

This makes the total catch as far as could be gleaned yesterday, 19,046 skins by British vessels and 2,539 skins disposed of by American schooners.

The catch off the west coast by the Indians and sold to storekeepers was 500.

The total number of skins brought into port for this season will represent in dollars at \$6.50 per skin the handsome sum of \$140,302.50.

*Sir H. Holland to Lord Lansdowne.*

DOWNING STREET, 4th November, 1887.

MY LORD,—I have the honor to transmit to you for the information of your Ministers, with reference to your despatch, No. 372, of the 26th of September, the accompanying copy of a correspondence between this department and the No. 22. Foreign Office, 12th and 20th October, 1887, respecting the seizures of British vessels in Behring's Sea.

Her Majesty's Minister at Washington has now been instructed to give to the Enclosure No. 2. Secretary of State of the United States a copy of Mr. Foster's report of No. 22. of the 15th of September on which subject telegraphic communications have passed between myself and Your Lordship.

I have, &c.,

H. T. HOLLAND.

Governor General the Most Honorable the Marquis of Lansdowne, &c., &c., &c.

[Enclosure No. 1.]

*The Colonial Office to the Foreign Office.*

DOWNING STREET, 17th October, 1887.

SIR,—I am directed by Secretary, Sir H. Holland, to transmit to you to be laid before the Marquis of Salisbury, copy of a despatch from the Governor No. 22. General of Canada, dated 26th September, with its enclosures, respecting the seizures in Behring Sea of the British schooner "Alfred Adams."

These papers appear to Sir H. Holland to point to a serious state of things, which seem to make it necessary that some decided action in the matter should be taken by Her Majesty's Government. And he would suggest for the consideration of Lord Salisbury, whether it would not be desirable to instruct Sir L. West unless he has already done so, formally to protest against the right assumed by the United States of seizing vessels for catching seals beyond the territorial waters of Alaska.

I am to add that Sir H. Holland makes this suggestion as Mr. Bayard is reported in the newspapers to have stated that no protest against their right to seize, had been made, and to have assumed therefore that Her Majesty's Government did not really dispute it.

I am, &c.,

JOHN BRAMSTON.

The Under Secretary of State, Foreign Office.

[Enclosure No. 2.]

*The Foreign Office to the Colonial Office.*

FOREIGN OFFICE, 20th October, 1887.

SIR,—I am directed by the Marquis of Salisbury to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 17th instant, enclosing copies of a correspondence received from the Governor General of Canada, relative to the seizures made by the authorities of the United States of certain British vessels when engaged in seal fishing in Behring Sea.

With reference to the latest case reported, that of the Canadian schooner "Alfred Adams," I am to request that you will inform Sir H. Holland that a telegram has been sent to Her Majesty's Minister at Washington, directing him to make a protest to the United States Government against the seizure of that vessel and the con-