

ANNEX No. 14.

CANADA:
PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA,
VICTORIA.

In the matter of the illegal interference with and prevention of the British Schooners Jessie, Thomas F. Bayard and Pescawha by the United States Revenue Cutter Bear from pursuing her lawful occupation on the high seas.

I, F. W. Adams, of the City of Victoria, in the Province of British Columbia, merchant, do solemnly declare:

1. That I am the Treasurer of the Victoria Sealing Company, Limited, a body corporate according to the laws of the Province of British Columbia.

2. That the said Company has at present a claim pending before the Commissioner appointed to hear and take evidence upon the claims of the pelagic sealers for compensation on account of the stoppage of pelagic sealing in the North Pacific Ocean and Behring Sea.

3. That as such Treasurer, and in support of the claim of the said Company before said Commissioner, I caused to be procured from the official records in Tokio, Japan, the statistics or particulars set forth in the table hereto annexed and marked "A."

4. That I believe the said statistics or particulars to be true and accurate, but I am now engaged in correspondence with the Commissioner having an official certificate verifying the said statistics.

5. That I know, from information obtained by me in my capacity as Treasurer of the said Company, that when the Japanese sealers ascertained that British and American vessels were interfered with in hunting, the said Japanese sealers patrolled and hunted the sealing grounds unhampered by any rules, regulations or prohibitions.

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
25th day of February, 1914.

F. W. ADAMS.

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