

the British Minister at Washington; † and finally the Commissioners met at Halifax on 15th June, 1877.

608. The Commissioners were M. Maurice Delfosse, Belgian Minister at Washington (named by the Austrian Minister in London); Hon. Ensign H. Kellogg (named by the United States) and Hon. Sir Alex. T. Galt, K.C.M.G. (named by Her Majesty). Commissioners.

609. The Commission concluded its sittings on the 23rd November, 1877, and awarded "the sum of five million five hundred thousand dollars in gold to be paid by the Government of the United States to the Government of Her Britannic Majesty, in accordance with the provisions of the treaty." Award.

610. To this award the American Commissioner dissented, stating that, in his opinion, "the advantages arising to Great Britain under the Treaty of Washington were greater than the advantages conferred on the United States by the said treaty, and that therefore he could not concur in the conclusions announced by his colleagues. He also doubted if the Commission could make an award without the unanimous consent of its members." Dissent of United States Commissioner.

611. Payment of the award was made by the United States in December, 1878, that Government at the same time declining to accept the result of the Commission as furnishing any just measure of value of participation by their citizens in the inshore fisheries of the British Provinces, protesting against such payment being considered as in any sense an acquiescence in such measures, or as warranting any inference to that effect.* Payment of award.

612. On the 3rd March, 1883, a resolution was passed by both Houses of Congress of the United States, directing the Termination of fishery clauses by United States.

* United States Minister in London to Lord Salisbury.