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TO HIS EXCELLENCY

The Most Honorable Sir Henry Charles Keith Petty Fitz-
Maurice, Marquis of Lansdowne, in the County of
Somerset, Earl of Wycombe, of Chipping
Wycombe, in the County of Bucks, Viscount
Culme and Calstone in the County of Wilts,
and Lord Wycombe, Baron of Chipping
Wycombe in the County of Bucks, in the Peerage
of Great Britain; Earl of Kerry and Earl
of Shelburne, Viscount Clanmaurice and Fitz-
maurice, Baron of Kerry, Linnis, and Dunle-
erron, in the Peerage of Ireland, Knight
Grand Cross of the most distinguished Order
of St. Michael and St. George.



GOVERNOR GENERAL OF CANADA,

*Approved
22 June 1886*

Report of a Committee of the Privy Council ON MATTERS
OF STATE referred for their consideration by your
Excellency's command.

PRESENT :

The Right Honourable
Sir John Macdonald in the Chair
The Honourable
Sir Hector Langevin
Mr John Henry Pope
Mr Mackenzie Bowell
Sir Adolphe P. Caron
Mr John Carling
Mr J. C. Chapleau
Mr Thomas White
Mr G. B. Foster

May it please your Excellency

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Documents relating to an International
Copyright Union including the convention
agreed to at Berne, a memorandum of
the Parliamentary Counsel upon the
International Copyright Bill, in so
far as it relates to the Colonies,
and a copy of the International
and Colonial Copyright Bill.

The Minister of
Agriculture to whom the question
was referred finds that the
principles involved in these
References have already been
sanctioned ^{by the Canadian Government,} by the Orders in
Council of 3rd November 1882
and 4th July 1883, in so far
as relates to the Tripartite
copyright convention between
Great Britain the United
States

States and Canada,
And further in a
reply to a cable message
from Sir Charles Tupper
to Sir John Macdonald on
19th March last requesting
to be informed if Canada
would join in the Bern
International Convention, which
telegram was referred to
the Minister of Agriculture
the following message was
sent:-

"The Canadian Government
concur in joining the other
country to permit England
and colonies to enter
copyright Union, subject
to saving of existing
rights

"rights and powers to
"legislate on points not
"affecting Imperial Legislation
"or Union"

This telegram
is in accord with the
decisions contained in the
Orders in Council, above
referred to, with reference
to a proposal for the
Tripartite Convention mentioned
and the reasons which
moved these decisions are
still stronger in favor of
a general International and
Colonial Copyright
Convention, the effect of
which would practically
be

be to give copyrights taken in
Canada, protection throughout the
civilized world.

The Minister states that
at present a book copyrighted in
the United Kingdom, whether produced
within its limits or in a foreign
country is protected throughout the
Empire, but a book copyrighted in
Canada is not protected beyond
the limits of the Dominion.

The effect of the provisions in
Sections 8, and 9, of the Imperial Bill
above referred to, is to give colonial
authors copyright throughout the whole
British Empire, in the same way as
the Berne Conference aims at doing
for all civilized States.

It appears from a qualification

in

in sub-sections 3 and 4. of section 9
of the draft of the International
and Colonial Copyright Bill. that
the rights already conferred by the
Canadian Copyright Act of 1875. which
has received Imperial sanction are
conserved.

The Committee concur in the
foregoing Report. and they advise
that Your Excellency be moved
to inform Earl Granville of the
willingness of the Canadian Government
to enter into the proposed International
and Colonial Copyright Convention

all which is respectfully submitted
for Your Excellency's approval.

Yours Alms and truly

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