

Enclosure in No. 2.

CERTIFIED COPY of a Report of a Committee of the Honourable the Privy Council, approved by His Excellency the GOVERNOR-GENERAL IN COUNCIL, on the 11th August 1889.

On a memorandum dated 27th July 1889, from the Minister of Agriculture; recommending in respect to the Convention concerning the creation of an international union for the protection of literary and artistic works commonly known as the Berne Convention, in virtue of the reservation contained in Article 1, of the Procès-Verbal of signature, that Her Majesty's Government be moved to announce the denunciation of such Convention by the Dominion of Canada for the following reasons:—

- A. That its provisions do not accord with those of the Canadian Copyright Act, passed at the last session of Parliament.
- B. That it is not in accordance with the requirements of Canada.
- C. That it is a limitation of the privileges to Canadian publishers conferred by the Canadian Copyright Act of 1875, approved by Imperial legislation.

The Minister states that under the existing Canadian law, sanctioned as stated by Imperial legislation, copyright is granted in Canada on the condition of printing in Canada, to any subject or citizen of any country which has an international copyright treaty with the United Kingdom.

It therefore follows that, in so far as relates to the principal consideration, the securing of copyright, the authors of all the countries parties to the Berne Convention can easily obtain it in Canada.

The Minister further recommends that Her Majesty's Government in virtue of the authority granted by Section 9 of the Imperial International Copyright Act, 1886, be moved to pass an Order in Council to declare that the Berne Convention shall not be held to apply to the Dominion of Canada after the termination of one year from the date of such declaration in accordance with the provisions of Article 20 of such Convention.

The Committee concur in the foregoing recommendations and advise that your Excellency be moved to transmit a copy of this minute to the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Colonies for action as herein requested.

JOHN J. MCGEE,
Clerk, Privy Council.

No. 3.

LORD STANLEY OF PRESTON to LORD KNUTSFORD.

(Received September 7, 1889.)

MY LORD, The Citadel, Quebec, August 26, 1889.

I HAVE the honour to transmit to your Lordship a copy of an approved Minute of the Privy Council submitting a report of the Minister of Justice with reference to the Act* of the last Session of the Dominion Parliament to amend the Copyright Act (Chapter 62, Revised Statutes of Canada).

I have, &c.

STANLEY OF PRESTON.

Enclosure in No. 3.

CERTIFIED COPY of a Report of a Committee of the Honourable the Privy Council, approved by his Excellency the GOVERNOR-GENERAL IN COUNCIL, on August 17, 1889.

The Committee of the Privy Council have had under consideration a report dated August 3rd, 1889, from the Minister of Justice with reference to the Act of the last