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INDUSTRIES (Agriculture) (Miscellaneous) LIVE STOCK (Miscellaneous) MISCELLANEOUS (Colonial Development) (General)
No. 7/45.

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19 45

9th January

COLONIAL DEVELOPMENT & WELFARE ACT.

Assistance to Farmers.

Previous Paper.

121/42; 182/43; 135/43; C/7/40.

MINUTES.

1. Excerpt from Minute by His Excellency the Governor of 3. 1. 45.

2. Minute to Director of Agriculture of 11. 1. 45.

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Pl. return to D. of A. for his remarks of any - v. b.u. 1. 11. 45. A reminder marked "urgent" might suffice.

1/9/45.

[Signature] 1/21/45

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Revd. copy of (2) sent D. of A. on 2. 11. 45

5. Minute from D. of Agriculture of 6. 11. 45.

Y.B. (6)

(5) submitted, pl.

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8. 11. 45

Pl. keep attached to the Welfare Family of M/B.

[Signature] 13/11/45

Subsequent Paper.

Excerpt from letter from Mr. ... 8.9.6. 8.12.46.

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⑧ In my report to the ...
" ..."
kindly ...

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Obs

(10)

You - I am not prepared to release the managements

of their obligations.

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M.C.

Excerpt from "Notes on Govt. Service meeting of 16/12/46

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PA Obs
11/12/46



EXCERPT OF MINUTE BY HIS EXCELLENCY OF 3. 1. 45. Orig. in 3/45
and copy in 121/42.

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Can we assist financially the smaller farmers with amenity
construction? The stock dept. of the Agric. Dept. might vet ?

NO. 7/45.

MINUTE.

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(It is requested that, in any reference to this minute the above Number and the date may be quoted.)

11th January, 1945.

To The Director of Agriculture,

STANLEY.

From

The Colonial Secretary.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

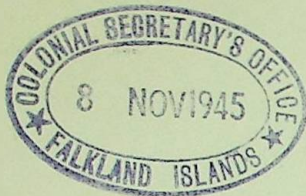
C O N F I D E N T I A L .

His Excellency wishes you to consider whether and if so to what extent it might be desirable to seek assistance in the Colonial Development and Welfare Act for farmers with insufficient capital who wish to increase the amenities and improve the living conditions for labour on their farms. This might be a suitable question for discussion with the Livestock Committee suggested in my minute of today's date.

K. G. BRADLEY

Colonial Secretary.

(It is requested that, in any reference to this minute the above Number and the date may be quoted.)



MINUTE.

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6th. November, 19 45.

To The Secretariat,

Stanley,

Falkland Islands.

From The Director of Agriculture,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

Confidential.

With reference to your minute on MP 7 of 45 of the 11th. January, concerning the desirability of seeking assistance under the Colonial Development and Welfare Act for the improvement of living conditions for labour on camp stations.

Labour is an essential part of the sheep farming industry and must be housed on the properties where it is required. The obligation to provide suitable quarters rests with the employer, though it is advisable that the Government should define "suitable". During the war years the sheep farming industry has been relatively prosperous and if companies have been looking to the future there should be little need to subsidize the improvement of living quarters. In any case, any form of subsidy would, at the present time, be merely putting money into the hands of owners. I feel very strongly that the provision of suitable living quarters on the stations should be a first charge against the industry. If for some reason the owners cannot provide the ready money, assistance should, to my mind be given in the form of a loan rather than as a subsidy. It is not as if we had a slum area, housing casual or unemployed labour dependent on a precarious industry on our hands, but we have an apparently prosperous industry supporting absentee landlords and shareholders and capable of improving conditions (with perhaps a temporary reduction in the profits), if it so desired.

To my mind any funds sought under the Colonial Development and Welfare Act should be used in the first instance for projects which might eventually after a shorter or a longer period bring about either a definitely increased revenue to the Colonial Government or an appreciable increase in the taxable wealth of the Colony. By applying funds to projects of this nature, revenue would accrue in the Colonial Treasury which could be used for further development within the Colony.

Though it does not come under the terms of your minute of the 11th. January, may I be permitted to suggest, as a basis for discussion that the following might be the order and extent to which funds from the Colonial Development and Welfare Act are applied within this Colony. The principle involved is that most important aspects should be implemented first and as the essential parts of these are completed some of the funds are diverted from them on a previously arranged plan to other projects.

Camp Roothing.

+ Initial allocation 50% of grant diminishing after say 4 years by 10% per annum to say 15%.

Education.

Initial allocation say 25% diminishing after buildings and equipment have been acquired to say 15% or 20% of the grant.

Research and experiments on land improvement.

Initial allocation say 10% increasing after say 3 or 4 years by 10% per annum to a maximum of say 50% of the grant. Scheme to include establishment of small holdings and development of potato and dairy industries.

Social Amenities, including the development of Electric Power, Bus Services, Air Service, Isolation Hospital and Home Industries.

Say 10% of the grant.

Establishment of Agricultural Credit Bank.

Say 5% of the grant until the Bank becomes self supporting, (or 15% for the first year and 5% thereafter, the additional 10% coming in equal amounts from the first years allocation from Roading and Education.

+ It is possible ~~that~~ because of the need to purchase special equipment for ~~first camp~~ roading, that the allocation of 50% of the grant could not be efficiently used during the first year. Rather than waste it on employment of uneconomic manual labour merely because of the allocation it would be better to reallocate the grant for the first year and increase say the initial installment for the credit bank.

One must remember that before any scheme of development can better the conditions of a majority of people within the Colony it is necessary that the standard of education be raised considerably so that those who have the ability, can take advantage of opportunities that may arise; and secondly the spirit to fend for ones self should be engendered. This latter seems conspicuously absent in many of the younger generation as is evidenced by the numbers who apply for work in the Government while, with slightly more exertion, they would get a better paid job in the camp.



Director of Agriculture.

EXCERPT FROM LETTER FROM MANAGING DIRECTOR, F. IS. CO., LTD
OF 2. 12. 46 (original filed in 3/45 "Proposals by General
Manager, F. Is. Co., Ltd.")

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COLONIAL DEVELOPMENT FUND GRANT

The F. I. S. A. will put forward their views in due course.

7/45.

ASSISTANCE TO FARMERS FROM COLONIAL DEVELOPMENT AND WELFARE FUNDS.

(11)

Excerpt from notes on a meeting held at Govt. House on 16.12.46.

His Excellency said that he could not contemplate diversion of Colonial Development and Welfare funds for housing in the Camp which appeared to him to be an obligation resting on the management.