

That it is believed to be desirable that this question should be included in the scope of the duties of the International Commission now understood to be in process of organization for the settlement of the fishery disputes existing between Canada and the United States of America, and it is considered most important that the said Commission should hold one or more of its sittings in this city, in order that those more directly acquainted with and interested in the Pacific fisheries may have a better opportunity of being heard and making the Commissioners more thoroughly acquainted with the subject than would otherwise be possible.

The Committee advise approval and that a copy of this Minute be forwarded to the Honorable the Secretary of State for Canada.

Certified.

JNO. ROBSON, *Clerk Executive Council.*

No. 356.

Sir Henry Holland to Lord Lansdowne.

DOWNING STREET, 20th October, 1887.

MY LORD,—I am directed by the Secretary of State to transmit to you for communication to your Ministers the documents specified in the annexed Schedule.

I have, &c.,

H. HOLLAND.

The officer Administering the Government of Canada.

Date.	Description of Document.
4th October.....	Admiralty to Colonial Office. Encloses list of schooners engaged in sealing.

[Enclosure No. 1.]

The Admiralty to the Colonial Office.

ADMIRALTY, 4th October, 1887.

SIR,—I am commanded by the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty to transmit for the information of the Secretary of State for the Colonies, copy of a letter from the Commander in Chief on the Pacific Station, dated 14th September, No. 158, enclosing a list of the schooners that have been sealing, extracted from the *Victoria Colonist* newspaper dated 13th September.

A similar letter has been sent to the Foreign Office.

I am, &c.,

EVAN MACGREGOR.

The Under Secretary of State, Colonial Office.

(Enclosure No. 2.)

Rear Admiral Seymour to the Secretary of the Admiralty—Seizure of Sealing Schooners.

“TRUMP” AT ESQUIMALT, 14th September, 1887.

SIR,—The sealing season being now over, I have the honor to enclose a list of the schooners that have been sealing, cut from the *Victoria Colonist* of yesterday's date. It is not yet known whether the five vessels “to arrive” have been seized or not but they are overdue here.