

No. 18.

Mr. Chamberlain to Foreign Office.—(Received October 15.)

(Telegraphic.)

Belfast, October 15, 1887.

THINK not desirable to postpone opening of Commission already arranged; will communicate with Lansdowne, and if necessary can go Ottawa before any final settlement.

No. 19.

The Marquis of Salisbury to Sir L. West.

(Treaty.)

(Telegraphic.)

Foreign Office, October 15, 1887, 6.10 P.M.

FISHERIES: Terms of reference.

Canadian Government would like omission of words, "in the course of the negotiations and," as superfluous and possibly restrictive.

Ask Mr. Bayard whether he attaches importance to them.

No. 20.

Colonial Office to Foreign Office.—(Received October 17.)

Sir,

Downing Street, October 17, 1887.

WITH reference to previous correspondence, I am directed by the Secretary of State for the Colonies to transmit to you, for communication to the Marquis of Salisbury, copies of two telegrams from the Governor-General of Canada respecting the selection of a Canadian Representative at the Fisheries Conference.

I am also to inclose a corrected copy of the telegram inclosed in the letter from this Department of the 12th instant, and to request that it may be substituted for the one previously sent.

I am, &c.

(Signed) JOHN BRAMSTON.

Inclosure 1 in No. 20.

The Marquis of Lansdowne to Sir H. Holland.

(Telegraphic.)

(Received October 14, 1887.)

FISHERIES Conference.

Sir C. Tupper will be Canadian Representative, but this will not be formally decided by the Council till to-morrow.

Inclosure 2 in No. 20.

The Marquis of Lansdowne to Sir H. Holland.

(Telegraphic.)

(Received October 14, 1887.)

FISHERIES Conference.

Sir Charles Tupper has been formally selected as Canadian Representative.

Inclosure 3 in No. 20.

The Marquis of Lansdowne to Sir H. Holland.

(Telegraphic.)

October 10, 1887.

CANADIAN Government would desire terms more in accordance with those agreed on in 1885 (see Correspondence before Parliament, 1887, No. 1, pp. 14 and 15; also President's Message to Congress, December 1885). Terms now seem limited to questions in dispute; the then proposed reference was of all questions relating to fisheries, and was expressed to be made under circumstances affording a prospect of negotiation for the development and extension of the trade between the United States and British North America.