

DOMINION OF CANADA, }
PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA. }

TO-WIT:

IN THE MATTER of the Pecuniary Claims Commission
and the Memorial of His Britannic Majesty's Government
in Support of the Claim in Respect of the "Favourite."

I, SPROTT BALCOM, master mariner, of the City of Victoria,
in the Province of British Columbia, do solemnly declare and say
as follows:—

1. In the year 1894 I was captain of the British sealing
schooner "Walter L. Rich," a vessel of 76 tons register, and on or
about the 15th day of March, 1894, I cleared from the Port of Vic-
toria, British Columbia, in command of the said schooner, bound for
the Pacific Coast and Behring Sea, on a fur seal hunting expedi-
tion, with a crew of 9 white men and 25 Indians, and equipped with
two boats and thirteen canoes.

2. We hunted seals along the Pacific Coast until the latter part
of April, 1894, when I took the vessel to Sand Point, Alaska, to
await the opening of the sealing season in Behring Sea.

3. I entered Behring Sea towards the end of the month of
July, 1894, and started sealing on the first day of August, in the
vicinity of Latitude 55° North and Longitude 170° West, where I
continued to hunt during the months of August and September,
returning to the said Port of Victoria in the month of October,
1894. While in the Behring Sea, as aforesaid, we took 1000 male
fur seal skins and 749 female fur seal skins, making a total catch
of 1749 skins.

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, in the Province of
British Columbia, this 22nd day of
January, 1913. }

SPROTT BALCOM.

(Sgd.) CHARLES E. WILSON,

A Notary Public within and for the Province of British Columbia.

(Notarial Seal)