

ENCLOSURE IN No. 150

From the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs to His Majesty's Representative at Moscow

No. 222.

FOREIGN OFFICE, SW.1, March 24, 1926.

SIR,—I transmit to you herewith a copy of a despatch from the Governor General of Canada to the Secretary of State for Dominion Affairs regarding the Canadian share of the seals taken on the Russian Seal Islands under the Fur Seals Protection Convention of 1911 concluded between Great Britain, the United States of America, Russia and Japan.

2. I shall be glad if you will make a request of the Soviet Government for information as to the sealing operations carried on on the Russian seal islands since 1920 inclusive.

3. As you are no doubt aware, His Majesty's Government consider that the Convention remains in force as between them and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics. I would add, for your own information, that during the negotiations of 1924 the Soviet representatives specifically mentioned the Convention as one of those which they would wish to see continued in force. It will probably be inadvisable for you to make use of this last fact in communications with the Soviet authorities, since to do so might lead them to infer a weakening in the view of His Majesty's Government as to the continued validity of other treaties.

I am, etc.,

For the Secretary of State:

ROBERT VANSITTART.

Sir ROBERT HODGSON, K.B.E., C.M.G.,
etc., etc., etc.

No. 151.

From the Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs to the Deputy Minister of Finance

OTTAWA, April 6, 1926.

SIR,—I have the honour to enclose herewith, copy of a despatch from His Majesty's Ambassador at Washington to His Excellency, dated 1st April, 1926, No. 159,¹ forwarding cheque for \$237.92, representing fifteen per cent of the net proceeds of the moneys derived from the sale of eighty-two fur sealskins taken on the Pribilof Islands and sold at public auction in June and July, 1925, together with the statement of sale referred to in the said despatch.

I have, etc.,

O. D. SKELTON,

Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs.

The Deputy Minister of Finance,
Ottawa.

¹ No. 149.

No. 152.

From the Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs to the Deputy Minister of Marine and Fisheries

OTTAWA, April 6, 1926.

SIR,—I have the honour to enclose herewith, for your information, copy of a despatch from His Majesty's Ambassador at Washington to His Excellency the Governor General, dated 1st April, 1926, No. 159,¹ enclosing cheque for \$237.92, representing fifteen per cent of the net proceeds