

4. Canadian Trade Commissioners will be at liberty to apply to His Majesty's Consuls for advice and assistance.

5. Before any decision is taken on the question of attaching commercial agents to His Majesty's Consulates in the Far East (China, Japan and Eastern Siberia), the Canadian Department of Trade and Commerce will send out a special representative for the purpose of studying trade conditions on the spot and deciding on the best means of promoting Canadian trade there. His Majesty's Consuls will be instructed to give him every assistance including the provision of interpreters and introductions to the principal officials and merchants, native and foreign. In particular he will be able to obtain in the offices of the Commercial Attachés in Yokohama and Peking a great deal of valuable information regarding all forms of commercial activity. His Majesty's Consuls and the Commercial Attachés will be empowered to discuss with him the practicability of attaching Canadian commercial agents to the Consulates, but it is recognised that periodical visits of the kind suggested may be found to meet the requirements of Canada more efficiently and at less cost, than the permanent attachment to the Consulates of commercial agents.

6. Should the Canadian Government desire that office room should be afforded in British Consulates for Canadian Commercial representatives no objection would be raised in principle.

7. Each case would be considered on its own merit and be a matter of arrangement between Canada and the British Government dependent on the needs and convenience of the Consular Office. When such accommodation was granted it is understood that the Consular Office assumes no responsibility for the direction or work of the Canadian representatives.

8. The members of the Canadian Commercial Service will be eligible for selection and entrance to the British Commercial Service on such terms and conditions as are set for other entrants thereto subject to the regulations of the British Government in the carrying out of its services.<sup>1</sup>

#### 19. *Order in Council*

P.C. 3536

December 20, 1912

The Committee of the Privy Council, on the recommendation of the Right Honourable R. L. Borden, the Prime Minister, advise that the Office of the *Commissaire Général du Canada*, in Paris, France, be transferred to and placed under the instruction and supervision of the Prime Minister, from the first day of January 1913.

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<sup>1</sup> The Trade Commissioner Service was the object of Resolution V at the Imperial War Conference, 1917. See *Sessional Papers*, 1917, No. 42a. A Memorandum on this matter by the Board of Trade was circulated at the Imperial War Conference, 1918.