

FUR SEALS

Exchange of notes at Washington December 8 and 19, 1942, with text of agreement

Entered into force May 30, 1944; operative from June 1, 1942

Article X amended by agreement of December 26, 1947¹

Terminated October 14, 1957, by convention of February 9, 1957²

58 Stat. 1379; Executive Agreement Series 415

The Secretary of State to the Canadian Minister

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

WASHINGTON

December 8, 1942

SIR:

I have the honor to refer to the conversation on August 12, 1942 between Mr. Merchant M. Mahoney, Counselor of the Canadian Legation, and an officer of the Department when Mr. Mahoney left an informal memorandum dated August 10, 1942 in which it is stated that the terms of the Department's note dated May 7, 1942 and the proposed provisional fur seal agreement between the United States and Canada contained therein are generally acceptable to the Canadian authorities but that the Canadian Department of Fisheries desires an interpretation of certain specific points.

The first of the points on which an interpretation is desired relates to the basis for the suggestion made by this Government that the Canadian share of the fur sealskins taken annually on the Pribilof Islands be increased to 20 percent by adding to the 15 percent heretofore received by Canada under the fur seal convention concluded on July 7, 1911³ between the United States, Great Britain, Japan, and Russia, a part of the share formerly received by Japan under that convention. With regard to this I am pleased to say that, in accordance with conversations between representatives of our two Governments, this Government's proposal that the Canadian share of the fur sealskins be increased to 20 percent is in recognition of the principles underlying the fur seal convention of July 7, 1911, and the cooperation of the Canadian Government in scientific arrangements for the conservation of the fur seal

¹ TIAS 1686, *post*, p. 457.

² 8 UST 2283; TIAS 3948.

³ TS 564, *ante*, vol. 1, p. 804.