

declaration with maps, certified by them to be true maps of the new boundary."

The Commissioners appointed by the two Countries were Lieut.-Col. J. S. Buchinal Estcourt on behalf of Her Britannic Majesty and Mr. Albert Smith for the United States. With a view to carrying out the necessary astronomical work which such a survey demanded, on behalf of Her Majesty's Government, the Earl of Aberdeen, then Secretary of State for the Foreign Department, applied to Professor G. B. Airy, F.R.S., the Astronomer Royal, requesting him to recommend two practical astronomers accustomed to the use of first class instruments since it would be necessary to determine with accuracy the latitudes and longitudes of several points for the purpose of determining the positions denoted in the Treaty. After studying the wording of the Treaty, Professor Airy submitted several questions to the Foreign Office in reference to the wording of certain clauses which he considered required a more definite meaning before he would be prepared to lay out any scheme for the Astronomical Work. The questions by Mr. Airy and replies thereto given by Mr. H. M. Addington, Secretary to the Foreign Office are as follows: The questions refer to the wording of certain sections of the Treaty.

*Question I.*

"Thence north, following the exploratory line run and marked by the surveyors, etc." Is this line to be traced truly north, even though it diverge from that of the former surveyor; or is any respect whatever to be paid to the line of the former surveyors?

*Answer.*

The line of the former surveyors is intended to be adhered to, consequently the term "north" does not mean truly north, but in a northerly direction.

*Question II.*

"Thence southwesterly in a straight line to a point on the north west branch of the St. John, which point shall be ten miles