

It has laid down the law to govern the future of North-west American sealing in the following seven articles :

'Art. 1. The Governments of the United States and Great Britain shall forbid their citizens and subjects respectively to kill, capture, or pursue at any time and in any manner whatever, the animals commonly called fur-seals, within a zone of sixty miles around the Pribiloff Islands, inclusive of the territorial waters.'

The miles mentioned in the preceding paragraph are geographical miles, of sixty to a degree of latitude.

'Art. 2. The two Governments shall forbid their citizens and subjects respectively to kill, capture, or pursue, in any manner whatever, during the season extending, each year, from May 1 to July 31, both inclusive, the fur-seals on the high sea, in the part of the Pacific Ocean, inclusive of the Behring Sea, which is situated to the north of the 35th degree of North latitude, and eastward of the 180th degree of longitude from Greenwich, till it strikes the water boundary described in Art. 1 of the Treaty of 1867 between the United States and Russia, and following that line up to Behring Straits.

'Art. 3. During the period of time and in the waters in which the fur-seal fishing is allowed, only sailing vessels shall be permitted to carry on or take part in fur-seal fishing operations. They will, however, be at liberty to avail themselves of the use of such canoes or undecked boats, propelled by paddles, oars, or sails, as are in common use as fishing-boats.

'Art. 4. Each sailing vessel authorised to fish for fur-seals must be provided with a special license issued for that purpose by its Government, and shall be required to carry a distinguishing flag to be prescribed by its Government.

'Art. 5. The masters of the vessels engaged in fur-seal fishing shall enter accurately in their official log-book the date and place of each fur-seal fishing operation, and also the number and sex of the seals captured upon each day. These entries shall be communicated by each of the two Governments to the other at the end of each fishing season.

'Art. 6. The use of nets, firearms, and explosives shall be forbidden in the fur-seal fishing. This restriction shall not apply to shot-guns when such fishing takes place outside of Behring Sea, during the season when it may be lawfully carried on.

'Art. 7. The two Governments shall take measures to control the fitness of the men authorised to engage in fur-seal fishing ;