



CANADA.

Government House,

OTTAWA.

September, 1919.

Ottawa, 10th September, 1919.

My Lord,

With reference to your despatch No. 281 of the 1st July last transmitting a copy of a memorandum prepared by direction of the Board of Trade on the provisions of the Canadian Copyright Bill which was introduced at the last Session of Parliament, my Government state that, before again introducing a Bill respecting Copyright, the various points set forth in this memorandum of the Board of Trade will receive most careful consideration.

I have the honour to be,

I am to request that My Lord, may be humbly moved to cause the Colonies to be informed in the above sense.

Your most obedient  
humble servant.

I have (SD.) L. H. DAVIES.

Sir,

Your DEPUTY GOVERNOR GENERAL.

JOSEPH POPE

The Right Honourable

The Viscount Milner, B.C.B., O.C.M.G.,

Secretary of State

The Governor General's Secretary, for the Colonies.

Ottawa.



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SHOULD BE ADDRESSED  
COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS,  
OTTAWA."  
ON THIS SUBJECT REFER TO



PATENT OFFICE,

No. ....

OTTAWA, Sept. 9th, 1919.

Sir,

I have the honour, by direction of the Minister, to acknowledge receipt of your reference of the 14th July last, number 281, being copy of a despatch of date the 1st July last from the Colonial Secretary to the Governor General, transmitting a copy of a memorandum prepared by direction of the British Board of Trade on the provisions of the Canadian Copyright Bill which was introduced at the last session of parliament. I am to recommend that the following answer to the despatch be sent:

"That before again introducing a Bill respecting Copyright, the various points set forth in the memorandum prepared by direction of the Board of Trade on the provisions of the Canadian Copyright Bill which accompanied the foregoing despatch will receive most careful consideration."

Your obedient servant.

*Jas. F. Halliday*  
Commissioner of Patents.

The Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs,  
OTTAWA.



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ICE OF  
TY MINISTER.  
T. O'HARA

DEPARTMENT OF



TRADE AND COMMERCE  
CANADA



REPLY REFER TO FILE NO.

22655

92/14  
OTTAWA, July 7th., 1919.

Copyright Act.

Dear Sir,

With regard to Lord Milner's despatch of June 28th in connection with the Copyright Bill, I have to inform you by direction of the Hon. Acting Minister of Trade and Commerce, that the Canadian Copyright Bill has been laid over until the October Session. The Acting Minister would be glad if you would have this information conveyed to Lord Milner.

Yours truly,

Deputy Minister.

Sir Joseph Pope, K.C.M.G.,  
Under-Secretary of State  
for External Affairs,  
Ottawa.

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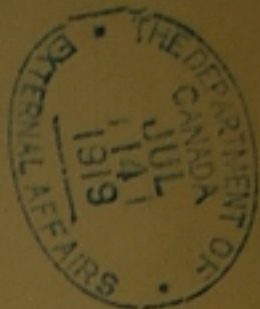


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14 July '19  
 Date  
 The Minister of  
 92/14

CANADA.

No. 281

Downing Street,

July, 1919.

~~DUPLICATE~~  
 example of Australia, Newfound... South Africa, by  
 declaring the Imperial Act to be in force in Canada subject  
 to certain modifications, by Lord Duke,

With reference to my telegram of the 28th  
 of June, I have the honour to transmit to Your  
 Excellency to be laid before your Ministers, a copy  
 of a memorandum prepared by direction of the Board of  
 Trade on the provisions of the Canadian Copyright  
 Bill.

I have the honour to be,  
 My Lord Duke,  
 Your Grace's most obedient,  
 humble servant,

(Signed) MILNER

GOVERNOR GENERAL,

HIS EXCELLENCY,

THE DUKE OF DEVONSHIRE, K.G., G.C.M.G., S.C.V.O.,

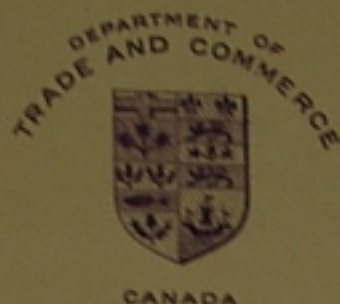
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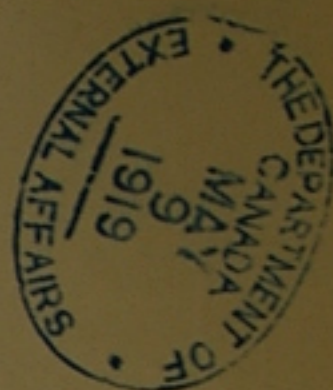


MINISTER'S OFFICE



OTTAWA

May 8th, 1919



FILE

The Under-Secretary of State  
for External Affairs,  
Ottawa.

