

Chavez & Pepp 96  
Dear Dawson,

If Townsend reports Dr. Jordan correctly and the despatch in this morning's "Citizen" is correct, the leopard is not so likely to change his spots as Maccom was led to believe. I have all along thought and I am now impressed more than ever of the improbability of anything reasonable coming from the experts examiners sent by the M.S. to support a pre-arranged case.

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Mr. Brown proceeds in  
the usual manner, keeping  
quite in pace with <sup>the</sup>  
stock statement that the  
herds have almost dis-  
appeared. We cannot yet  
speak of the Bering Sea  
catch but such figures  
as are available for  
enumeration don't bear  
out the statement, and  
are not at all indicative  
of any unusual falling  
off in the seal herds  
of the North Pacific  
Ocean as compared with  
previous or average years.



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In 1891 the coast catch by  
Canadians was 9,853 skins including  
3,787 taken by Indians.

This year the coast catch  
was reported at 8,928 skins  
against the above. The  
apparent decrease of 925 skins  
is explained by the difference  
in the number ~~so far~~ at  
the time reported as secured  
by the coast Indians in  
Canada this spring, as  
compared with the cor-  
responding catch of 1891

The figures are:

Indian Canoe cases 1891 = 3787

" " " (so far) 1896. 578

as known  
at the time

Difference 3209

October 20 1850

Received of

John A. Jones cash \$100

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The ~~xx~~ figures for 1896 should  
be considerably augmented  
as the skins come into Victoria:

As it stands however  
the vessels took 8350 skins  
against 6066 for 1895. an  
actual excess over last  
year of 2284 skins, leaving  
but <sup>the Indian</sup> catches each year.

The sealers reported more  
seals than last year but  
but blamed the stormy  
weather in the early portion  
of the season for preventing  
larger catches.

According to the Japan  
Catch (Cuygidian) last year  
18,689 skins. This year it is  
reported at 18,227 skins

My dear Mother  
I received your kind letter  
of the 10th and was glad to hear  
from you and to hear that  
you were all well. I am  
well at present and hope  
these few lines will find  
you all the same. I have  
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The figures given by Collectors  
Muller are:

Japan } Canadian Scho. <sup>(28)</sup> \* 18,227.  
East } U.S. Schooners <sup>(13)</sup> 5,088  
1896 } Japanese Scho. (7) 2,417

The Canadian catch can  
scarcely be said to have  
fallen off to any appreciable  
degree as compared with  
last year.

Much the leading  
"scarce than ever" the report  
says: "The Steamer 'Houes' has  
arrived from Unalakpa,  
having on board the 30,000  
sealskins allotted by the Govt.  
to the North Western Commercial  
Company for the present season."

\* 208 of these were lost on the  
wrecked scho; Katherine.

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*These are:*

- Johnston ...*
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The Company took last  
year only 15,000 seals  
they have doubled their  
catch in the space of the  
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herd.

I enclose the statement  
that the young pups had already  
begun to die on the Islands  
owing to the mother being  
killed at sea when in  
search of food; we this  
year possess the advantage  
of knowing Thompson &  
McCombs on the ground  
to seek the correctness  
of this statement,  
I run a customary course  
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the light of the limited information at the moment available I am not impressed that the preceding year will materially assess the character of constitutionalism of the U.S. authorities, and I am not extremely cheered in the opinion that the U.S. Commissioners could be got to sign a joint report which did not surrender much to them.

W. L. W. writing this letter. I have had handed to me a despatch from R. How J. Chamberlain, acknowledging

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the report a copy of which I  
let you see as to your  
narrative. The despatch  
says: "With reference to the  
" suggestion in this report that  
" these arrangements might  
" produce an impression that  
" the independence character of  
" the mission was not likely  
" to be maintained, I should wish  
" you to inform your Ministers  
" that the instructions to the  
" British naturalists are  
" collected information and  
" to furnish a report for  
" the use of H. M. I. and that  
" no suggestion of an international  
" Commission has been made  
" to H. M. I. in connection  
" with their appointment."

Yours Very Truly  
J. M. McKim

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*[The page contains several columns of handwritten text in cursive script, which is largely illegible due to fading and bleed-through from the reverse side. The text appears to be a journal entry or a list of notes.]*