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prepared by Mr. Newcombe, Deputy Minister of Justice, and assented to, I understand, by the Colonial Office. In referring to that Act, let me say that there is no one who is better informed upon the subject of copyright than the present Deputy Minister of Justice. I understand that he has also a third draft Act, so that there is every opportunity for the introduction of a proper Act that would meet the case. Any of these three Acts would be acceptable and would give relief. The Canadian reader would certainly be satisfied. He would get his books as cheap, and in some cases more cheaply than he does at present, and the Canadian mechanic, the paper maker, the typesetter, the electroplater, the pressman, the bookbinder, the Canadian publisher and all connected with the production of books would receive an enormous amount of work that is denied them to-day. I hope that the Government will not only take this matter into their serious consideration, but that at the earliest possible moment they will prepare for next session an Act that will right the wrong which the Canadian mechanic and the Canadian publisher have labored under for the last fifty years.

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Under the new tariff the duty will be 10 per cent. ad valorem, and under the preferential tariff, in two years later, it will be 7½c. I do not think, myself, that a duty of so much per pound is a proper form of tariff for literature. I do not think that literature should be charged so much avoirdupois. We should not look on it as with ordinary commodities, such as tea, tobacco and sugar. I would like to ask the Controller of Customs now, which of the two items, No. 122 or 123, refers to books in printed sheet form? I have been reading the two clauses of this item, one having a duty of 20 per cent. and the other a duty of

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