

That in case a Treaty of Commercial Reciprocity should not have been concluded before the end of the present session of Congress, the right of adjudication of the claim of Canada to compensation for the fisheries, under Articles XXII to XXV of the Treaty of Washington, would in no degree be waived, and that in that event the fulfilment of the stipulations contained in those articles would be immediately proceeded with.

Washington, D.C., April 27, 1874.

(Signed)

EDWARD THORNTON.
GEO. BROWN.

No. 9.

The Earl of Derby to Sir E. Thornton.

Sir,

Foreign Office, May 22, 1870.

I HAVE received your despatch of the 28th ultimo forwarding a copy of the Memorandum containing proposals for a Reciprocity Treaty, which has been submitted by yourself and Mr. Brown to the United States' Government, and I have to state to you that Her Majesty's Government approve this paper, which appears to be drawn up with care and ability.

I am, &c.

(Signed) DERBY.

No. 10.

Sir E. Thornton to the Earl of Derby.—(Received June 30.)

(Extract.)

Washington, June 17, 1874.

I HAVE the honour to inform your Lordship that, after a great many conferences which Mr. Brown and I have had during the last few days with Mr. Fish, we have at length agreed upon a draft Treaty for the regulation of the commercial relations between the United States and Canada, which Mr. Fish has promised to send to the Senate to-morrow with a view to eliciting an opinion from that body whether it will be expedient to sign a Treaty on the basis of the stipulations proposed in the draft.

I have the honour to inclose a copy of this draft.

Inclosure in No. 10.

Draft of Reciprocity Treaty to be submitted to the Senate.

HER Majesty the Queen of Great Britain and the United States of America, being desirous of improving the commerce and navigation between their respective territories and people, and more especially between Her Majesty's possessions in North America and the United States, in such manner as to render the same reciprocally beneficial, have respectively named Plenipotentiaries to confer and agree thereupon, that is to say:—

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Who, after having communicated to each other their respective full powers, found in good and due form, have agreed upon the following Articles:—

ARTICLE I.

It is agreed by the High Contracting Parties that, in addition to the liberty secured to the United States' fishermen by the Convention between Great Britain and the United States, signed at London on the 20th day of October, 1818, of taking, curing, and drying fish on certain coasts of the British North American Colonies therein defined, the inhabitants of the United States shall have, in common with the subjects of Her Britannic Majesty, the liberty, for the term of years mentioned in Article XV of this Treaty, to take fish of every kind, except shell-fish, on the sea-coasts and shores, and in the bays, harbours, and creeks of the Provinces of Quebec, Nova Scotia, and New Brunswick, and the Colony of Prince Edward Island, and of the several islands thereunto adjacent, without being restricted to any distance from the shore, with permission to