No. 65.

COLONIAL OFFICE to COPYRIGHT ASSOCIATION (F. R. DALDY, Esq.).

I am directed by the Marquess of Ripon to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 22nd instant.* and to enclose herewith, for the information of the Copyright Association, a copy of a Memorandum† by Sir John Thompson, the Premier of the Government of Canada, on the subject of Copyright in the Dominion.

I am. &c.

EDWARD WINGFIELD.

No. 66.

TREASURY to COLONIAL OFFICE. (Received June 2, 1894.)

With reference to your letters of the 3rd and 16th ultimo,‡ respecting the discontinuance of the collection of duty on the introduction into Canada of reprints of British copyright works, I am directed by the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury to request that you will inform the Secretary of State that their Lordships are waiting for a reply from the Board of Trade referring to the subject of your letter of the 23rd April last.§

I am also to request that you will call the attention of the Secretary of State to the Colonial Office letter of the 23rd November 1891, in which it is stated that a correspondence was in progress with Canada relative to the request of the Dominion Government for the introduction of Imperial legislation to give them extended powers to deal with copyright. My Lords presume that this may probably bear on the subject of Lord Aberdeen's Despatch of the 30th March, transmitted in your letter of the 23rd April last, above-mentioned.

I am, &c. FRANCIS MOWATT.

No. 67.

COLONIAL OFFICE to the SOCIETY OF AUTHORS.

[Answered by No. 69.]

Downing Street, June 9, 1894.

WITH reference to your letter of the 19th of May, I am directed by the Marquess of Ripon to transmit to you, to be laid before the Society of Authors, a copy of a Memorandum; by Sir John Thompson, Prime Minister of Canada, dealing with the Report of the Departmental Committee on the subject of copyright in Canada.

Lord Ripon would be glad to be furnished as soon as possible with any observations

which your Society may wish to offer on these papers.

I have, &c.

JOHN BRAMSTON.

No. 68.

THE SOCIETY OF AUTHORS to COLONIAL OFFICE. (Received June 16, 1894.)

[Answered privately—permission accorded.]

4, Portugal Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, W.C.,

June 14, 1894.

I SHOULD be exceedingly obliged if you would kindly ask the Marquess of Ripon whether he would give his consent to the Society of Authors placing the papers and

^{*} No. 64. § No. 47.