

Vessels composing the Canadian sealing fleet for 1894.

1. Arctic.	21. Geneva.	41. Pioneer.
2. Ainak.	22. Henrietta.	42. Rosie Olsen.
3. Aurora.	23. Kate.	43. Shelby.
4. Annie C. Moore.	24. Kilmeny.	44. San Jose.
5. Agnes McDonald.	25. Katherine.	45. Sapphire.
6. Arietas.	26. C. D. Rand.	46. Sancy Lass.
7. Annie E. Paint.	27. Libbie.	47. Sadie Turpel.
8. Brenda.	28. Labrador.	48. Theresa.
9. Beatrice.	29. Louis Adair.	49. Triumph.
10. Borealis.	30. Minnie.	50. Umbrina.
11. G. G. Cox.	31. May Bell.	51. Viva.
12. Cosco.	32. Maud S.	52. Vera.
13. Charlotte.	33. Mary Taylor.	53. Venture.
14. City of San Diego.	34. Mascot.	54. W. H. Hall.
15. Dora Seward.	35. Mary Ellen.	55. W. P. Sayward.
16. Diana.	36. Mermaid.	56. Wanderer.
17. E. B. Maroin.	37. Otto.	57. Walter L. Rich.
18. Enterprise.	38. Ocean Bell.	58. W. A. Earle.
19. Fawn.	39. Osea and Hattie.	59. Favorite.
20. Florence M. Smith.	40. Penelope.	

Vessels composing the American sealing fleet for 1894.

1. Alton.	18. Henry Dennis.	35. Rosie Sparks.
2. Alexander.	19. Herman.	36. St. Paul.
3. Anaconda.	20. Ada Etta.	37. Sophia Sutherland.
4. Anna Matilda.	21. Jane Grey.	38. San Diego.
5. Allie I. Alger.	22. Kate and Ann.	39. Stella Erland.
6. Bonanza.	23. Louis D.	40. Teresa.
7. Bowhead.	24. Louis Olsen.	41. Volunteer.
8. G. G. White.	25. Lillie L.	42. Willard Ainsworth.
9. Emma and Louisa.	26. Josephine.	43. Winchester.
10. Emma.	27. Mary H. Thomas.	44. Amature.
11. Eppinger.	28. Mascot.	45. Columbia.
12. Edward E. Webster.	29. Mattie T. Dyer.	46. C. C. Perkins.
13. Ella Johnson.	30. Mathew Turner.	47. Deeahks.
14. Ethel.	31. Penelope.	48. Dart.
15. Geo. Peabody.	32. Prescott.	49. Felitz.
16. Geo. R. White.	33. Retriever.	50. James G. Swan.
17. H. C. Wahlberg.	34. Rattler.	51. Paritan.

MANAGEMENT OF ROOKERIES—DECREASE OF SEALS.

SEAL ISLANDS, ALASKA, *July 16, 1889.*

GENTLEMEN: I regret to report that the season's seal catch is progressing very unfavorably, and that the condition of the breeding rookeries, already past the date of fullest occupation for the year, indicates a large falling off in productiveness—much greater, in fact, than I have heretofore reported.

During the period from 1873 to 1883, as my reports from year to year will show, we experienced no difficulty in obtaining the full catch of seals early in the season, and the skins were all of the best marketable size and quality, for we had at that time a large surplus of killable animals from which to make our selection. It was customary during that period to secure in the month of June nearly one-half of our catch, all of the prime and best, and at the same time turn back to the rookeries for breeding animals, or as being undesirable for market, a very large percentage, averaging for the ten years in question perhaps 30 per cent of the whole number driven. In July in each of those years the percentage of rejected animals was still larger, amounting from 50 to 80 per cent of the number driven; but of those a large major-