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to be a Canadian sea, because the American whalers, Scott and English whalers paid licenses and admitted that we had sovereignty and also amongst Arctic Islands I met American whalers and traders which also paid for their whaling and trading license which gave the right of sovereignty amongst the Arctic Archipelago, and was admitted in the case of Captain Sverdrup of the "Fram" and we remained in full possession as indicated by the latest Canadian Chart.

May I mention that at the departure of the "Arctic" in 1908, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales was present. At his request the time for leaving was fixed at 12 o'clock noon, so that all the war vessels would participate to our departure, and the Arctic passed between each man-of-war and saluted the British flag, as well as other vessels which represented all nationalities, and we were wished, by signals, a "bon-voyage" which filled our hearts with good intentions, and the magnificent band of H.M.S "Indomitable" playing "Auld Lang Syne" reached our ears, and I named on later expeditions on the highest mountain in "Arctic Bay" - King George Mountain - in remembrance of Prince of Wales.

May I mention to you also that I spent the sum of \$21,000.00 of my own money during the time that I gave lectures and proved to the Canadian people that the time had come that we should take possession of our northern heritage which was given to us by the Imperial Government on the 1st September 1880, and it was at the request of Sir Wilfrid Laurier giving me command of the steamer Arctic on the 1st April 1904, during which time I took possession of all the Arctic Archipelago (July 1st, Confederation Day) which remained under our sovereignty to this date.

My work was also approved of by the Royal Geographical Society, which Society presented me with the Black Grant of Sir George Black. I was made a fellow of Royal Colonial Institute, which became the Royal Empire Society. In 1925 I received the long service medal, from the Governor General, at the age of seventy-five, and I am now, since the 1st January 1931, at the age of seventy-nine, still in good health and spirit.

I beg you to consider my demand for recognition from His Majesty the King, who was personally present when I left Quebec, July 28th, 1908, to take possession of our Northern Archipelago, which I did in 1908-09.

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