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In the matter of the *Favourite*, damages were awarded against the United States Government for three thousand one hundred and eighty-eight dollars (\$3,188), together with interest on two thousand six hundred and eighty-eight dollars (\$2,688) at four per cent (4%) from September 6, 1895 to April 26, 1912.

In the case of the *Wanderer*, similar damages for one thousand six hundred and three dollars and five cents (\$1,603.05), with interest on six hundred and three dollars and five cents (\$603.05) at four per cent (4%) from September 6, 1895 to April 26, 1912.

The claims of the United States in the cases of the *Argonaut* and *Colonel Jonas H. French* were dismissed.

The United States claim in respect of the *David J. Adams* was also disallowed, although compensation to the owner of the vessel as an act of grace was recommended.

In the cases of the sealing schooners *Jessie*, *Thomas F. Bayard*, and *Pescawha*, damages against the United States Government were awarded at one thousand five hundred and forty-four dollars (\$1,544) for the first named; one thousand seven hundred and fifty dollars (\$1,750) for the *Thomas F. Bayard*; and one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500) for the *Pescawha*.

In the case of the *Kate*, the damages against the United States were fixed at one thousand and eight dollars and five cents (\$1,008.05), with interest at four per cent (4%) on five hundred and eight dollars and five cents (\$508.05) from February 15, 1897 to April 26, 1912.

QUADRIPARTITE FUR SEAL TREATY OF JULY 7, 1911

The share derived by Canada under the provisions of this treaty from the sales in 1921 of skins taken on the United States rookeries amounted to \$90,805.86, being 15 per cent of the value of some 31,000 skins sold. From the Japanese Government in June, 1922, the sum of \$1,333.56 was received as proceeds of Canada's share of seal skins taken on Robben island in 1918-19-20. From the Russian authorities 12 skins were received as portion of Canada's share of skins taken in 1920 on the Commander islands. These authorities, however, contend that as the number of the Russian herd has fallen below 18,000 they are dispensed from delivering to Canada any share of skins taken. This view is not accepted by Canada.

There has been a slight falling-off during the past year in the business of the Passport Office, although it still continues in very considerable volume, something like 22,000 passports having been issued, the revenue received amounting to some \$50,000.

I am happy to express my satisfaction with the manner in which the members of the staff have discharged their various duties.

I have the honour to be, sir,

Your obedient servant,

JOSEPH POPE,
Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs.

OTTAWA, October 31, 1922.