who shall for the purpose of this class of registrations cause to be kept in his office a book to be called the "Register of Reprints of British Copyrights" [and the sum of *one dollar* shall be payable to Her Majesty in respect of every such registration by the person desiring the same.]

Registration of reprints of British copyrights.

5. [There shall be imposed, levied, and collected for the account and benefit of the owners of the British copyright therein on all reprints in Canada of works wherein or whereof the copyright is subsisting in Great Britain, an *ad valorem* duty of excise of *twelve and one-half per centum* on the retail value of such works, under and in accordance with such rules, and in such manner and at such times as regards publication as may be laid down by regulations to be made by the Governor General in Council.]

Excise duty on reprints in Canada of British copyright works.

6. [The duty of excise so to be imposed, levied, and collected, shall be paid to the party, or distributed among the parties beneficially interested in the British copyright, under regulations in that behalf to be made by the Governor General in Council, and approved of by one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State.]

Payment of amounts, &c., collected to parties interested.

7 [From and after the passing of this Act, the importation into Canada of foreign reprints of works of which the copyright is subsisting in Great Britain, and which have been registered here under section 4 for republication in Canada, shall be, and is hereby prohibited]

Importation of certain foreign reprints prohibited

8 The word "work" in this Act shall include every volume, part or division of a volume, pamphlet, sheet of letter-press, sheet of music, map, chart, or plan, separately published

Interpretation.

9. This Act shall come into force only from and after the date of any proclamation by the Governor General to that end.

Commencement of Act

No. 2.

Governor the Right Honourable the Earl of *Dufferin* to the Earl of *Kimberley*.
—(Received, 9th August 1872.)

No. 2.
The Earl of *Dufferin* to the Earl of *Kimberley*.

My Lord,

Riviere du Loup en bas, July 22 1872.

22 July 1872.

REFERRING to previous correspondence on the subject of copyright, I have the honour to transmit herewith a certified copy of a Bill, intituled "An Act to amend the Act respecting Copyright," passed in the last Session of the Dominion Legislature, and reserved by Lord Lisgar for the signification of Her Majesty's pleasure.

The Right Hon. the Earl of *Kimberley*,
&c. &c. &c.

I have, &c.
(signed) *Dufferin*.

Enclosure in No. 2.

AN ACT to amend the ACT respecting COPYRIGHTS.

Enclosure in No. 2.

WHEREAS it is expedient to make provision for securing and protecting in Canada the rights of authors in works wherein the copyright is subsisting in Great Britain; and whereas 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 importation into the