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Memorandum on points suggested for investigation in connection with the fur-seal fishery of Behring Sea

Generally stated, the main object of the inquiry should be to obtain all possible information respecting the habits & life-history of the fur-seal of the North Pacific, with facts relating to the conditions & methods of hunting or taking the fur-seals, on or near the "rookeries" or breeding places of the Pribylov islands or in adjacent parts of Behring Sea.

As far as practicable such information should be the result of actual & accurate observation, & while it is not possible in the time at disposal to obtain connected records extending over one or more complete seasons, it is believed that a sufficient number of facts may be obtained to enable the many reports already in existence on the subject of the seal fishery to be intelligently criticised & fully checked.

With this object, it appears to be desirable that as large a body of observations as may be found possible should be accumulated, not only for the breeding islands themselves & their immediate vicinity, but also ~~at large~~ for over all that part of Behring Sea which is frequented by the fur-seal.

observations bearing directly on the several points of difference developed in the course of the discussions which have already taken place on the fur-seal fishery, will naturally possess particular importance. In the light of these discussions the following lines of inquiry suggest themselves, but it is to be anticipated that additional questions of importance may present themselves during the progress of the ~~inquiry~~ work. —

The actual condition of the "rookeries" of the Pribylov Islands at the present time, particularly in regard to the number of seals now frequenting the islands & such comparisons as it may be possible to institute between the present & former conditions of the "rookeries".

Full details respecting the ~~distance from the "rookeries" to which the female seals extend their excursions in search of food at the season during which they are engaged in suckling their young~~. Such evidence is essential in consequence of its direct bearing on the necessary or appropriate limits of any area of protection which may be suggested or devised. It seems probable that to obtain this information, systematic observations in the vicinity of the breeding islands will require to be supplemented by notes on the position, number, sex & ages

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Information as to the character & amount of injury inflicted on the seal fishery by the killing of fur-seals by the Aleuts during the passage of the seals on their migration through the islands of the Aleutian Chain.

~~G. M. Dawson~~

Ottawa
June 18. 1891.

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Rec'd 30th June

Memorandum.

To Dr Dawson

Department of Fisheries.

Ottawa, 30 June 1891

The ~~precis~~ rough draft precis prepared by the undersigned embraces the correspondence on the Behring Sea Controversy from its beginning down to February 1891; this being as far as the Canadian print has been put in type.

Subsequent matter which

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Dear Sir

L. G. Drew

Department of Interior
Ottawa 27 June 1891

Memorandum

I have thoroughly been
informed by the undersigned
business the correspondence
on the Delivery for Conference of
Given to the morning above to
February 17th, this being so
far as the Canadian Pacific
Railway matter where

Memorandum.

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Department of Fisheries.

Ottawa, ... 18...

Dr. Dawson will require will be found marked in the two British Prints hereowith.

Still further reports &c which have been prepared within the past few weeks are also enclosed in MSS:

R. McEwing.

Dr. Kenny,
20, Ave. Foch

Paris

20 Jan 1871.

Dear Sir,

We have found another in the
Dutch & Finlo Tenacity.
It is the last few weeks
also involved in MSS.
Yours truly,

R. D. Kennedy,

Department of Interior.

Ottawa, 18

Transmission.

Dear Sir,

We regret very much
that we have been prevented at
further reports at
present.

Yours truly,

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Suggested Draft.

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Circular of Enquiry.

The Department of Fisheries of the ~~Government~~ Dominion of Canada, in connection with questions relating to the fur-seal fishery of the North Pacific, is desirous of obtaining all possible information relating to the fur-seal fisheries of the Southern Hemisphere. The Southern fur-seal or "sea-bear" (of the Family of Eared Seals or Otariidae.) is known to have formed the object of an important industry in the early part of the present Century, but the islands on which it once abounded are now reported, & believed to be, almost entirely depleted of seals. As the habits & life-history of the fur-seal of the North Pacific appear to be closely similar to those of the allied seals of the Southern Hemisphere, it is thought probable that the history of the decline of the Southern fisheries may afford some facts having a direct bearing on the fur-seal fisheries of the North Pacific & may serve to indicate a

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proper mode of protection to be accorded to these fisheries if such should be found necessary.

In this connection, it would be of particular interest to know, for each of the seal-islands or sealing grounds of the Southern Hemisphere:—

(1.) Whether the decline or destruction of the fishery is attributable to the slaughter of the seals while on shore at their breeding places or to their pursuit at large on the circumjacent ocean.

(2.) In what manner the fur-seal fishery has been or is conducted in each particular locality.

(3.) Whether any, or if any what ~~measures~~ measures have been taken by various governments toward the protection of the fur-seal fisheries in their territories or in places within their jurisdiction; or further if any such measures are known to have proved successful in preserving or rehabilitating the fisheries.

(4.) Generally, any particulars as to the life-history of the animal, its migrations, season of bringing

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It is also particularly requested that copies of any printed documents or reports referring to the fur-seal fisheries or embodying regulations provided for these fisheries may be furnished.

Suggested Draft
Circular of Inquiry
as Southern Pacific.

Enclosed to Hon. C. H. Tupper
Jan 23. 91

Recd. Jun 23.

June 23. 91

Dear Mr. Dawson

His Excellency directs me to send you for your private information enclosed copy of a telegram which he has just received.

Yours very truly

Charles Colville

(Copy)

Lord Knutsford to Lord Stanley of Preston

June 23rd 1891

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Recd. Jun 26
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Enquiry on S. Sea seals as
sent to various journals as
for my letter to Hon. C.H. Tupper
Letter Book p. 691
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DEPARTMENT OF FISHERIES
CANADA

OTTAWA, 25th June, 1891.

Sir,-

I have the honour, by direction, to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 23rd Instant, accompanied by your draft of a "Circular of Enquiry."

I am to state in reply that the Minister has taken the necessary steps to give effect to the suggestion conveyed by your letter.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

John Tilton

Deputy Minister of Fisheries.

Dr. George. M. Dawson.
&c, &c.

Assistant Director.

Geological Survey.

OTTAWA.

25 June 1891.

Acknowledge dept.
Circular.

John Hilton

28 June 1891.

Ld Stanley.

Recd. 29. Jun

Private.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
OTTAWA.

June 28/91.

Please note as to return of documents & Prof. S.

Dear Mr Dawson.

I send herewith a letter from Sir Julian Pauncefote – and the documents mentioned in it.

I have not broken the envelope, as I decided to send letter to you exactly as received.

Will you return the Pauncefote's letter – at your convenience.

I am going away for 10 days or a fortnight, & leaving Ottawa very

early tomorrow. I fear therefore that I shall miss you – May you have a pleasant & useful trip.

