

(4.) It appears to the Committee to be doubtful whether the Canadian Copyright Act 52 Vict. c. 29 does not purport to abolish copyright altogether unless the person entitled thereto reprints or republishes in Canada within one month after printing or publishing elsewhere. At best the language of the Act is ambiguous on this point.

I am, &c.

W. OLIVER HODGES.

No. 19.

LORD KNUTSFORD to LORD STANLEY OF PRESTON.

[Answered by No. 22.]

MY LORD,

Downing Street, November 8, 1890.

WITH reference to your Despatch of the 18th of August,* I have the honour to transmit to you, to be laid before your Ministers for any observations which they may wish to offer, a copy of a letter† from the Incorporated Society of Authors respecting the proposed Canadian Copyright legislation.

I have, &c.

KNUTSFORD.

No. 20.

COLONIAL OFFICE to FOREIGN OFFICE.

SIR,

Downing Street, November 8, 1890.

WITH reference to your letter of the 1st of September last,‡ I am directed by Lord Knutsford to transmit to you, for the information of the Marquis of Salisbury, a copy of a letter† from the Incorporated Society of Authors on the subject of the Canadian Copyright Act of 1889.

I am, &c.

JOHN BRAMSTON.

No. 21.

F. R. DALDY, Esq., to COLONIAL OFFICE.

(Received December 15, 1890.)

[Answered by No. 23.]

MY LORD,

Aldine House, Belvedere, Kent,

December 13, 1890.

I HAVE the honour of sending to your Lordship, herewith, four copies each of Sir John Thompson's Report on Copyright,§ Sir John Thompson's Memorandum on Copyright,|| and the Copyright Association's remarks on the above documents. I avail myself of the opportunity to thank your Lordship again for submitting them to the consideration of the association, and venture to express a hope that the points to which they have drawn attention will prevent further action being taken on the subject; especially now that the American Bill on the subject is nearly sure to be passed.

I have, &c.

F. R. DALDY.

Enclosure in No. 21.

To the Right Hon. LORD KNUTSFORD, G.C.M.G., Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies.

MY LORD,

London, November 1890.

ON behalf the Copyright Association I beg to acknowledge the receipt of a copy of—

Your Lordship's Despatch to the Governor-General of Canada dated 25th March 1890;

Sir John Thompson's Report to the Canadian Privy Council, August 3, 1889; and His Memorandum on the Canadian Copyright Bill of 1889, addressed to your Lordship under date 14th July 1890.

* No. 13.

§ Enclosure in No. 3.

† No. 18.

‡ No. 14.

|| No. 9.