8. A draft formal note to the Japanese Minister and a draft instruction to Mr. McGreer are hereunto annexed.¹

1324. 694-39

Le secrétaire d'État aux Affaires extérieures au chargé d'affaires au Japon Secretary of State for External Affairs to Chargé d'Affaires in Japan

Telegram 96

Ottawa, July 26, 1941

IMMEDIATE. Notice of termination of Treaty of Commerce and Navigation with Japan pursuant to provisions of Article XXVII has been given by the Prime Minister to Japanese Minister in following terms, which should be communicated to Foreign Office for confirmation. Begins.

The Government of Canada has had under consideration the operation under present conditions of the Treaty of Commerce and Navigation which was signed in London on April 3, 1911, and ratifications of which were exchanged at Tokyo May 5, 1911. Pursuant to the provisions of Article XXVI notice of adhesion in respect of Canada was given on May 1, 1913. The Government of Canada has reached the conclusion that this Treaty can no longer be regarded as fulfilling the objects which the Government of Canada had in mind at the time of adhesion.

I have the honour, therefore, to give notice, in accordance with the provisions of Article XXVII of the Treaty, of the intention of His Majesty the King of Great Britain, Ireland and the British dominions beyond the Seas, in respect of Canada, to terminate the same. The Treaty will cease to have effect upon the expiration of a period of twelve months from this date.

Ends.

1325. 1427-40

Le secrétaire d'État aux Affaires extérieures au secrétaire aux Dominions Secretary of State for External Affairs to Dominions Secretary

Telegram 139

Ottawa, July 26, 1941

IMMEDIATE. Most Secret. Your telegram No. 122 of July 26th—paragraph 2. Notice of termination of Treaty of Commerce and Navigation with Japan pursuant to provisions of Article XXVII was given to Japanese Minister by Prime Minister this afternoon. Canadian Chargé d'Affaires in Tokyo has been instructed to make similar communication in Tokyo.

¹ Voir le document 1324.

¹ See Document 1324.