Yours very truly

Stanley of Preston

Questions for Petropavlovski & Copper Islands.

1. Facts about annual catch on Copper Islands. Elliott gives 1862 – 1880, presumably from A.C. Co's. records. Does this include the whole? Can data of earlier years be obtained?

2. Facts as to killing of pups for food & other food killings & necessity or otherwise for these.

3. Dates of arrival, departure etc. of seals as compared with Pribylov Is.

4. Methods of driving & killing.

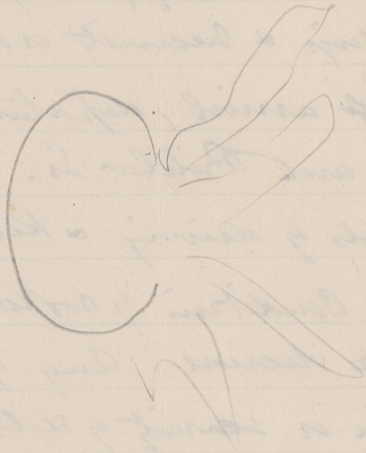
5. Present condition of rookeries & causes of increase or decrease. Any years of notable abundance or scarcity of seals on Commander Is.

6. Effect of weather & wind on numbers & date of arrival of seals.

7. Year in which killing of females first stopped on Commander Is.

8. Nature & size of 'rookery' grounds as compared with those of Pribylov Is.

9. Any facts known as to distance from Islands to which seals go for food.



10. Dead pups on 'rookeries'. Are found in large numbers & how accounted for.

11. How skins were transferred from Pribylov to Commander Islands to add to number of catch at latter place?

12. Facts about migration to & from Commander Is.

13. When have young seals been noticed going southward in autumn?

14. Further point along Asiatic coast to northward which seals known to reach.

15. Any particulars about Robben Reef & other outside 'rookeries'?

July 1891

Notes by Dentan to be added at Commander Islands.

Header Smith

B.C. Coast.

1. Dates at which seals seen & hunted & when most abundant.
2. Kind of seals seen i.e. whether bulls, cows, yearlings, grey pups etc.
3. Are any grey pups seen & at what seasons.
4. Are seals seen in winter, & if so under what conditions of wind, weather etc.
5. Mode of hunting practised & chief hunting places
6. Number of skins got, & proportion of seals that were shot.
7. Are seals now seen ashore & if so where?
8. Any tradition of rookeries or breeding places in old times.
9. Increase or decrease in number or change in habits that took place in late years.
10. Food of the seal & feeding habits.
11. Is flesh of fur seal eaten.
12. Sea-otter hunting.

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July 1891
Instructions for
Examination along
B.C. Coast.

Geo Dawson
Sir Hector Langevin

Memo. of points on which observations are required. (1

On Islands

1. Actual general condition of Rookeries etc.

2. Evidence of any general increase or decrease in number of seals on or frequenting the islands in late years & causes.—
   a. Particularly the alleged effect of killing males only
   b. of Pelagic sealing.

3. Any changes in relative number of seals on various rookeries & breeding grounds apart from general change & causes.

4. Any particulars as to sex & age of seals actually killed on the islands.
   a. possible killing of females with males.
   b. lowering of standard of size in order to complete catch.

5. Alleged necessity of killing seals for food of natives — especially killing of females for this purpose.

6. Effect of the system of driving on rookeries from which drives taken & on seals driven.

7. Do female seals with young go to sea for food during time of suckling & if so how far to sea.

8. Any natural features which may render the Pribylov Islands suitable above any others e.g. Aleutian Islands — for breeding places.

9. Any unusual abundance or scarcity of fish about the islands, & if there are special banks to which seals resort for food, where there are.

10. Any evidence of periodical plagues or epidemics among seals.

11. At what age do pups begin to swim.

12. Possible effect of warm & dry or cold & wet summers in changing the number of seals seen on the islands.

13. Mode of estimating numbers of seals in rookeries & possible over-estimates at different times.

14. Change in habit of seals when number frequenting any rookery becomes decreased.

15. Number of pups accidentally killed in various ways on shore & whether any evidence of pups perishing become rotten shot at sea.

16. Number of pups destroyed in different years by Autumn storms & a marked effect on general condition of rookeries.

17. What number of natives actually reside on Islands & how many brought from Undaka for hunting season.

18. Any evidence to shew that females are spayed on islands. Number of ~~[illegible]~~ naturally barren adult females & bearing of both on inspection of sea catch.

19. Elliott states — 1. That in 72-74 St Paul poly occupied by seals 2. That character of ground might treble rookeries there & be increased twofold. Which is correct?

20. Any evidence of natives & drive seals from islands on this special occasion.

21. Any means of checking count kept by natives with Company's or agents count.

21. To question natives about any vessels landing seal-skins on any vessels besides Company's regular vessels

21. Examine killing places & skins in store as rough check of number killed.

22. Number of skins shipped in a bundle & counted as 2. – Elliott gives weight of bundle at 12-15 lbs. Maynard says 22 - 64 lbs. So such bundles include more than one skin.

General.

23. Any evidence that decreased number of seals on Pribylov Islands may be made up for by increased number on Commander Is., or vice versa.

24. Possible change in habits of seals owing to disturbance & slaughter on Pribylov Islands & relation which this may have with large number seen at sea.

25. Evidence of the former existence of breeding places on the Aleutian or other islands & causes of destruction of these.

26. Reasons why the Rhytina was exterminated. Comparison between it, fur-seal & sea-otter.

27. Facts as to number of seals taken by aleuts, during passage of seals through Aleutian Islands.

28. Parts of Behring's sea chiefly frequented by seals at various seasons & possible changes in this in various years & causes of change.

29. Facts as to mode of haul of seals too & from the islands

30. Mode in which seals found on sea-surface during summer & Autumn i.e. whether singly or in groups.

31. Age & sex of such seals if possible

31. Further facts as character of catch of pelagic sealers within & without Behring sea.
a. Proportion of females such pups taken
b. Proportion of seals lost when shot or speared.

Memo. of points
for obsn. on
Seal Islands

July. 91.

Murray
2. Sep. 91

CHALLENGER EXPEDITION OFFICE,

45 FREDERICK STREET,
~~32 QUEEN STREET,~~ EDINBURGH,

2 September 1891

Dear Sir. I have been from home for some time. Otherwise your letter of the 2 July would have been answered long before this.

I fear I have very little information to convey with reference to the seal fisheries of the South.

All the fur seals that we procured were killed on land. and it was

the habit of the Seal fishers we met thus to capture all their animals. The saw very few seals far from their breeding places. — we saw only ~~none~~ one from in the Southern ice.

all the Seal fishers we encountered in the South were from New London U.S.A.

