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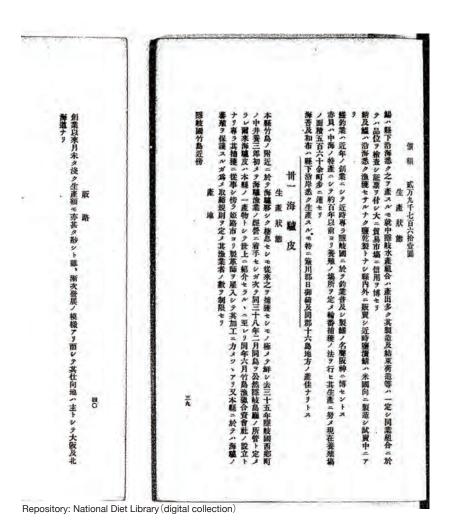
(3)-ii. Administrative publications

Shimane Prefectural publication that mentions Takeshima as the place of production for sea lion hides

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Overview

This material introduces the commerce and industry of Shimane Prefecture and it mentions Takeshima under "Place of Production" for "Sea Lion Hides" in the section on "Marine Products." Also, under "Production State," there is an explanation about "the Takeshima Fishing and Hunting Limited Partnership Company," the company established by Yozaburo NAKAI. This material also describes that Shimane Prefecture had controlled the fishing and hunting around Takeshima as follows: "This prefecture established rules in order to protect sea lion breeding, and the number of fishermen who are allowed to hunt sea lions is controlled by the rules of this prefecture."

Excerpt [English translation]

Sea lion hides

Production State: There are so many sea lions living around Takeshima in this prefecture, but only a small number of them have been caught. Yozaburo NAKAI of Saigo-cho, Oki District, began his sea lion hunting in 1902. Since Takeshima officially came under the jurisdiction of the Oki Islands Branch Office in February, 1905, sea lion hides are being introduced to the public as a product of this prefecture. In June of the same year (1905), the Takeshima Fishing and Hunting Limited Partnership Company was established. While the major role of this company is hunting sea lions, it also employed a tanner from Himeji City for processing the caught sea lions. This prefecture established rules in order to protect sea lion breeding, and the number of fishermen who are allowed to hunt sea lions is controlled by the rules of this prefecture. Place of Production: Surrounding Areas of Takeshima, Oki District Market: Not much time has passed since the company's establishment, and the amount of

production is still low, but it appears that the business is growing. The main markets for the products are Osaka and Hokkaido.