

herd, or to increase its number; but it is agreed, nevertheless, on the part of Russia that during the last ten years of the term of this Convention not less than five per cent (5 per cent) of the total number of seals on the Russian rookeries and hauling grounds will be killed annually, provided that said five per cent (5 per cent) does not exceed eighty-five per cent (85 per cent) of the three-year-old male seals hauling in such year.

If, however, the total number of seals frequenting the Russian islands in any year falls below eighteen thousand (18,000) enumerated by official count, then the allowance of skins mentioned above and all killing of seals except such as may be necessary for the support of the natives on the islands may be suspended until the number of such seals again exceeds eighteen thousand (18,000) enumerated in like manner.

ARTICLE 13.

It is agreed on the part of Japan that of the total number of sealskins taken annually upon Robben Island, or any other islands or shores of the waters defined in Article 1 subject to the jurisdiction of Japan to which any seal herds hereafter resort, there shall be delivered at Robben Island at the end of each season ten per cent (10 per cent) gross in number and value thereof to an authorised agent of the United States Government, ten per cent (10 per cent) gross in number and value thereof to an authorised agent of the Canadian Government, and ten per cent (10 per cent) gross in number and value thereof to an authorised agent of the Russian Government; provided, however, that nothing herein contained shall restrict the right of Japan at any time and from time to time during the first five years of the term of this Convention to suspend altogether the taking of sealskins on such islands or shores subject to its jurisdiction, and to impose during the term of this Convention such restrictions and regulations upon the total number of skins to be taken in any season, and the manner and times and places of taking them as may seem necessary to preserve and protect the Japanese herd, or to increase its number; but it is agreed, nevertheless, on the part of Japan that during the last ten years of the term of this Convention not less than five per cent (5 per cent) of the total number of seals on the Japanese rookeries and hauling grounds will be killed annually, provided that said five per cent (5 per cent) does not exceed eighty-five per cent