

"Great Britain and Japan in 1894 and supplementary convention
signed at Tokio in July, 1895.

"All of which is respectfully submitted,

"R. W. SCOTT,
"Secretary of State."

So, on the following day, September 26, 1905, the deputy of
the Governor General addressed the following despatch to the
Colonial Secretary:

"Government House,
"Ottawa, September 26, 1905.

"The Right Honourable
"Alfred Lyttleton, P.C., &c.

"Sir,—The Governor General had the honour to send you
"to-day a telegraphic message in code, of which the following
"is a translation:—

"Referring to your telegram of July 14, responsible ministers
"prepared to adhere to Japanese treaty, 1894, and supplementary
"convention of 1895, absolutely and without reserve. Minute of
"council and despatch follow by mail.

"I now have the honour to enclose herewith copy of the
"minute of council referred to, upon which that message was
"founded.

"H. E. TASCHEREAU,
"Deputy of the Governor General."

We observe in this order in council no mention of the
assurances that have been referred to so copiously by my
honourable friend the Postmaster General and Minister of
Labour (Mr. Lemieux). The reasons set forth are two: First,
that Japan has enacted a law limiting emigration to foreign
countries. Now, Japan could enact a law one day and repeal
it the next, just as the Parliament of Canada is at liberty
to repeal or alter or modify any of its acts; and the mere
enactment of a provision by the Parliament of Japan, sub-
ject to alteration or repeal the next day, was surely an entirely
insufficient ground for putting to one side all consideration of
that protocol which had been assented to by Japan, and which