

secure any valid possessory right to the same under the laws of the United States.

They now lie fallow and unimproved, because there is no provision of law by which they may be leased by the Secretary of the Interior under whose jurisdiction they are, and many applications have been made for leasing of the same for the purpose of raising foxes and for stock-raising purposes, but for lack of authority in the Department of the Interior such applications have been invariably refused by the Departmental authorities.

WHEREFORE, your petitioners urge that the Congress of the United States authorize the Secretary of the Interior to lease such of these islands as may be adapted for the purposes aforesaid under such terms or conditions as may seem right and just, and that the revenue therefrom be covered into the permanent school fund of the Territory of Alaska.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Secretary of the Interior, our Delegate to Congress, the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the Vice-President of the United States.

Passed by the Senate, April 15, 1921.

Passed by the House, May 2, 1921.

SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 5.

TO THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
THE UNITED STATES:

We, your memorialists, the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Alaska, respectfully represent:

WHEREAS, that portion of the Territory of Alaska lying north of the Endicott Mountains and extending along the northern or Arctic slope of the Territory is reliably reported to contain vast beds of high grade coal and many seepages evidencing large fields of crude oil similar in character and extent to, but of greater accessibility to market than those recently discovered in Canadian Northwest Territory, and

WHEREAS, it is of great importance to the industrial welfare of the United States, that a reconnaissance or survey of these potential fields be made by competent geological experts, with a view to the future development thereof and conservation of National interests therein, and

WHEREAS, because of the insufficiency of appropriations, heretofore made, the Bureau of the United States Geological Survey of Alaska has been unable to make a reconnaissance or survey of the aforementioned portions of Alaska;

NOW, THEREFORE, we, your memorialists, earnestly pray that your honorable body appropriate sufficient funds for the reconnaissance or survey of the region aforesaid by the Bureau of the United States Geological Survey for Alaska with a view of determining the extent of its coal, oil and other mineral resources.

Adopted by the Senate, April 2, 1921.

Concurred in by the House, April 9, 1921.

SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 6.

TO THE POSTMASTER GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES:

Your memorialists, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, in fifth regular session assembled, respectfully represent that

WHEREAS, Yakutat is a village situated on the south shore of Yakutat Bay, about two hundred and fifty miles northwest from Juneau, Alaska, and in January, 1920, had a population of two hundred and four inhabitants, of whom twenty per cent were of white and mixed races; and in the summer season the population has been increased by about one hundred and fifty individuals, who have been brought in from Seattle to work in and about the salmon cannery located therein; and

Whereas, up to 1918, mail was delivered monthly at Yakutat, under contract between the Post Office Department and the Pacific Steamship Company, but at the present time there is no regular mail service; and during the year 1920 there was no mail delivered at Yakutat between September 8 and December 25, nor was any mail delivered between December 25, 1920, and March 20, 1921; and the probability is that Yakutat will be without mail for approximately six months during the summer, and that no mail will be delivered next winter; and

WHEREAS, reliable mail service has become so much of a necessity that it is likely that Yakutat will become an unfit place for settlement by civilized people, unless the Government takes steps to provide a regular monthly mail service, as in former years;