



Ottawa, March 23, 1926.

Dear Sir,-

I received yesterday your note of the 18th instant, enclosing copy of a letter addressed over the signature of Mr. Wilfrid Bovey to Sir Arthur Currie, G.C.M.G., K.C.B., LL.D, Principal, McGill University, with respect to some aspects of the question of an official dictionary "of the language used" by the people of Canada.

You ask whether or not "any dictionary has been officially adopted in this country", and in reply I enclose you a copy of the text of a memorandum proceeding from a meeting of the Joint Committee of both Houses on the Printing of Parliament, held on the 14th July, 1899, as follows, namely;-

"That in order to secure uniformity in the printing of parliamentary documents, the 'style' and the rules of composition in use in the Clarendon Press of the University of Oxford be followed by the Queen's Printer."

This memorandum was not included in any report presented by the Committee to Parliament but has been accepted generally as indicating a correct line of procedure, also as including matters of spelling, and the Oxford Dictionary being the output of the Clarendon Press that publication has been accepted throughout the Government Service as the standard of spelling and is the authority accepted in all official printing executed under the jurisdiction of the undersigned.

Yours truly,

F. A. Acland,
King's Printer.

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