

Islands, and there is not likely to be in the future, as the seals leaving the islands for food generally go beyond the 60-mile limit."—(53rd Congress, 3rd Session Senate, Executive Document Number 67, page 418.)

31. And the same officer, reporting October 27th, 1894, reported that the "Triumph" took on an average over 100 seals a day.—(53rd Congress, 3rd Session Senate, Executive Document Number 67, page 431.)

32. "Upward of 30,000 seals were captured this year in Behring Sea after the 31st of July, and of these nearly 25,000 were females. A careful estimate made early in September showed that 9,300 pups had already died of starvation on the rookeries, and that about an equal number would later perish in the same miserable manner, half of them being females. About 33,000 were lost, and the reproductive power of the herd has been lowered from 10 to 20 per cent. The success that has attended sealing this year, and the knowledge that has been obtained of methods that can be followed and of grounds that may be resorted to advantageously, will probably double the number of vessels engaged and increase the catch proportionately."—(53rd Congress, 3rd Session Senate, Executive Document Number 67, page 432.)

33. "An inspection of the chart will show where the greater number of seals were seen. If they did not know already, the sealers soon discovered that the locality most favorable to their work was that inclosed between the prohibited zone, the 54th parallel of latitude and lines drawn from the island of St. George through the Akutan and Annukta Passes."—(53rd Congress, 3rd Session Senate, Executive Document Number 67, page 433.)

34. Damages are therefore claimed by reason of the seizure for the successful purpose of preventing the "Favourite" from engaging in a lawful pursuit of hunting for seals in a proper season and in proper waters.

35. The said seizure was illegal and without reasonable cause, and was without any justification whatsoever, and inasmuch as by reason thereof the voyage of the said Schooner was broken up, compensation is claimed for the damage caused thereby, based upon a reasonable estimate of the sums which the owners would have received as the proceeds of the voyage if it had been completed,