In our time there were no australians engaged in the trade. There were immense numbers of Sea Elephants killed every year on Long Beach at Heard Island. Men wintered there for the purpose of killing them when they came on shore in the early spring

He saw the sealers kill 24 fur seals one day by Candlemas on Swain's Islands where they were breeding.

He found that some fur sealing was done at the Falkland Islands. You could get information as to the present state of the trade by addressing a letter to Mr Deans. Stanley Harbour Falklands. or you might address a letter direct to the Governor of the Islands.

Trusting that you will have had a pleasant trip to the West

Yours very sincerely
John Murray.

Nordenskiöld
9. Sep. 91

Recd
21. oct.

Dalbyö (Stockholm) 9 Sept. 1891.

Dear Sir,

Owing to my absence from Stockholm Your letter of June 2 reached me only some days ago. My personal experience about the higher animal life in the Bering sea is very limited and all the informations I could collect You will find ch. XIV and XV of the second Volume of the

Vega Voyage[1], which work perhaps can be useful to you by my references to the older literature, to which I had a fuller access than any of the previous authors on the subject. The collections of everbrate brought from the Bering-sea and the adjacent part of the polar Sea by the scientific Staff of the Vega were very large. They are described partly in english in Vega Expeditions Vetenskapliga arbeten[2] – [five Vol. 8° Stockholm with numerous plates]

[1] Compare also the adjoined brochure, of which a somewhat faulty translation is inserted in the Proceedings of the American Geogr. Society.

[2] Of this work the first volume is translated in German. It is sometimes sold for the whole work.

Unfortunately I have distributed all the copies at my disposal – it can be obtained from the editor F. et G. Beijer Stockholm: price about 5 or 6 £. It is a work indispensable for every library of Natural history in the countries surrounding the polar basin. (*)

Yours most truly

A. E. Nordenskiöld

Mr George M. Dawson
Ottawa
Canada.

(*) Adress.
F. et G. Beijer. Editors
Stockholm.
Arsenalgatan 2 D.

Set S. B-P

Arlington Hotel

Washington

5 Oct 91

Recd Oct 9/91

Dear Dr Dawson

1. I have not heard much more yet that is definite.

2. Yesterday Sir Julian was to have gone to Mr Blaine with some straight questions but he has put it off on hearing that tonight I am dining with Harrison.

3. Inside I'd working from the pot pourri all there is as to American Schemes.

I think the enclosed letter ought to go to Mr Zupper to give him his opportunity of rebuttal at length. If you agree please forward! In this very Elliotty document there are scattered figures which may be of value – but I think most of it we have already.

Still write again after seeing Harrison

Yours truly

George Baden-Powell

along a stout mast Sr.
Marin – he was as friendly
as could be & at once
asked where you were – &
insisted on your coming
to dine with him. So we
go presently

3. Sir Julian is now
I think alive to the serious

point as which I feared
he was not strong. But
the arbitration is not yet
signed nor are the
arbitrators appointed

4. With this you
& will receive your copy
of mine "confidential" which
came this morning
this afternoon Sir Julian had
always given me a copy,
and Lamb had actually

Elliott
Oct. 31/91

Personal; Rec'd Nov. 3

Cleveland, Ohio.
317 Detroit Street.
Oct. 31. 1891.

Dear Sir:

I acknowledge with pleasure the receipt of your letter of the 27th inst. and hasten to say that this article which aroused my attention did so because it is published as if carefully edited by yourself, and not as the opinion of the correspondent based upon an interview: had it not been for this very air of authenticity I should have given it no serious notice — I regret that I should have written so hastily and hotly about it, now, but in the light of Mr. Tupper's note, and yours, just received.

I have been fortunate in so far as my work of 1892 'Pt goes, in having at that time no disturbing or selfish forces at work to distract or warp the freedom of my observation and publication of my views. Everybody then was desirous of getting at the truth and nothing

but the truth: everybody talked freely and without restraint from the highest to the lowest on the islands, and the idea of concealing anything relating to the seals and the business connected was not suggested. I review that work of 1872, 73, 74 and 76 with satisfaction, and, contrasted with the restraint, deceit, and dishonesty that appeared everywhere in my part during 1890, the original work is far more reliable than my last seasons review of it, because I believe that much which I showed here learned on the islands last summer, was carefully kept from my observation and hearing.

The worst feature of my original work, as published in extenso by the 10th Census, is the mutilation of my sketch maps of the rookeries, and the unwarranted substitution of a defective U.S. Coast Survey chart of St. George Island, for my own survey.

In my report of last year, now in Mr. Blaine's hands, you will find a full series of rookery charts carefully revised and the seals as they bred last year between 10th 20th July, laid down on a scale of 500 feet to the inch. I trust that you and your colleague will insist upon seeing these maps

Some very pressing personal matters requiring my attention here will prevent me from being in Washington until after Xmas, most likely. In that event and I do not have the pleasure of meeting Sir Geo. Baden Powell and yourself, please favor me with a copy of your work whenever it is published

I am very truly your friend & servant

Henry W. Elliott.

Dr. Geo. M. Dawson.
Ottawa.

U. S. Department of Agriculture

DIVISION OF ORNITHOLOGY AND MAMMALOGY

Rec'd Nov. 5

Washington, D. C., Nov. 2, 1891.

Dear Dr. Dawson:

In reply te your recent letter I would say that I shall be very glad to exchange with you the information indicated in relation to the distribution of the Fur Seal in Bering Sea, as observed by the various vessels during the past season. I have asked the Navy and Treasury Departments for copies of the "seal logs" of our war ships and revenue cutters, but have not yet received the data. Will let you know as soon as the material reaches my hands, but fear it is not so detailed as it should be.

If you are going to plot all available data under this head, would it not simplify matters for you to plot our data with your own and give us an exact copy of the resulting track chart?

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Dr. George M. Dawson,

Asst. Director, Geological Survey of Canada,

Ottawa, Canada.

Iberian
Oct. 2. 91

Mr. Stupart could do this work - but at present he is single handed. Mr. Webber is absent on leave, Mr. Payne has met with an accident and is confined to the house & Mr. Carpenter is away - the work will occupy some time - and Mr. Dawson should certainly give the position Lat & Long of each obs.n -

ARH

Enclosure-

MINISTER OF MARINE AND FISHERIES

OTTAWA, CANADA.

November 2nd. 1891

Dear Dr. Dawson/-

Replying to yours of the 29th. ultimo, referring to meteorological data required in connection with the Behring Sea Seal Investigation, I enclose you a memorandum from Lieutenant Gordon as to the officers at the Observatory available for this purpose.

