

within the next three or four days, and that he had no doubt it would pass both Chambers by March 1st, next.

I will take care that you are supplied with copies of the Bill submitted and with the report of any discussion that takes place upon the subject.

On my arrival yesterday evening I found Sir John Thompson's telegram of the 6th which reads as follows:—

"No draft received; no step should be taken towards ratification until we cable approval; at present cannot understand what terms proposed either side."

"Letters of twenty-fourth and twenty-fifth not yet received; letters of eighteenth and twenty-first only and your telegram were before council when Sir John's telegram was sent instructing delay in ratification of treaty; effect of changes in original draft not fully understood."

I thereupon sent the following message to Sir John Thompson:—
"Had left Paris for London before your message arrived; Treaty was signed at five on Monday, in accordance with instructions from your Government; no change in original draft, except in addition to all the other articles enumerated. The proposals in letters exchanged by Plenipotentiaries are not binding but optional."

I am unable to understand the delay in the arrival of the despatches in question, as I took care to have them mailed on the 25th instant, by the White Star mail steamer. I trust, however, that they have reached you now.

I am yours faithfully,

CHARLES TUPPER.

The Marquis of Ripon to Lord Stanley of Preston.

DOWNING STREET, 16th February, 1893.

Governor-General, &c., &c., &c.

MY LORD,—I have the honour to transmit to you, for the information of Your Lordship's Government, a copy of a letter from the Foreign Office enclosing a despatch from the Marquis of Dufferin and Ava, reporting the successful termination of the negotiations with France in regard to Canadian trade and expressing his sense of the able manner in which these negotiations were conducted by Sir Charles Tupper and Sir Joseph Crowe.

I have, &c., &c.,

RIPON.

FOREIGN OFFICE, 10th February, 1893.

The Under Secretary of State,
Colonial Office.

Sir,—With reference to the previous correspondence on the subject of negotiations with France in regard to Canadian trade, I am directed by the Earl of Rosebery to request that you will inform the Marquis of Ripon that those negotiations have been brought to a successful conclusion, copies in print of the agreement signed and the notes exchanged, on the 6th instant, will shortly be forwarded to you. In the meantime I transmit a copy of a despatch from Lord Dufferin expressing his sense of the able manner in which the negotiations were conducted by Sir Charles Tupper and Sir Joseph Crowe.

I am to add that Lord Rosebery proposes to present to Parliament the correspondence on this subject.

I have, &c., &c.,

E. GREY.

P.S.—A proof of the proposed Parliamentary Paper will in due course be communicated to Lord Ripon.

E. G.

PARIS, 6th February, 1893.

The Earl of Rosebery, K.G.,
&c., &c., &c.

MY LORD.—The commercial negotiations with France in reference to its trade with the Dominion of Canada having been successfully terminated by the signature