

DOMINION OF CANADA,
PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA. }

TO WIT:

IN THE MATTER of the Pecuniary Claims Commission
and the Memorial of His Britannic Majesty's Government
in support of the claim in respect of the "Favourite."

I, JOHN J. WHITELEY, Master Mariner, of St. Johns, Newfoundland, at present residing in the City of Victoria, British Columbia, do solemnly declare and say as follows:—

1. I formerly resided in the said City of Victoria, and was engaged in the fur-seal business for eight years, sailing out of said port in the capacity of captain.

2. In the year 1894, I was captain of the British sealing schooner "Labrador," a vessel of 25 tons register, and in the month of July, 1894, left the Port of Victoria, in command of the said schooner, with a crew of five white men and 14 Indians, and equipped with one boat and seven canoes, on a sealing voyage to Behring Sea.

3. I entered Behring Sea on or about the first day of August, 1894, and hunted seals in said sea in the vicinity of Latitude 55 degrees 30 minutes North, Longitude 160 degrees West, until the 19th day of August, 1894, when I met with bad weather and lost all my canoes, after which I was forced to abandon the voyage, which I did by leaving Behring Sea on the following day, that is to say, the 20th day of August, 1894, and arriving back at the Port of Victoria on or about the 10th day of September, 1894. While in the Behring Sea, as aforesaid, we took 179 male fur seals and 381 female seals, making a total catch of 560.

AND I MAKE this solemn declaration conscientiously believing it to be true and knowing that it is of the same force and effect as if made under oath and by virtue of the "Canada Evidence Act."

DECLARED before me at the City
of Victoria, in the Province of
British Columbia, this 28 day of
December, A.D. 1912. }

JOHN J. WHITELEY,

(Sgd) CHARLES E. WILSON.

A Notary Public within and for the Province of British Columbia.

(Notarial Seal)