Yours faithfully

Alex. P. Tupper

Dr. G. M. Dawson

etc., etc.,

Geological Survey

O T T A W A

C. H. Zeppler
Nr. 2-91

Sir S. B.P.
Nov. 3. 91.

Recd.
Nov. 6.

Washington
3 Nov 91

Dear Dr. Dawson

We duly reached here on Monday afternoon — and in the evening had a pocketing talk with Dr Polk he showing me the latest documents.

Things look better than I expected — and both arbitration and the joint Commission

nearer.

But Sir John wants to explain things thoroughly this afternoon – immediately after lunch – he being busy with the Mexicans all the morning – I will let you know the results.

Meanwhile we are sending the enclosed draft perhaps you will sign & send on to this Ex:

I thought it was right that this Ex: should have some record of what had been done with Elliotts precious papers.

I only had a short hour in Montreal after all.

Yours rightly
George Baden-Powell

Gen. Herbert,
7. Nov. /91

Recd. for q.

7. Nov: 1891

Dear Dr Dawson

I return you the Rupert's Land report which Sir G. Baden Powell lent me. I am sorry to say that I have had only little time to look at it and as the writing is very bad I am afraid it would take more time to decipher it than I can afford. It appears to be a rough draft for a report on the general condition of the sealing industry from notes taken in 1889.

I hope I may soon see you & hear

Something about the interesting cruise

you have had.

Yours very truly

Robert

at Sir Donald Smith's. I trust
will likely come on to Ottawa.

I have written to Lord
Stanley thanking him for all
his hospitality but only his leave
for Lady Stanley & Staff to Ottawa
should not burden him.

So you think there is
any possibility of our obtaining
good bedrooms (? & bath rooms) at the
Victoria Chambers. It would
facilitate work to be thus handy
to you.

I hope to be in Montreal
on Tuesday next.

Yours truly
George Baden-Powell

Rec'd. 9. Nov. 91

Sir G. B-P.

Washington
7. Nov 91

My dear Sir Donald

Many thanks for
your telegram.

I have seen & seen
pretty well Sir John, Blaine,
the President, Chamberlain, Mandeville
Merriam, Caldwell Carlisle, Foster
and one or two others.

I have thus had the
opportunities desired of imparting
on each the appropriate

joint think we talked over.

I think the case now stands:—

1. All wish to sign arbitration and joint commission agreements together.

2. At present there is correspondence going on as to whether the arbitrators shall be 1 or 2 jurists for each nation & 1 foreigner as Umpire — or or 3 foreign jurists as Umpire.

3. Mendenhall & Mein (who are both most jurists) urgently pressed that we should get to work on joint commission alone.

4. The Arbitrators would thus be sure of being one & several! jurist / the parts all ready by they date they need them.

Meanwhile I think I will sign the occasion & pay my personal visit to Montreal on my way back now — in case we are summoned to Washington at short notice hereafter.

I shall be within hail

Sir G B-P

1157 Dorchester Street,
Montreal.

10 Nov 91

Dear Sir Daniel

Many thanks for your note. I made will tell you much – especially as to the U.S trade chart & seal Days.

As for the Russian Memo: this comes as a Editor send it to London with a covering despatch

then is no need there should be more.

I am holding along here with the point I took along with me.

I was thinking of coming to Ottawa on Thursday – presuming we shall have yet to wait for definite news of the signing.

Yours ever truly

George Baden-Powell

in the character of the enclosed — making rather mention of it so as to obtain the translation without unnecessary delay —

or to take it with us to Washington and trusting we are there — ~~that~~

The second method is of course the speediest and if we go to Washington I presume the joint Commission would have been appointed — so that there could be no harm done if the contents got known.

The first method implies a delay of at least 3 weeks — although

U. S. Department of Agriculture

DIVISION OF ORNITHOLOGY AND MAMMALOGY

Recd. Nov. 12.

Washington, D. C., November 11, 1891.

Dear Dr. Dawson:

Your letter of the 7th instant has just reached me. I have now received copies of all the track charts of our vessels cruising in Bering Sea during the past season, accompanied by the original records which I must return as promptly as possible. I will have these copied at once and will send you the track charts and "seal logs" as soon as possible, probably within a few days. I think you will find the meteorological data you desire in these reports, but in several instances the data relating to the seals are not so full and explicit as they should be. We shall doubtless be able to secure the information necessary to discriminate day tracks from night tracks later on.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

(Dictated)

Dr. Geo. M. Dawson,

Director, Geological Survey of Canada,

Ottawa, Canada.

Hurricane
Nov. 11. 91.

Recd. Nov. 20

Kamloops B.C. 13 Nov 1891

Geo. M. Dawson Esquire F.R.S

My Dear Sir

Your letter of the 19th not reached this place during my absence, and I hasten to answer your queries

The small band of Sushwaps who live at the head of the Columbia River migrated thither about forty years ago from the North Thompson; by a trail which strikes the Columbia about the mouth of the Canoe River, having made friends with a small band of Spinibaines who were in the habit of crossing the Rocky Mountains by the Howse Pass during the early autumn; and procuring Salmon from the Columbia River; they were through the support of these Allies enabled to hold their ground against the Upper Kutenais until the extension of the white emigration prevented any overt act being committed against them by their more powerful neighbours. The Sushwaps of the Columbia Lake never extended their excursions down the Columbia below the mouth of Canoe River

Sian means the River per se. Chim sian may be interpreted the people of the River. Skeena ~~being~~ is a misnomer; the source where of which being now unexplainable as the Chimsians were originally River Indians it is highly probable that they took the name of the Fur-seal from the Haidahs

Spinibaines or Spinewaps of Columbia

Is this an error? Fur-seal.

The old Indian hunters of the Songees So-oke and Clalam bands often informed me that in their

Kamloops B.C. 13 Nov 1891

Rec'd 20

Leo. Dr Gunder Esquire M.P.P.

