

adequate statistical data.

These recommendations were approved by both Governments. The approval of the Canadian Government was given by Order-in-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 approve.

#### 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.- Differences between the 1923 Convention and the 1930 Convention.

The recommendations of the Commission, referred to above, are incorporated in Articles I and III of the new Convention.

(i) Article I extends the closed season which formerly began on the 16th day of November and which will now begin on the first day of that month. And the Commission is empowered to modify or suspend the closed season, with the approval of the Executives of both countries.

(ii) Article III provides that

"The High Contracting Parties agree that for the

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