

Council P.C.874, of the 25th May, 1928.

The Canadian authorities were of the opinion (and expressed such opinion to the United States Government) that the recommendations could be made effective by Order-in-Council under the existing Convention and legislation, but the United States authorities thought that, as far as the United States were concerned, some additional authority would be required and that it would be advisable to replace the existing Convention by a new one.

Hence the new Convention, ~~which it is now proposed to sign.~~

II.-Purpose of new Convention.

The purpose, therefore, is to incorporate in the existing convention the recommendations of the International Fisheries Commission as aforesaid.

III.-Three drafts of new Convention.

(a) On the 1st June, 1929, we received from the United States Legation their draft of the new Convention;

(b) Mr. Found, of Marine, prepared a counter-draft mainly for the purpose of changing to a certain extent the second paragraph of Article III in the United States draft.

(c) A few days ago, the United States Legation transmitted a counter-draft of their own, in which the changes made relate mainly to phraseology.

IV.-Differences between the existing Convention and the United States first draft.

To understand how far the new Convention would differ from the existing one, reference may be made to the differences between the existing Convention and the United States first draft as follows:

(a) Firstly, in a general way, it may be said that the text of the existing Convention is preserved, except where it was

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