My dear Sir

Your letter of the 10 not received till 3 days during my absence, and I hasten to answer your queries

The small band of Indians who live at the head of the Columbia River received their school fifty years ago from the North Thompson by a trail which skirts the Columbia above the mouth of the Canoe River. Having made friends with a small band of Shuswaps who were in the habit of crossing the Rocky Mountains by the Howse Pass during the early autumn; and procuring Salmon from the Columbia River. They were through the influence of these Indians enabled to induce this general exodus of the Indian Nation with the exception of the wild mountain Shuswaps and now are being Commutted exclusively from the Upper Thompson Nation. The Shuswaps of the Columbia Lake never extended this expedition down the Columbia below the mouth of Canoe River

Given Among the Rivers &c. Given under my hand to interpreted the people of the Rivers. Always having a mountainous, the Canoe where they now are of Shuswaps to the Shuswaps were originally from Indians it is highly probably that they took the name of the Canal from the Howse

The old Indian hunter of the Lorne to-day and Elder band often informed me that in

in their younger days, Fur Seals and Sea Otter were in the habit of landing in great numbers at the Race Rocks eleven miles from Victoria; they also frequented the Gulf of Georgia. I have bought fur seal skins from the Se-shahls who inhabit Jervis Inlet, taken from animals killed at Sangster's Island near Texada. These animals were driven to the ocean from the narrow waters by being hunted with fire the use of fire arms: during the Spring, numbers of the young animals fish in the broken waters inside of the outlying half tide rocks and reefs, which fringe the western shores of Vancouver Island, and of the other Islands which lie west of the Mainland from Queen Charlottes Sound to Dixons Entrance. The older animals remain further at sea but numbers of these take shelter in the larger Sounds during stormy weather. I have seen them off Nootka Kattla in the month of January. They were first systematically hunted by the whites about 1856 the Indians took to hunting them some two or three years later, before that period they merely killed them when they happened incident-ally to come in their way; as they did with most other wild animals; up to that period the Beaver, Marten Mink, Land Otter, and Sea Otter, were the only animals which the Indians systematically hunted for their skins.

The Indians above quoted stated that the Fur seal bred on the Race Rocks, on Smiths Island (Wash.) and on several Islands in the Gulf of Georgia: they used to have their young to within a recent period on the Hay-stack Island off Cape Scott Vancouver Island. It is probable that a few indivi-duals still

on this occasion day, Nor did we meet the Otter
here in the habit of landing in great numbers at
the Free Rocks where Indians have lodges. They
also frequented the Indian Lodges. I have bought
for last Winter from the Cathlamets an infantile Chinook
Indian, taken from a canoe while at Grayport
Island near Astoria. These canoes were drawn
to the ocean from the narrow waters by being hauled
with ropes the use of two arms: during the flowing, receding
of the opening canoes lying in the bottom water which
of the ebbing half tide rocks and sands, which the
western shore of Tomahamo Island, and of the other
Island which is west of the Mountains from Clear
Water River & Wapa Lodges. The other canoes
remain for the at day but Mountain of Tree into
Water in the large channel during Morning to
I have been from off Nathaniel Hill in the Month
of January. They were first distinctly heard
by the white about 1854 the Indians took to hunting
there more two or three years later, before that time
they usually killed them when they happened wandering
ing to come in their way, as they did with the white
bear canoes. Up that River the Tomahamo, Nor-
mark, Grand Otter, and the Otter, were the only canoes
which the Indians Systematically hunted for their skins.
The Indians also practiced that the Air bear
lived on the Free Rocks, on Mountain to have (weak)
and on Grand Island in the Columbia River.
They used to have their young in winter a regular
period on the Day-Lake Island off Cape Lookout
Tomahamo Island. It is probable that a few winter-
-lake still

duals still breed there; these Islands being very inaccessible to small craft, on account of the strong tides and cross currents which prevail in that neighbourhood

I have also your favour of the 25th Ult. The name Lillooet was given to the Stla-tle-muh by the Lower Frazer Indians, the nearer bands were called by them La-hu-lis, the name Lillooet applies more properly to the Harrison River Valley, this name was given to the town which now bears it, by the miners who wintered there in 1858, Stla-tle-muh is the name which these Indians (the so called Lillooets) give themselves, the Ka-na-Kane, Se-whapm-uh and Kla-Kapm-uh also know them by this name, (Stla-tle-muh (or (meuh)) their language closely resembles that of the Kla-Kapm-uh. As they near the coast many words of the Skwi-ho-mish dialect are used by them. They can hardly be considered a distinct tribe. they were formerly composed mainly of refugees from the neighbouring more powerful bands, and were constantly being taken and enslaved by their neighbours

Yours faithfully
G W Mackay

Lillooet Indian Agt.

Dear Mr. Brooks, Feb. 13. 87

Sedalia,

Missouri

Dear Mr. Brooks: Your letter being very welcome to Uncle Rolfe on account of the strong Indian and Irish sentiment in that Phoenix in that rough boarding house

I have also your favour of the 25th Ult.

The Neem Tilloch was given to the Ale-to-mah by the Lower Choctaw Indians. The Neem Lenah was called by them Ta-ho-la. The Neem Tilloch affix were properly to the Hannion River Valley. The Neem was given to the Lower which now been it, by the Neem to the western Neem in 1834. Ale-to-mah is the called (pronounced) Indian name which the Indians gave themselves. The Neem Ale-to-mah and Ale-to-fom-ah also (Ale-to-mah or (pronounced) given by the Neem Lenah are closely resemble that of the Ale-to-fom-ah. As the Neem the and Neem words of the other no much doubt on what the Neem they can hardly be considered a chosen title. They were formerly conferred mainly of refugees from the Creek country from powerful tribe, and were constantly being taken and authorized by their respective

Yours faithfully

Neem Hollowhorn

MARINE DEPARTMENT
CANADA

ADDRESS REPLY TO
THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF MARINE,
OTTAWA.

REFER TO No. 9.002

Ottawa, 13th November 1891

Sir,

I have the honour to enclose herewith a letter received from Staff Commander J. G. Boulton to the effect that he desires Mr. Campbell's attendance at his Office as soon as you can spare him, and I have to request that you will kindly inform me when you will be able to spare Mr. Campbell. and return Commander Boulton's letter

I am Sir

Your most obedient servant

Wm L Magee

For - - Deputy Minister of Marine.

G. M. Dawson, Esq. L. L. D.

Assistant Director.

Geological Survey.

Deputy Minister
of Works
Nov. 13. 91

DOMINION OF CANADA.

Rec'd. Nov. 16.
Doc. sent Nov. 20!

Department of Agriculture,

Ottawa, Nov. 14th 1891 *18*

Dear Dr. Dawson,-

I ~~have~~ received your letter of yesterday and tried to call you up by telephone, as you requested, but was not successful.

Some person from your office communicated with the Department to-day on the subject of your letter and I replied that I did not know of any Russian translators in Ottawa, but that if you would send the documents which you desired to have translated to me I would send them to Winnipeg, where I have no doubt I shall be able to get them translated. If you will, therefore, kindly send the papers I will see that no time is lost in the matter.

Believe me, &c.,

Yours truly,

Dr. G.M.Dawson

&c. &c.

