

(which if carefully protected would produce an almost unlimited supply for home consumption as well as for foreign trade, both in salted and canned varieties), the time must soon come when the island populations will be reduced to positive suffering for want of food. There should be immediate legislation for the protection of those distant people who may some day become a very important class of citizens, for to them must be in considerable part intrusted the development of the great future industries of the territory ; because they are native to the climate and they thoroughly understand the location and habits of the furbearing wild animals and of the numerous kinds of superior food fishes. We can not resist the antagonism which will in the future naturally arise against the decision of that Arbitration.

Had England purchased Alaska from Russia her usual shrewdness of diplomacy is an evidence that she would never have submitted so plausible a right to any arbitration whatever. She would have sent war ships to guard the pass, between Attoo and Copper islands ; she would have demanded Russia's co-operation in protecting their co-equal interests ; she would have defied