

It may be added here that a payment of \$2,620.36 was received from Japan in August, 1917, being the amount realized on the sale of Canada's share under the Treaty of 1911 of the seal skins taken on the Japanese Islands during the years 1912, 1913, and 1914. In view, however, of the small number to which the herd has been reduced, Japan has decided to cease killing on her island for the present. Canada's share of Russia's take on her rookeries for the season of 1917, amounting to one hundred and twenty-one skins, was duly forwarded to the Chief Inspector of Fisheries at New Westminster.

TREATY OF COMMERCE AND NAVIGATION WITH PORTUGAL, 1914.

The Portuguese Government having declined to accept the view in which Canada's adhesion was given to this Treaty, namely, that article 6 was applicable only to the United Kingdom and not to His Majesty's dominions generally, Canada's adhesion to the Treaty was withdrawn.

ANGLO-RUSSIAN TREATY, 1859.

By a note dated the 24th October, 1917, the Russian Government gave notice denouncing the Treaty of Commerce and Navigation between Great Britain and Russia of January, 1859, which accordingly will terminate on the 24th October, 1918.

I desire to express my appreciation of the zeal and efficient manner in which the various members of the staff have discharged their respective duties.

I have the honour to be, sir,

Your obedient servant,

JOSEPH POPE,

Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs.

OTTAWA, June 30, 1918.