

knowledge and recollection of the experience which other owners of vessels have had in asserting their legal rights in similar circumstances in the past, considered it would not be advisable to jeopardise my vessel and run the risk of losing my entire season's hunting by remaining and asserting my absolute right to be where I then was.

5. I say then that the only reason why the Revenue Cutter Bear's officers did not board my vessel was because they failed to see me before I left.

6. My Indian hunters reported varying numbers of otter in sight at the time, but for the reasons hereinbefore stated, I deemed it not advisable to continue hunting for them.

And I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing it to be true and knowing that it is of the same force and effect as if made under oath and by virtue of the Canada Evidence Act.

Declared before me at the City of
Victoria, British Columbia, this
28th day of February, 1914. }

VICTOR JACKOBSON.

OSCAR C. BASS,
A Commissioner for taking affidavits
within British Columbia.