Dear Sir,—

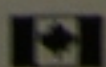
I have to acknowledge the receipt of a copy of a  
despatch from the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for  
the Colonies, No....., dated 21st April, 1919., having  
reference to ..... Copyright Legislation.....

Such action as is necessary on the part of the  
Department of Trade and Commerce, is being taken in reference  
to this despatch.

Yours sincerely,

*A. H. Macdonald*  
*J. L. L.*

The Governor General's Secretary.



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Date 6 May 19  
REFERRED TO  
The Minister of  
G.C.

~~Done~~  
7th May 1919. 4.20 p.m.



DOWNING STREET,

21 April, 1919.

DUPLICATE

My Lord Duke,

I have the honour to request Your Excellency to invite the attention of your Ministers to Mr. (now Viscount) Harcourt's confidential despatch of the 29th of May, 1914 on the subject of copyright.

2. It is understood that the Canadian Government did not feel able to introduce copyright legislation during the war, but in the view of His Majesty's Government it is of much importance that the Canadian Legislature should now be invited to give effect to the resolutions of the Imperial Copyright Conference of 1910 either by declaring the Imperial Copyright Act, 1911, to be in force in the Dominion of Canada, or by enacting substantially identical legislation.

3. The Imperial Act, or similar legislation, is now in force in every part of His Majesty's Dominions except Canada, and in the absence of any such legislation in that Dominion, not only are British authors deprived in Canada of the additional rights and advantages conferred by the Act of 1911, but also, in the opinion of the Law Officers of the Crown, Canadian authors are deprived of the protection in the remainder of the British Dominions which was formerly accorded to them under the Imperial Copyright Acts of 1842 and 1886.

4. His Majesty's Government earnestly hope therefore that the Canadian Government will find it possible to introduce

*The USS holds that this despatch is answered by his letter to the 4th Dec. dated 5th May 1919. for wording copy of the Copyright Bill. E. M.B. 14/5/19*

GOVERNOR GENERAL

HIS EXCELLENCY,

THE DUKE OF DEVONSHIRE, K.G., G.C.M.G., G.C.V.O.,

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introduce, at an early date, legislation of the nature indicated in order that reciprocal copyright relations may speedily be established with the rest of His Majesty's Dominions, and that steps may be taken by them to accede on behalf of Canada to the revised Copyright Convention of 1908.

5. In this connexion I would invite reference to the Additional Protocol of 1914, a copy of which was enclosed in Lord Harcourt's despatch No. 387 of the 22nd of May, 1914, which was negotiated to carry out Resolution No. 4 (b) of the Imperial Copyright Conference of 1910.

6. It has been stated recently in Press Reports that a new Copyright Bill is now before a special Committee of the Senate.

I have the honour to be,

My Lord Duke,

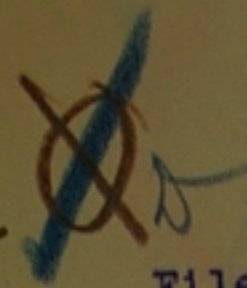
Your Grace's most obedient,

humble Servant,

(Signed) MILNER





  
File No.92/14.

Extract from a letter from the Deputy Minister of  
Agriculture, dated 21st July, 1915.

\*\*\*\*\*the despatches of the 22nd and 29th  
May, 1914, on Copyright are still under consideration.



File No. 92/14.

Extract from a letter received from the Department  
of Agriculture, dated 19th January, 1915.

"and to inform you in reply that the despatches of  
the 22nd and 29th May, 1914, on Copyright are still  
under consideration".

REMINDER SENT 10/7/15  
FILE 100/15