

for, the entire amount so paid, with interest at the rate of four (4) per cent per annum.

If, however, the total number of seals frequenting the Pribilof Islands in any year falls below one hundred thousand (100,000), enumerated by official count, then all killing, excepting the inconsiderable supply necessary for the support of the natives, as above noted, may be suspended without allowance of skins or payment of money equivalent until the number of such seals again exceeds one hundred thousand (100,000), enumerated in like manner.

#### ARTICLE 4.

The term "pelagic sealing," as used herein, is defined to be the killing, capturing, or pursuing in any manner whatsoever of fur seals at sea, outside territorial waters.

#### ARTICLE 5.

The High Contracting Parties agree that they will each maintain a guard or patrol in the waters of the North Pacific Ocean and Behring Sea so far as may be necessary for the enforcement of the aforesaid prohibitions.

#### ARTICLE 6.

The foregoing Articles shall go into effect as soon as, but not before, an international agreement is concluded and ratified by the Governments of Great Britain, the United States, Japan, and Russia, by which each of those Powers shall undertake, by such stipulations as may be mutually acceptable, to prohibit for a period of not less than fifteen years, its own subjects or citizens and all persons subject to its laws and treaties, from engaging in pelagic sealing in waters including the area defined in Article 1, and effectively to enforce such prohibition.

The foregoing Articles of this Treaty shall continue in force during the period of fifteen (15) years from the day on which they go into effect and thereafter until terminated by twelve (12) months written notice given by either Great Britain or the United States to the other, which notice may be given at the expiration of fourteen years or at any time afterwards.