

exclusion or restriction, without laying ourselves open to the charge of bad faith.'

The minister is further of the opinion that Mr. Wilkinson is justified in the conclusion that *'it might well happen that the government of the colonies would find themselves forced to take measures to restrict, suspend or even prohibit the immigration.'*

The minister submits that, in the interests of the Dominion of Canada, there should be a proviso in the treaty of Great Britain with Japan similar to that contained in the treaty between that country and the United States, and he recommends that, when the adhesion of Canada is being given to the treaty, an express stipulation of this kind should be made, and that some further definition should be required of the term 'labourers' so that it will definitely include artisans.

The committee advise that Your Excellency be moved to forward a certified copy of this minute to the Right Honourable Her Majesty's principal Secretary of State for the colonies.

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

JOHN J. MCGEE,
Clerk of the Privy Council.

Up to that time there had been very little agitation in British Columbia or elsewhere in Canada with regard to the regulation, restriction, or prohibition of the entry of Japanese labourers, and the order in council which I have just read shows a very considerable degree of foresight on the part of the Conservative statesmen of that day in looking forward to the conditions which actually have prevailed in this country, to a greater or less extent, from 1900 up to the present time. On the 6th of August, 1895, that order in council was forwarded to His Majesty's principal Secretary of State for the Colonies by a despatch under the hand of the deputy Governor General, Sir Henry Strong.

On the 18th of October in the same year, 1895, the British ambassador at Tokio transmitted to the Japanese government the purport of that order in council and declared to them in the memo. which he delivered:

"The Canadian Government in adhering to this treaty would
"desire a stipulation with respect to Japanese immigration similar
"to that inserted in the treaty between Japan and the United