Geological Survey

OTTAWA

J. Lowe
14. Nov. 91

T. D. FORM 1.

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Time 2.1 Pm Nov 14 1891

From Toronto O 14

To Dr Geo Dawson
Ottawa

I think our registrar can will ascertain & write

Daniel Wilson

TO SECURE PROMPT DESPATCH SEND REPLY TO

Sir D. Wilson
No. 14.91

though I sincerely hope
matters may be settled.
Hoping to see you over
next summer.
I will kind regards
Believe me
Yours very faithfully
Chas D. Rollins

17 Jan 1891
Admiral Hotham

17.11.91.

H.M.S. WARSPITE.

Santa Barbara

Dear Dr Dawson

Just received
your letter as I was
leaving Ventura
and. now in haste to
post letters & send
cablegrams, so a line
to thank you for it

Very glad to hear
the data furnished

by "Hymplie" and "Pheasant"
are what you wanted
I hope to get Porpoise
in line, but she is
not one of my children
and long way to China.
I left Esquimalt on
12th very glad indeed
as it had rained
for a month without
a fine day even since
you left in back, &

was quite depressing.
Lovely climate here
I expect one of best
in the world. I
go on to Honolulu to
Magdalena, La Paz.
Magellan, Acapulco
& Mexico Coquimbo
hope to be back at
Esquimalt in early
May. Made for
Belcrings Seabirds

Then might come the
migrations, distance for islands
for &c

As that is embodied ~~here~~ in this memo:
I have a great deal more to
add & a great deal to correct

However I leave it for you
to glance over.

I will by Saturday have
worked over your memos:
which I see are of a very
perfected order —

Yours very truly
George Buder-Pavell

Sir Ewart

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
OTTAWA.

18. Nov 91

Dear D. Dawson

I have looked at the
enclosed which are ideas
strung together — but I see
needing merely to be expanded
as material out of which
to work up better things.

I see it was to have been
followed by an account of Pelagic
Sealing — of the catch methods
&c.

Recd. Dec. 7.

No. 3.

Paraphrase of Telegram to Sir G. Baden-Powell.

Foreign Office.
November. 19. 1891.

I will await the arrival of the despatch promised in your Telegram of the 17th instant.

The fact appears to have escaped you that the Joint Commission Agreement has been approved by both Governments, and that it will be signed as well as the Articles dealing with the Arbitration Question.

The object aimed at by Article 6 of the Arbitration Agreement was to provide regulations for the purpose of preventing the extermination of the seal species through the common right possessed by all nations of hunting the seals on the high seas.

The

The United States would certainly not be disposed to listen, any more than we should do so, to a proposal for regulating permanently by treaty the catch of seals, or of any other animal upon territory belonging to their country. Such a proposition has never, so far as I can call to mind, been accepted by any independent nation. To decline a proposal of arbitration which does not include this provision is tantamount to a refusal to have recourse to arbitration. On the other hand the Arbitrators will manifestly decline to pronounce that regulations are necessary for the high seas, if it can be demonstrated that,

however

however we may control the hunting at sea, the practice of the United States upon their Islands is such as to make the disappearance of the Species a certainty.

J W Sanderson

Paraphrase of Telegram
Oct. 19. 91.

DOMINION OF CANADA.

Recd. Nov. 23

Department of Agriculture,

Ottawa, Nov. 21st 1891 *18*

Dear Dr. Dawson,-

I have received your letter of yesterday's date with the Russian manuscript, which I have already sent to Winnipeg with particular directions as to the translation.

Believe me, &c.

Yours truly,

Rowe

G.M.Dawson Esq.

Geological Survey

OTTAWA

J. Love
Nov. 21. 91

Par: of Tel. to Lord Salisbury Sent 24 Nov: 91

24 Nov: With ref: to your Lordship's telegram No: 3 we shall be much obliged if you will inform us whether the concurrent regulations Arbitration Clause 6 would, or would not extend outside Behring's Sea.

We have not yet consulted the Canadian Ministry but by the advice of the Governor General we now intend to have an informal conversation with a Committee of the Cabinet on the nature and extent of the hypothetical seal preservation measures they favour.

Our investigations show that there is no present prospect of the seals being exterminated but that there is material danger to both industries, especially Islands, unless, on both land and sea, reciprocal measures of preservation are adopted.

Baden Powell.

Par of Tel to Sir J. Pauncefote sent 24 Nov: 1891.

24 Nov: We shall be much obliged if you will inform us whether Senate ratification precedes U. S. signature of the Arbitration agreement

Baden Powell.

Par: of Bel from the Pr. of Salisbury to the B.S.C. Rec: at Ottawa 3 p.m. 19 Nov: 1891.

No: 3 with reference to your telegram of the 17th instant, I will await your desp: It appears that you have overlooked the fact that the Joint Commission Article is approved and will be signed as well as the Arbitration Articles.

? agreement

The object of clause 6 was to provide regulations by which the common right of all nations to hunt seals on the high seas should be prevented from exterminating the seal species.

? implied to Belg. too?

The Govt: of the United states would not of course listen, any more than we should listen to a proposal permanently regulating by Treaty the catch of seals or of any other animal upon their own territory. I cannot call to mind that any independent nation has ever accepted such a proposition.

? treaties imply mutual concessions of rights.

To decline arbitration which does not include this provision is to decline arbitration altogether. But at the same time if it is possible to show that the practice of the United States upon their Islands is such as to make the disappearance of the seal species certain however we may regulate the hunting

at

we do show that we will do the same.

Tel from B.S.C. to Ld Salisbury

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
OTTAWA.

Sent 17 Nov: 91

C.O.

17 Nov:. With reference to proposals contained in Mr Wharton's letter of 25th June, Clause 6 of arbitration agreement confining ~~regulations~~ recommendations of arbitrators to "concurrent regulations outside jurisdictional waters" is seriously insufficient as it excludes ocean rights and excludes equivalent concessions on shore, without which in the light of our investigations the

preservation of the seals is impossible

It also does not embody Mr

Wharton's proposals for a Joint

Commission of the 11th and 25th

of June last.

Par: of Tel: from B. S. C. to Sd Salisbury
29 oct 1891.

29 oct We are now engaged in formulating our seal evidence in order to be prepared if requested for one or both of us to at once proceed to London if necessary.
We think that it is advisable to consult with and obtain consent of your Lordship as to what measures are permissible for the preservation of the Seals, before proceeding to work on the Joint Commission, and also to place our full knowledge at the disposal of those who are preparing the British case which is to be laid before the Arbitrators. Until we ~~can~~ know the constitution and procedure of the Arbitration court and Joint Commission we are unable to decide on the form of our own report

Baden Powell

In 1891.

