



Do NOT WRITE ABOUT MORE THAN ONE SUBJECT IN THE SAME LETTER.

WRITE LEGIBLY YOUR FULL NAME AND ADDRESS.

ADDRESS YOUR REPLY TO THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF MARINE & FISHERIES, OTTAWA, AND QUOTE ABOVE NUMBER.

Ottawa, 23rd. May, 1896.

Dear Dr. Dawson-

I enclose you copy of a confidential despatch from the Colonial Office, (P.C. Ref. 1356 J.) covering an extract from the "New York Sun," giving an estimate of seals surviving on the Pribylov Islands, at the close of the season of 1895.

Encl:

At first I thought of retiring the reference without paying any attention to the figures or the conclusions, but I now think it might be as well to send a general answer referring to a ~~report~~ report made last year on similar statements advanced by Prof. Elliott, and adding a few points which occur to me now.

It occurs to me, however, that as you and Sir George Baden-Powell are referred to in the penultimate paragraph, you might possibly consider it worth your while to make some remarks on the reference, in which event they could be covered by a report to Council and forwarded.

Dr. G. M. Dawson, C.M.G.
Please.

Director Geological Survey..

Ottawa.

October.

Director Geological Survey.

Dr. G. W. Brown, U.S.G.

Report to Council on Geographical Names.

Dear Sir, I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your report on the names of the islands of the Hawaiian Islands, and to thank you for the information which you have furnished.

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Enclosure

I enclose herewith a copy of a letter-

from Dr. Brown-

William Wood, Esq., Secy. Geol. Surv.



Please let me know whether you regard this as
necessary or expedient.

Yours very truly,

R. W. Lawrence

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1356 J.

Downing Street,

29th February, 1896.

My Lord,

I have the honour to transmit to you, for confidential communication to your Ministers, copies of the documents, noted below, regarding the Behring Sea Seal Fisheries.

I have, &c.,

(Sd) R.H.Meade,

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(Sir) R. J. Smith,

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Believing Genl. Parnocote.

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confidential communication to your Honors, copy-

I have the honor to transmit to you, for

My Lord,

23rd February, 1836.

Dundas Street,

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C - O - P. Y.

Behring Sea.

February 8.)

Confidential.

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No. 1.

Sir J. Pauncefote to the Marquess of Salisbury.-
(Received February 8, 1896.)

(No. 40)

Washington, January 31st, 1896.

My Lord,

With reference to previous correspondence on the subject of the Behring Sea Fisheries Regulations, I have the honour to transmit herewith an extract from to-day's New York "Sun", giving an estimate of seals surviving on the Pribyloff Islands at the close of the season of 1895.

I am, &c.,

(Sd) Julian Pauncefote.

Inclosure in No. 1.

Extract from the "New York Sun" of Jan'y 31,
1896.

The Census of the Seals.-Last Summer three separate counts and estimates were made at the rookeries of the Pribyloff Islands, in order to ascertain about how many fur-seals were then left in the herd that was not long ago one of the valuable possessions of the United States.

These censuses were taken respectively and independently by Mr. Crowley and Mr. Murray, representing the

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Extract from the "New York Sun" of July 21,
reference in No. 1.

(34) Julian Pennock's

Jan. 30.

at the close of the season of 1890.

number of seals surviving on the Philippines Islands
extract from to-day's New York "Sun", giving an ac-
count. I have the honor to present herewith an
on the subject of the Sealing on Philadelphia Island—
With reference to previous correspondence

My Lord,

Washington, January 21st, 1890.

(No. 40)

(Received February 6, 1890.)

Sir J. Pennock to the Honorable of Salisbury—

No. 1.

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enting the Treasury Department; Mr. True and Mr. Stegner, representing the National Museum; and Mr. Townsend of the United States' Fish Commission.

A fair summary of the results obtained by these several enumerators and investigators is herewith presented:-

Breeding females on the breeding grounds,	75,000
July 10, 1895	---
" " not on land at that date--	35,000
" " " " " " " " " "	4,500
" bulls	---
Yearlings, both sexes	50,000
Males above one year of age, July, 20, '95	10,000
Pups born July 1 st 20, 1895.	75,000
Total---	249,500

That was about the size of the herd on the 20, July of last year. To bring the census down to the close of the season it is necessary to subtract-

Seals, mostly females, taken by the pelagic hunters after Aug. 1. 1895-----	44,000
Pups by actual count, starved to death between Aug. 1 and October 5, their mothers killed at sea-----	30,000
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Total-----	74,000

This leaves only 175,500 seals on the Pribyloff Islands at the close of the season of 1895.

Compare the figures with those of the authoritative censuses taken by Elliott and Maynard in 1872-74, and by Elliott again five years ago:-

1872-74-----	4,700,000
1890-----	900,000
1895.-----	175,000
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Herd.	

This little table is more eloquent than columns of words on the wanton destruction of one of civilization's precious possessions. In less than a quarter

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1895	-----	152,000
1896	-----	900,000
1897-VI	-----	4,000,000
1898	-----	1,000,000

1898-VI, and by Kifford again five years ago:-

Relative estimates taken by Kifford and Hayward in

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This leaves only 152,000 seals on the Wrangell

Total ----- 74,000

Authors killed at sea ----- 30,000

between May 1 and October 31, their

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between authors after May 1, 1895 ----- 44,000

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Total -----

Type born July 15, 1895 ----- 72,000

hales above one year of age, July 30, 1895 ----- 90,000

Yearlings, both sexes " " ----- 4,500

" " " " " " ----- 22,000

July 10, 1895 ----- 72,000

breeding females on the breeding grounds,

Presented:-

several commissioners and investigators is herewith

A fair summary of the results obtained by them

Mr. Townsend of the United States Fish Commission,

Sturgeon, representing the National Green; and

acting the Treasury Department; Mr. Lind and Mr.

quarter of a century the Alaska fur-seal herd has dwindled from 4,700,000 to 175,000, though carefully guarded in respect to the regular annual catch by all possible restrictions on the part of our Government. It is not our loss only; it is the loss of the world.

What a commentary on the elaborate assurances of the British Commissioners, Sir George Baden-Powell and Mr. George M. Dawson, that pelagic sealing would and could do nothing to injure, seriously or permanently, the welfare of the Pribyloff fur-seal herd.

From nearly 5,000,000 down to less than 200,000! It remains only for the United States to close out the business by killing off the paltry remnant and selling the skins for what they will fetch. British diplomacy and Canadian greed have done the rest.

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May 23. 96

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