

Protocol No. 2.

Record of the Proceedings of the Fisheries Commission at the Second Conference, held at Halifax, Nova Scotia, on the 16th day of June, 1877:—

The Conference was held pursuant to adjournment.

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

The President having directed the Secretary to read the records of the last Conference, these were approved and signed by the Commissioners, the Secretary, and the Agents.

The Commission was thereupon adjourned until Saturday, the 28th day of July, at 11 A.M.

(Signed) MAURICE DELFOSSE.
E. H. KELLOGG.
A. T. GALT.

(Signed) FRANCIS CLARE FORD.
DWIGHT FOSTER.

J. H. G. BERGNE

Protocol No. 3.

Record of the Proceedings of the Fisheries Commission at the Third Conference, held at Halifax, Nova Scotia, on the 28th day of July, 1877.

The Commission met pursuant to adjournment.

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

The Secretary reported that, during the adjournment, the United States' Agent had, in compliance with the Second Rule adopted for the procedure of the Commission, delivered to him twelve copies of the "Answer on behalf of the United States of America to the Case of Her Britannic Majesty's Government." (*Appendix B.*)

This "Answer" was accompanied by a "Brief for the United States upon the question of the extent and limits of the inshore fisheries and territorial waters on the Atlantic coast of British North America." (*Appendix C.*)

Copies of both documents were forwarded by the Secretary on Monday, the 9th July, to each of the Commissioners.

In conformity with the same Rule, the British Agent had delivered to the Secretary twelve copies of the "Reply on behalf of Her Britannic Majesty's Government to the Answer of the United States of America." (*Appendix D.*)

A copy of this document was forwarded by the Secretary to each of the Commissioners on the 26th day of July.

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

Mr. Foster then proceeded to name the Counsel retained on behalf of the United States, as follows:—

Hon. William H. Trescot, of Washington; and
Richard H. Dana, Esq., Junr., of Boston.

Mr. Foster added that he might possibly, although not probably, name others at a later day.

The Secretary then informed the President that, subject to the approval of the Commissioners, the services of Mr. George B. Bradley and of Mr. John A. Lumsden had been secured as Stenographic Reporters of the proceedings of the Commission. The Commissioners were pleased to express their approval.

The President next requested the Secretary to record the fact that the proceedings of the Commission would be of a strictly private character.

Mr. Ford then proposed that the sittings of the Commission should, unless otherwise ordered, be held daily, from noon to 4 P.M., Saturdays and Sundays excepted.

Mr. Foster concurred in the proposed arrangement, which was agreed to by