

They again called their cabinet together and took the subject into earnest consideration. And this is the result of their deliberations, as embodied in the order in council of September 25, 1905 :

“ Ottawa, September 25, 1905.

“ The undersigned, the Secretary of State, has had under
“ consideration the minute of council approved on June 7 last,
“ advising, on the recommendation of the Minister of Trade and
“ Commerce, that His Excellency be moved to ascertain whether
“ the Japanese Government would be prepared to admit Canada to
“ a participation in the existing treaty between Great Britain and
“ Japan, adopted in the year 1894 and supplementary convention
“ 1895, and has had also under consideration the cable despatch
“ from Mr. Lyttleton to Earl Grey of July 14 last, inquiring
“ whether the Government of Canada was prepared to adhere
“ absolutely and without reserve to the treaty of 1894 and 1895,
“ or whether Canada desired to limit the terms of the treaty to the
“ conditions made on behalf of Queensland when accepting the
“ Japanese treaty, which provided that the stipulations contained
“ in the 1st and 3rd articles of the treaty should not in any way
“ affect the laws, ordinances and regulations with regard to trade,
“ immigration of labourers, artisans, police and public security
“ which are in force or might hereafter be enacted in Japan or
“ Queensland; (2) limiting the treaty to a period of 12 months
“ after notice given on either side.

“ When the minute of council dated June 7, 1905, was ap-
“ proved, the judgment of the Privy Council as expressed in that
“ minute was, that Canada was willing to become a party to the
“ treaty of 1894 and supplementary convention of 1895 without
“ any reserve. Since those dates Japan has enacted a law limiting
“ emigration to foreign countries, thus removing one of the ob-
“ jections that influenced the Government of Canada in declining
“ to become a party to the treaty with Japan in 1897. It is doubt-
“ ful whether Japan would now agree to a treaty on any other
“ basis than the proposals contained in the original treaty.

“ The undersigned therefore recommends that a cable des-
“ patch be sent to Mr. Lyttleton, advising him that the Govern-
“ ment of Canada is prepared to adhere absolutely and without
“ reserve to the treaty of commerce and navigation made between