

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 examination of Mr. William McLeod was resumed by Mr. S. R. Thomson. The witness was cross-examined by Mr. Dana.

Mr. Philip Vibert, of Percé, in the County of Gaspé, a General Insurance and Commission Agent, Lloyd's Agent, and formerly High Sheriff for the County of Gaspé, was called, and gave evidence on oath on matters connected with the inquiry. (No. 12, *Appendix F.*)

The witness was examined by Mr. Doutre, and cross-examined by Mr. Foster.

Mr. Weatherbe then proceeded to read affidavits made on matters connected with the inquiry by the following persons:—

Mr. E. Marshall, of the Island of Anticosti. (No. 36, *Appendix G.*)

Mr. James A. Nickerson, of Margaret's Bay. (No. 37, *Appendix G.*)

Mr. J. L. Ingraham, of North Sydney. (No. 38, *Appendix G.*)

Mr. Foster then read the following statement:—

"Referring to page 20 of the 'Answer on behalf of the United States,' and to Chapter VI of the 'Reply on behalf of Her Majesty's Government' thereto, the Agent of the United States desires to state that upon an examination of the full text of the correspondence and instructions referred to therein, which have been kindly furnished to him by the Agent of Her Majesty's Government, it appears to be true, as asserted in the 'Reply,' that the offer cited in the 'Answer' was a part of a general proposition as to commercial relations. The 'Answer' was prepared without access to the original documents since furnished, and referred only to the letter of Sir Henry Bulwer, and the extract therein inclosed, which conveyed to the mind of the Agent of the United States the suggestion of an alternative negotiation, the one contemplating a general reciprocity, the other an arrangement confined to the Fisheries, and proposing a narrower equivalent.

"An obvious error of citation also arose in copying or printing, which escaped attention in reading the proof."

The Commission then adjourned until the next day at noon.

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

(Signed) FRANCIS CLARE FORD.
DWIGHT FOSTER.

J. H. G. BERGNE.

Protocol No. 13.

Record of the Proceedings of the Fisheries Commission, at the Thirteenth Conference, held at Halifax, Nova Scotia, on the 10th day of August, 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.

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

Mr. John James Fox, of Amherst, Magdalen Islands, Collector of Customs, Registrar of Shipping, and Overseer of Fisheries, was called, and gave evidence on oath on matters connected with the inquiry. (No. 13, *Appendix F.*)

The witness was examined by Mr. S. R. Thomson, and cross-examined by Mr. Dana.

Mr. S. R. Thomson and Mr. Doutre then proceeded to read affidavits made on matters connected with the inquiry by the following persons:—

Mr. John J. McPhee, of Big Pond, Prince Edward Island. (No. 39, *Appendix G.*)

Mr. James McDonald, of Chepstow. (No. 40, *Appendix G.*)

Mr. James Nowlan, of Souris, Prince Edward Island. (No. 41, *Appendix G.*)