No. 29.

BOARD OF TRADE to COLONIAL OFFICE. (Received January 12, 1892.)

[Answered by No. 30.]

Board of Trade (Railway Department), London, S.W.,

SIR.

January 11, 1892.

REFERRING to the letter from this Department of the 30th ultimo,* on the subject of Canadian copyright, I am directed by the Board of Trade to enclose, herewith, to be laid before Lord Knutsford, copy of a communication that has been addressed to this Department by the Foreign Office in this matter.

The Board of Trade would be glad to learn in due course whether Lord Knutsford concurs in the proposal that the questions now raised should, in the first instance, be discussed by a departmental committee.

I am, &c.

COURTENAY BOYLE.

Enclosure in No.-29.

In reply to your letter of the 30th ultimo, I am directed by the Marquess of Salisbury to state, for the information of the Board of Trade, that his Lordship concurs in the suggestion that the questions now raised as to Canadian copyright should, in the first instance, be discussed by a Departmental Committee; and that, on learning that Lord Knutsford approves of this course, his Lordship will be prepared to direct a gentleman to represent this Department.

I am to suggest that it would be well that the Committee should be attended by the Parliamentary Counsel, who is understood to be at present engaged in drafting a Bill to consolidate and amend the copyright statutes.

The Secretary to the Board of Trade.

I am, &c.

T. V. LISTER.

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No. 30.

COLONIAL OFFICE to FOREIGN OFFICE and BOARD OF TRADE.

(Extract.)

Downing Street, February 19, 1892.

In reply to your letter of the 5th ultimo,† I am directed by Lord Knutsford to

acquaint you, for the information of the Marquess of Salisbury, that he concurs in the Board of Trade, proposal that the Canadian copyright question should be considered by an interdepartmental committee, and that he has appointed Mr. John Bramston, C.B., Assistant Under Secretary of State, to represent this Department.

Lord Knutsford would be glad to be informed of the names of the gentlemen appointed to represent the Foreign Office, and it will probably be convenient that the Committee should hold its meetings in Mr. Bramston's room in this office.

* No. 27.

† Nos. 28 and 29.

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