Telegrams.

Par of Bel: from B.S.C. to Ld Salisbury
sent 25 Nov: 1891.

Our progress is satisfactory but it seems necessary to clear certain points before proceeding to Washington. We have had an interview with committee of Canadian Cabinet who apparently wish to defer consideration of any definitive measures for the protection of the seals, until they have seen our general conclusions and these we refrain from exhibiting except through your Lordship.

Lord Stanley informs me that he does not wish to press us for detailed information without your Lordship having previously seen and consented to its being communicated to the Canadian Govt:

It is in our opinion of the greatest importance to the rapid conclusion of the commission that I should at once go to London to afford H M's Govt: all information explanation of facts and findings and take your Lordships personal instructions on essential points especially as regards the procedure of the Joint Commission; afterwards consulting the Canadian Govt:. Strongly of opinion this would be best economy of time in order to have everything prepared for Joint Commission which we suppose will not meet till

after Christmas, by which time I could be back if I am authorised to proceed to London at once

Baden-Powell.

Recd. Nov 30

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204 Montgomery St.
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Washington D.C.
San Francisco, Cal. Nov 27th 1891

Dr G H Dawson

My dear Sir

I send this am the Photo. you so kindly sent, and thank you for them.

I hope you are very well, and of course like all your high officials very busy. I left S.F. 14th Oct. Spent two weeks in N.Y. then came here for the winter.

If I can in any way serve you command me.

When writing to Sir George will you kindly remember me to him.

With great respect
Yours very Truly

Geo. R. Tingle

929½ N.Y. Ave
Wash. D.C.

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Recd. Nov. 29.

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From Victoria BC 28

To Dr Geo M Dawson
Ottawa

Had difficulty with Early years am doing best almost ready

A R Milne

TO SECURE PROMPT DESPATCH SEND REPLY TO

Milne
Nov. 29/91

have a good deal ready by then.

We are travelling most comfortably & everything going well — we go on board at 11 this evening & expect to sail at 5.30 A.M tomorrow —

I hope you good all will at Montreal

Yours ever

George Baden-Powell

Recd Dec 2

New York
1 Dec 91

Dear D. Dawson

Here I find a letter from Sir Julian simply saying that he has "deferred writing me for day today hoping Blaine would settle fr..." "we are still worrying over the

"articles of the arbitration.
"I do not see any prospects
"of the agreement being finally
"concluded for some time
"to come, and I think you
"are doing wisely to go home."
So I presume in his
opinion we shall have no
occasion to go to Washington
until I am away!

I think it will be useful
if you can post me an
instalment of the reports
by the Saturdays steamer —
so that I should have
something ready in case
Lord Salisbury wishes to
see me on the Monday —
(15th Oct.) after my return.
I think you should
you said you will likely

U. S. Department of Agriculture

DIVISION OF ORNITHOLOGY AND MAMMALOGY

Rec'd. Dec. 5.

Washington, D. C., December 2, 1891.

Dr. George M. Dawson,

Ottawa, Canada.

Dear Dr. Dawson:-

I sent you yesterday by express, prepaid, seven track charts of United States vessels cruising in Bering Sea during the past season, together with copies of the "seal logs" of the same vessels.

Regretting the delay in getting this off, and trusting you have not been inconvenienced, I remain,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

(Dictated)

Track Charts Sent.

- Corwin
- Rush
- Thetis
- Alert
- Mohican
- Marion
- Allied Fleet (not complete)

C. H. Merriam
Dec. 2, 91

Recd, Dec. 9. 91

ADDRESS REPLY TO
THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF MARINE,
OTTAWA.

MARINE DEPARTMENT
CANADA

REFER TO No. 9.133

Ottawa, 5th December 1891

Dear Sir,

Referring to my letter to you of the 1st instant, returning the tables of Meteorological Observations taken in the Behring Sea.with Wind roses drawn from these tables,and an analysis of the observations done by Mr. Stupart of the Meteorological Service,Toronto,I now enclose you the Chart of the Arctic Ocean and Behring Sea to which you can transfer the Wind roses when required.

Enclosure sent under separate cover.

Yours very truly

Charles A. Tupper

G. M. Dawson, Esq.
Geological Survey.
Ottawa.

Hon. Ott. Tupper
Dec. 9. 91.

Department of the Interior.

Topographical Surveys Branch.

Ottawa, Dec 9th 1891

To Dr Dawson

Dear Sir

I send you the seven photos to complete your Alaska views. also the balance of the mounts not used which are charged to the Sea Commission

Very truly yours

N W Ogilvie

1891 Dec 9th

Dec 8/91

Sir George
9. Dec. 91

off Queenstown

R.M.S. "MAJESTIC"

9 Dec 91

Dear Sir George

1. We have duly arrived off Queenstown after a very fine passage & after having on the voyage over had a splendidly quiet time — working up many points.

2. I enclose a dispatch letter to Tupper which you may like to sign and forward. It explains itself

and Tupper will, I think, want like to provide such a document. I think it should be over his signature so that we could put it forward quite separately as his work if desired. If you think this also - please tell Tupper.

3. I also enclose copy of the letter I wrote as to replies from other lands.

4. Naturally I have no news as yet to communicate but any news and all my writings so soon as they are written and prior will travel to you at top speed.

5. Hope this will find you all well

Yours ever

George Baden-Powell

C. H. Topper
Dec. 12/91

MINISTER OF MARINE AND FISHERIES
OTTAWA, CANADA.

Recd. Dec. 15. 91

Dec 12/91

My dear Dr.

Thanks for your suggestion in your note of this date — It is a good one & I will adopt it at once.

Yours faithfully
Charles A. Topper

J. M. Dawson Esq
F.R.S.C. &c &c
Geological Survey Dept.
Ottawa

U. S. Department of Agriculture

DIVISION OF ORNITHOLOGY AND MAMMALOGY

Rec'd Dec. 17

Washington, D. C., December 14, 1891.

Dear Dr. Dawson:-

Your letter of the 10th inst. came Saturday and the maps and "seal logs" arrived this morning, for which I am much obliged.

It seems to me that it will be very difficult to arrange the discordant facts in our possession in such a way as to give a general view of the whole.

Hoping that matters may be so adjusted that we may get together and finish our part of the work soon, I remain,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Dr. George M. Dawson,
Ass't Director, Geological Survey,
Ottawa, Canada.

Hermann
Dec. 14/91

botanizing expeditions – & people are here asking me of a certainty to publish a book description of our journeyings – & I need hardly say how proud I should be to include two such chapters!

