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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

No. 881331 Imm.

Ottawa, June 4th, 1914.

Sir:

On the 16th ultimo the Imperial Consul General for Japan wrote the Right Honourable R. L. Borden, the Prime Minister, as follows:

"I have the honour to inform you that a Japanese Training Squadron consisting of two armoured cruisers, the "Asama" (9700) and the "Adsuma" (9326) with some one hundred and twenty midshipmen on board under the command of Rear-Admiral Kurio left Japan on the 20th of April for the annual cruise around the Pacific Ocean.

After visiting Hawaiian and American ports on the Pacific Coast the Squadron is expected to call on the following Canadian ports on the prospective dates hereunder mentioned:

June 20th	Arrive	Vancouver	
" 23rd	Leave	"	
" "	Arrive	Esquimalt	
" 26th	Leave	"	for Tacoma.

I have the honour to request you that you would be kind enough to cause the necessary instructions issued to the civil and military authorities of both the Dominion and the Province that they would extend to the Squadron such privileges and facilities as they might ask during their cruise and sojourn in the Canadian waters."

to which Mr. Borden replied as follows:

"I have the honour to acknowledge your letter of the 16th instant and to express our sincere appreciation of the approaching visit of the Japanese Training Squadron. Appropriate instructions will be immediately issued to the civil and military authorities of the Dominion to extend to the Squadron all such privileges and facilities as are in accordance with international usage."

On the 23rd ultimo, the Honourable Mr. Borden sent the following letter to the Honourable Dr. Roche:

"I beg to enclose copy of a letter received from the Imperial Consul General for Japan respecting the approaching visit of the Japanese Squadron to Vancouver and Esquimalt. I also enclose copy of my reply. Will you be good enough to see that all necessary directions in accordance with international usage are given to your officers in the west?"

who replied to Mr. Borden as follows:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 23rd instant, and in reply to state that I have instructed our Immigration authorities to extend to the Japanese Squadron, in so far as our service is concerned, the usual courtesies, privileges and

facilities in connection with their approaching visits to Vancouver and Esquimalt."

This correspondent has been forwarded to me by the Minister for the necessary action, and I would be glad if you would give the matter of the visit of the two armoured Japanese cruisers your careful attention and do all you can to facilitate the carrying out of their cruise while in Canadian waters.

Your obedient servant,

(Signed) W. D. Scott

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