

Record of the Proceedings of the Halifax Fisheries Commission :
1877.

PROTOCOLS.

Protocol No. 1.

Record of the Proceedings of the Commission appointed under Articles XXII and XXIII of the Treaty of Washington, of the 8th May, 1871, at the first Conference held at Halifax, Nova Scotia, on the 15th day of June, 1877:—

THE Conference was convened at the Legislative Council Chamber, at Halifax, in accordance with an arrangement previously made between the three Commissioners.

The Commissioners who were present and produced their respective powers, which were examined and found to be in good and due form, were:—

His Excellency M. Maurice Delfosse, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of His Majesty the King of the Belgians, at Washington, named by the Ambassador at London of His Imperial Majesty the Emperor of Austria-Hungary;

The Hon. Ensign H. Kellogg, named by the President of the United States; and

Sir Alexander T. Galt, K.C.M.G., named by Her Britannic Majesty.

The Hon. Dwight Foster attended the Conference as Agent of the United States, and Francis Clare Ford, Esq., attended as Agent of Her Britannic Majesty.

The Hon. Ensign H. Kellogg then proposed that M. Delfosse should preside over the labours of the Commission; and

M. Delfosse, having expressed his acknowledgments, assumed the Presidency.

Sir A. T. Galt then requested M. Delfosse to name some suitable person to act as Secretary of the Commission. M. Delfosse named J. H. G. Bergne, Esq., of the Foreign Office, London, who accepted the position.

The Commissioners thereupon proceeded to make and subscribe the following solemn Declaration, which was read by the Secretary and signed in duplicate by each of the Commissioners:—

The Undersigned, namely: His Excellency M. Maurice Delfosse, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of His Majesty the King of the Belgians at Washington, &c., &c., &c., appointed by the Ambassador in London of His Imperial Majesty the Emperor of Austria-Hungary;

The Honourable Ensign H. Kellogg, &c., &c., &c., appointed by the President of the United States; and Sir Alexander Tilloch Galt, K.C.M.G., &c., &c., &c., appointed by Her Britannic Majesty, having met at Halifax as Commissioners under Article XXII of the Treaty of Washington of the 8th May, 1871, to determine, having regard to the privileges accorded by the United States to the subjects of Her Britannic Majesty, as stated in Articles XIX and XXI of the said Treaty, the amount of any compensation which, in our opinion, ought to be paid by the Government of the United States to the Government of Her Britannic Majesty, in return for the privileges accorded to the citizens of the United States, under Article XVIII