9. I will write again as soon as the great interview is over –

Believe me
Yours truly
George Baden-Powell

15 Dec 91

My dear Sir

1. Many thanks for your letters and those forwarded back to England.

2. We have been doing our little best to carry out what you and I arranged.

3. I enclose copy of notes on present position, which have we gave to Sanderson and Lord Salisbury – both of whom have gone through them carefully. This afternoon I am to consult over them with Lords Salisbury

and Kutsford. The results of that interview I will report to you.

4. In the meantime I explain to the authorities that these notes are merely explanatory of the situation and to be talked over.

5. I also exhibit a summary of our Report, chart plans &c. &c.

6. I hope you will open all official working documents and even if they turn out to be private they can be forwarded as just as safely!

7 I hope you will be willing to have prepared some account of your geographical observations and notes, which possess all the value of a very expert flying survey of many unknown counts.

8. The same may in its degree be said of the Cameroons

Neumann
Dec. 17/91

Rec'd. Dec. 23.

San Francisco. Cal.
December 17. 1891.

Dear Doctor Harron,

I herewith beg to thank you for the photographs, you were kind enough to send me, and I take pleasure in forwarding some of Prey's views to you, should you desire any more, I shall be glad to attend to your wishes.

With best wishes to you and Mr. Haeonn

I remain

yours very sincerely

Rudolph Neumann

Dr. G. W. Harron
etc. etc. etc.

Rect: 30
Dec.

Col: Office

18. Dec 91

Back letters for Christmas to be given
Yours truly
George Baden-Powell

My dear S.

1. On Tuesday I had a most satisfactory interview with Lord Salisbury & Lord Knutsford 'alone' – explaining much to them on all point and having many of our point explained to me.

2. Lord Salisbury read enclosed Summary which I had drawn up from your notes

(of interest) and another (of interest) perhaps something with any matter

up a new Commission and letters of Instruction for us as an joint Commission – expecting today or Monday to hear that the arbitration has been signed – and then can get to work in Washington early in January.

3. What we point now to exhibit – I have warned them is only provisional.

4. I am very glad to hear you have the U.S track chart – as it is more proof of joint inquiry.

10. They have sent the replies re South Seals from Brazil (nothing) Cape (interesting – especially as to

of side-headings in case the fuller summary had not reached in time.

3. I am to see him again next Tuesday – 22nd – on which day Lord Kintyre will cable as to exhibiting our conclusions to Ministers.

4. I endeavoured to explain clearly the position of the Canadian Cabinet – & think it is now well understood – also as to Elliott, Compensation, no prohibition next year &c &c.

5. Certainly Lord Salisbury is giving the matter his closest personal attention.

6. Your Nos: 1 & 2 of January duly arrived on Thursday – and by Lord Salisbury's request is being printed. I added sideheadings so that Lord Salisbury may the easier find his way about in it.

7. They are now drawing

Rec'd Jan 11

Col. Office
London
26 Dec 91

My dear Sir:

1. Again on Tuesday (Dec 22) I had satisfactory interviews with Lord Salisbury and Lord Knutsford.

2. They had considered the first portion of our "draft" conclusions as printed and they thought it best to communicate a brief telegram condensing the results for information of Canadian Ministers – and for me to tell further when I return. But I shall see both again immediately after Xmas – next Tuesday or Wednesday (on which day I go to stay with Lord Knutsford).

3. I will post you a revised copy of the printed conclusions I have sent them but they ~~have~~ they are provisional – especially in regard to manner of statement.

4. I hope the Canadian Government trusting in you and knowing generally the kind of conclusions at which we have arrived will agree to all we say & do.

5. Under the agreement for the joint Commission, which I am told is signed, I have no very clear notions as to the part we are to play – especially as Blaine quite agrees that the arbitrators will be free to recommend no regulations.

6. It seems to me to be a matter of ordinary course that Canada should altogether pay a portion of the compensation due to schooners for this year's ~~interruption~~ disturbance of their 'fishery' by an act of State

7. I have had to ~~handle~~ another amusing cable "an expert authority" from Washington – as you will see when I bring the "papers."

8. I am making inquiries of Russian friends in various matters. For instance they say the double ff is right at end of word and v in middle, v came in Russian not only is it written differently in the two positions but pronounced quite as differently as are v and ff. Also one man wrote to me about Benjaminoff which I find is his rendering of our old Elliott friend Veniaminov.

9. I have three Russian publications on seals which I am getting translated

10. We shall have to settle our spelling generally – especially in geography. For the moment I have adopted English nomenclature but we can finally settle that by ...

11. I think our chief work now will be to devise the Report which we will place before the arbitrators either

a joint Report or partly joint & partly "Second" Report: and then we can arrange a complete Report for Presentation to Parliament. I suppose we should be prepared to go to Washington say by the 20th January, to work with Mendenhall and Merriam.

I'd leave add my most cordial good wishes of the season to you and yours —

I am preparing to leave by steamer of the 6th January —

Yours very truly

George Baden-Powell

Dec 1871 - Jan 1872.

Sir G. Baden-Powell

Sir G. B.-P.

Recd. Jan. 11

20 Dec 91

My dear Sir

My memo: on Japan Kamchatka &c has been upset & still need rewriting by influx of new material – first of all from Japan when our Legation has composed

quite a new memo:
and we today by the
lengthy document from
the Japanese Legation here -
of which I enclose a copy
(confidential) for that
you will see that
ample detail is
provides.

All of that is
satisfactory but
dilatory!

Yours ever
George Baden-Powell

of the American joint Commissioners. Our Commission is now being drawn up —

Yours truly

George Baden-Powell

Rec'd. Jan. 11. 92

30 Dec 91

My dear Dr.

1. Many thanks for another letter — and a valuable table of losses per cent: of seals presumably hit at sea.

2. I was making out a rough note on a similar percentage of seals killed unintentionally as shown by the present system of driving.

3. Our draft Summary I have now in final proof & it runs uncommonly well.

4. But its nothing but excellent basis for any final report and also for any joint Report. The drift of its argument will speedily lead any arbitrator to Lappine and agree that concurrent regulations of Killing action are absolutely essential to preservation of seals.

5. I am just off into the country to show the photos: priestly & Lord Knutsford & tomorrow I come back to see Lord Salisbury again.

6. They are wanting him now for news as to the appointment

C. J. Jones
Dec. 31/91

Recd Dec. 31.

Ottawa
31st Dec. 91.

Dear Dr. Dawson

Hon Chatterton has asked me to send you the accompanying copy of a despatch, with its enclosure, from H. M. Minister at Tokio with regard to the present state of the Japanese Fur Seal Fisheries and the causes of their decline.

Yours truly
C. J. Jones

G. M. Dawson Esq.
Behring Sea Commission.