

the Commissioners, on the understanding that, if time were found to press, the hours of the daily sittings should be lengthened.

The Commission then adjourned until Monday, the 30th July, at noon.

(Signed) MAURICE DELFOSSE. (Signed) FRANCIS CLARE FORD.
E. H. KELLOGG. DWIGHT FOSTER.
A. T. GALT.

J. H. G. BERGNE.

Protocol No. 4.

Record of the Proceedings of the Fisheries Commission at the Fourth Conference, held at Halifax, Nova Scotia, on the 30th day of July, 1877.

The Commission met at noon, as appointed.

The three Commissioners, and the Agents of the United States and of Great Britain respectively, were present.

By direction of the President, the Secretary read the records of the last Conference, which were approved, and signed by the Commissioners, the Secretary, and the Agents.

Mr. Foster then requested permission to introduce Mr. J. S. D. Thomson, of Halifax, and Mr. Alfred Foster, of Boston, who would attend the Commission to perform such duties on behalf of the United States as might be assigned to them. He added that Mr. Henry A. Blood, of Washington, would also attend to render clerical assistance.

Mr. S. R. Thomson, rising to open the Case of Her Britannic Majesty's Government, stated that he proposed to commence by reading the printed "Case" submitted to the Commissioners on behalf of Her Britannic Majesty's Government.

This he proceeded to do, and the documents therein referred to were read in due order by the Secretary. These will be found in a collective form in *Appendix E*.

Mr. Foster then proceeded to read the "Answer on behalf of the United States of America to the Case of Her Britannic Majesty's Government," printed copies of which had already been submitted to the Commissioners. He stated, however, that such reading formed no part of his opening, in course of which he proposed to quote extracts from the "Answer."

The reading of the "Answer" was unfinished at 4 P.M., when the Commission adjourned till next day at noon.

(Signed) MAURICE DELFOSSE. (Signed) FRANCIS CLARE FORD.
E. H. KELLOGG. DWIGHT FOSTER.
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Protocol No. 5.

Record of the Proceedings of the Fisheries Commission, at the Fifth Conference, held at Halifax, Nova Scotia, on the 31st day of July, 1877.

The Conference met at noon, as appointed.

The three Commissioners, and the Agents of the United States and of Great Britain respectively, were present.

By direction of the President the Secretary read the records of the last Conference, which were approved, and signed by the Commissioners, the Secretary, and the Agents.

The Secretary next read an entry which had been made in the notice book by the United States' Agent, requesting the production of certain documents.

Mr. Foster then continued the reading of the "Answer on behalf of the United States of America to the Case of Her Britannic Majesty's Government," on the conclusion of which Mr. S. R. Thomson read "The Reply on behalf of Her Britannic Majesty's Government to the Answer of the United States of America."

The Secretary read in due order "The Instructions to Her Majesty's High Commissioners, and Protocols of Conferences held at Washington between the 27th February and the 6th May, 1871, so far as this paper relates to the Fisheries." (No. 15, *Appendix E*.)