

27. In proof of the preceding statements of fact, there is set out in the Annexes to this Memorial a copy of a Notarial Declaration which was made by Laughlin McLean, Master of the said Schooner, on the 7th day of November, 1894, and which said Solemn Declaration was forwarded to the Department of Marine and Fisheries at Ottawa, in the Dominion of Canada, on the 3rd day of December, 1894, and was received and filed in the said Department on the 18th day of the same month, and there is also a Solemn Declaration of James Hill Lawson, declared on the 28th day of December, A. D. 1912.

28. In addition to the Statutory Declarations annexed to this Memorial, namely, the Statutory Declaration of John J. Whiteley, Daniel G. MacAulay, Isaac A. Gould, Spratt Balcom and Victor Jacobson, the following references are made:—

On the 30th of August, 1894, the Commander commanding United States Naval Forces in Behring Sea reported regarding the catch of fur seals in Behring Sea since the season opened August 1st, based upon information collected by three of his fleet to the effect that they operated 23 sealers and found 11,202 seals.—(53rd Congress, 3rd Session, Senate Executive Document Number 67, page 371.)

And F. J. Drake, Lieutenant Commander, reporting to Commander Clark, August 27th, 1894, reports the number of seals taken by 11 sealers whose catch he had examined, made an average catch of 18 seals a day, and he states: "Limiting the season's work to the middle of September, which I consider will be excessive, or 45 days from the 1st of August, will make the total catch 37 by 18 by 45 equal to 29,970 seals."—(53rd Congress, 3rd Session, Senate Executive Document Number 67, page 375.)

29. The Secretary of the Naval Department, September 26th, 1894, reports to the Secretary of State of the United States, stating that it appeared that the seals had that year proceeded in large numbers outside of zone of 60 miles around the Pribilof Island in search of food.—(53rd Congress, 3rd Session, Senate Executive Document Number 67, page 405.)

30. The Commander of the United States Navy commanding the United States Naval Forces in Behring Sea, on October 5th, 1894, reported as follows: "There was no disposition on the part of sealers to enter the prohibited zone surrounding the Pribilof