

these men shall have been proved fit to handle with sufficient skill the weapons by means of which this fishing may be carried on.

Art. 8. The regulations contained in the preceding articles shall not apply to Indians dwelling on the coasts of the territory of the United States or of Great Britain, and carrying on fur-seal fishing in canoes or undecked boats, not transported by, or used in connection with, other vessels, and propelled wholly by paddles, oars, or sails, and manned by not more than five persons each, in the way hitherto practised by the Indians, provided such Indians are not in the employment of other persons, and provided that, when so hunting in canoes or undecked boats, they shall not hunt fur-seals outside of territorial waters under contract for the delivery of the skins to any person. This exemption shall not be construed to affect the municipal law of either country, nor shall it extend to the waters of Behring Sea or the waters of the Aleutian passes. Nothing herein contained is intended to interfere with the employment of Indians, as hunters or otherwise, in connection with fur-sealing vessels as heretofore.

Art. 9. The concurrent regulations, hereby determined with a view to the protection and preservation of the fur-seals, shall remain in force until they have been, in whole or in part, abolished or modified by common agreement between the Governments of the United States and of Great Britain.'

The said concurrent regulations shall be submitted every five years to a new examination, so as to enable both interested Governments to consider whether, in the light of past experience, there is occasion for any modification thereof.

Thus the United States are given a zone of sixty miles' jurisdiction round the Pribiloff Islands, of which the lessees of the islands will have the exclusive benefit. To this we have no objection. It is only right that they should be protected from raiding on the islands or in their immediate neighborhood.

As regards the close time, the arbitrators appear to have divided the season when the seals are to be found on the high seas. They have left August, one of the best months, open to the pelagic sealers, but they have far from adopted the British proposals.

Steam-vessels are excluded from sealing operations, and inside Behring Sea even ordinary guns are forbidden.

It is significant that these regulations were only carried by