

C.S.

SEALING.

(Protection & Farming of Fur Seal.)

1921.

NAT/SEA/1 # 29

No. 919/21.

Governor.

SUBJECT.

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26th Sept:

Previous Paper.

Number of Seals which may be taken from rookeries: Jason Is: Bird Is: Beauchone Is: & Volunteer Rocks 1921/22.

913/21.

MINUTES.

Copied from Governor's minute of the 26th September 1921 Encl. (1) C. S. 913/21.

Para 2. Mr. Hamilton should also prepare an estimate of the number of seals which may be taken in course of next 12 months from the various rookeries i.e. Jason, Bird, & Beauchene Islands and Volunteer Rocks.

(intd) J. M.
26 September, 1921.

Mr. Hamilton

Replied

Attttt 20/9/21

Hon. Col. Sec.

I greatly regret that my information as to the various rookeries does not justify any very definite statement; but I consider that there is a considerable probability of being able to take 200 skins in all.

I have no information of us to the condition of the Elephant Jason Rookery since last year's raid. I estimated there were probably 5000 animals there in December 1919.

10th Oct. 1921

*W. Hamilton
Govt. Naturalist*

Subsequent Paper.

Yr. Submitted

11/1/21.

I hope it will be possible to take more than
Mr Hamilton's estimate without incurring to the land
over a man through inspection of the rocks
than his estimate then possible is necessary.

Yr.

11 Oct 1891.

I have spoken to Mr Hamilton & have discussed
his estimate: the lack of information as to condition of
land makes it difficult to estimate the amount of
money which can be taken by emigration, or inspection,
may find out such that in the interests of the
protection of the land it may only be possible to take
a very few marks.

The following may be taken as a revised estimate

Stephan's Pass 200.

Bird Island 100.

Branches Stone & Volcanic Rocks 100

400.

2. at an average of £4 a skin a sum of
£1600 should be received & this amount can
be verified in estimates of revenue.

3. The estimate is dependent on Drifts arriving
not later than early part of December.

Yr.

12 Oct 1891.

Yr.
11/3/21