

Mr. DALDY.—May I once more repeat, because it is important to getting such a thing through the British legislature that it should be borne in mind that it is contrary to our laws as it at present stands, to prevent the importation of books, whether they are reprinted here or not, lawfully made in the British dominions. Such books may circulate throughout the British dominions. Therefore you would be under the necessity of repealing an Imperial Act of Parliament. I think it can be got over.

Mr. ROSE.—And yet you told us, a moment ago, that by private contract this could be wiped out.

Mr. DALDY.—Of course.

Mr. ROSE.—If it can be done by private contract, surely the Dominion has as much power as a private individual may have.

Mr. DALDY.—So private contract may over-ride the law in any case. It may be made a matter of private contract that a book shall not circulate in the Dominion.

Mr. IRVING.—It is a question between the author and the publisher.

Sir CHARLES HIBBERT TUPPER.—We will rely upon Mr. Daldy, Mr. Hall Caine and those they represent, to assist us in getting over the difficulties presented by imperial legislation.

Mr. ROBERTSON.—Will you allow me to say, Mr. Chairman, on behalf of the executive of the Canadian Copyright Association—and I am sure I echo the sentiments of every gentleman present—that we are extremely obliged to the Government for the courtesy that has been shown us and for the opportunities afforded to hold this conference. I am sure it has been most satisfactory and has gone a long way to bring about a settlement of a question that has given rise to a great deal of discussion in Canada. We hope that the Government in their wisdom may see some way out for the Canadian publisher. We have the utmost confidence that the administration will protect us and that it will do what is fair not only by us but by all the other parties interested whether they be on this side of the Atlantic or on the other.

The CHAIRMAN.—Gentlemen, we thank you for the trouble you have taken in enlightening us on this difficult subject. You may rest assured that the valuable representations you have made to us will be laid before our colleagues when the subject comes up for consideration.

The meeting then adjourned.