

the laws of Wisconsin, which has lately purchased the properties. Ore taken at random from these mines has assayed into the thousands.

Twenty-four miles from Sitka is Mt. Edgecomb, an extinct volcano. The contour of the mountain plainly shows the old crater, and is an object of great interest to all visitors and tourists. Do not fail to take a look at this mountain of extinct fire and flame.

The fur-bearing animals of Alaska are numerous and among them are to be found the beaver, fox, marten, ermine, otter and wolf. Cinnamon and black bear are found in great numbers in all parts of southeastern Alaska, while further north, near the great river Yukon, the reindeer and the grizzly bear roam undisturbed by man. The islands literally swarm with deer and venison, and fish of various kinds are the main food supply of the Alaskans.

Game fish of many kinds are caught both in the fresh and salt water. At Sitka two distinct species of brook trout are taken in the mountain streams. Salmon trout are caught in the Indian River, and in the salt waters of the harbor. Rock cod, sea-trout, black bass and halibut afford great sport as well as delicious food for those who are piscatorially inclined. The Alaska Commercial Company has a monopoly of the fur seal business, for which they pay to the United States an annual rental of \$55,000, and a royalty of \$2.62½ for each seal killed and are limited to the killing of 100,000 seals annually. The principal points where the fur seal is caught are the Islands of St. George and St. Paul, belonging to the Pribyloff group, some 1,700 miles west of Sitka.

The territorial officers consist of a governor, district judge, district attorney, marshal and surveyor general, collector of customs, and a clerk of the district court, who is also ex-officio secretary and treasurer. The first two mentioned officers receive a salary of \$3,000 each, and the other mentioned officers a salary of \$2,500 each, with certain fees. The mean annual temperature of Sitka is about forty-four degrees, the winter temperature at that place being about the same as that of Washington, D. C. The