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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, 2nd July, 1896.

Confidential

Dear Dr. Dawson-

Permit me to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 30th ulto., covering certain newspaper extracts, and remarking upon the aspect our expert investigation into seal life has assumed.

Encl:

I enclose for your perusal and return ^{the file} copy of a Report to Council, which I have already prepared and which was submitted to Council at its meeting on Saturday last, from which you will observe that I have already taken the initiative in the desired direction.

I purpose, as events develop, supplementing this with as strong representations as circumstances will admit. I have now before me an Imperial despatch in which incidental mention is made of international negotiations respecting the seal fisheries. I shall use this to form the basis of a reiteration of our oft repeated objections to any arrangement being reached between Her Majesty's

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Director Geological Survey.

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Member Geological Survey.

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Wilmington 2nd July, 1881.

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Government on the one hand, and three other powerful nations whose interests are identical or practically so in respect of the subject for negotiation. From the conversation I had with Macoun on the eve of his departure and from the communications which I have since received from him I take it that he is impressed with the necessity for maintaining, so far as it may be in his power, our particular views in the premises, and I believe he will be partially if not wholly successful in impressing upon Professor Thompson the peculiarities of the position.

I shall lose no opportunity of recommending to both outgoing and incoming Ministers a continuance of our policy in this connection.

Encl: I return Mr. Macoun's letter of 2nd June which you were good enough to send me for perusal.

Yours very truly,

A. Macoun

Yours very truly,

Richard Thompson

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July 2. 96.