

for protective zones around the Russian seal islands and along the Russian coasts, in the North Pacific Ocean and Okhotsk Sea, the appended letter from the Collector of Customs at Victoria, explaining the method adopted by him to effect the warning, and inclosing letters from Her Majesty's Consuls at Yokohama and Hakodate (also appended) acknowledging the receipts of notices to the sealers, and promising delivery thereof to the masters of vessels calling at their port as occasion offered.

The Committee, on the recommendation of the Minister of Marine and Fisheries, advise that your Excellency be moved to forward a certified copy of this Minute, if approved, together with its appendices, to the Right Honourable the Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies.

All which is respectfully submitted for your Excellency's approval.

(Signed)

JOHN J. MCGEE,

Clerk of the Privy Council.

Sir,

Customs, Victoria, Canada, April 26, 1894.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, dated the 12th instant, referring to the telegram of the Honourable the Minister of Marine and Fisheries, dated the 7th January last, informing me that Her Majesty's Government had agreed with the Russian Government for a renewal of the Provisional Agreement of 1893, to which I replied to the Honourable the Minister of Marine and Fisheries that his telegram was promulgated in every possible way.

I beg to state that, in addition to the notification given to all the masters of sealing-vessels at that time in port, as well as to all the resident owners, copies in sealed envelopes were sent to the British Consuls at Yokohama and Hakodate, Japan, the two ports frequented by sealing-vessels while in Japanese waters. The letters acknowledging the receipt of those notices are herewith inclosed, for your information.

I do not think that any further steps are necessary for the promulgation of the same, as you can assure the Minister that all the sealing fleet which sailed from this port fully and perfectly understood the terms of the renewal of the Agreement providing protective zones around the Russian seal islands and along the Russian coast.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

A. R. MILNE, *Collector.*

Wm. Smith, Esq.,

Deputy Minister of Marine and Fisheries,
Ottawa.

Sir,

British Consulate, Yokohama, February 6, 1894.

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 17th ultimo, transmitting thirty-four notices to Canadian sealing-vessels concerning the re-establishment of the Agreement of last year between the British and Russian Governments respecting the protection of seals within certain prohibited zones around the Russian coasts.

I shall cause these copies to be delivered to the masters of the schooners named as they arrive in this port.

I am, &c.

(Signed)

JAMES TROUP, *Consul.*

A. R. Milne, Esq.,

Collector of Customs,
Victoria, British Columbia.

Sir,

British Consulate, Hakodate, February 12, 1894.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt, through Her Majesty's Consul at Yokohama, of your letter of the 17th ultimo, with its thirty-four envelopes to be delivered to the Canadian sealing-schooners that may arrive here.

It will give me much pleasure to carry out your wishes in respect to this matter.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

J. C. HALL, *Consul.*

A. R. Milne, Esq.,

Collector of Customs,
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My Lord,

WITH a request made with certain details I have the honour to inform the Kapnist whether come to any decision.

His Excellency answer to the effect that the latter

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My Lord,

IN an interview with your Excellency this morning, I addressed to you a copy of the application of the Canadian Government, in evidence in connection with the case of Mr. Howard, in his Excellency's Marine. I have the honour to inform you that the Government, in addition to the Canadian Government, has already given to the application. I express my reply in this