

Confidential

C.S.O.

AGR/LIG/2#10

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(Formerly)

SUBJECT:

INCREASE IN PRICE OF MUTTON AND BEEF.

s Quota System for supply
of Sheep.

CONNECTED FILES.

NUMBER AND YEAR.

2276

Meat. Butchery Inspection

TOWN COUNCIL OFFICE

Town Hall,
Stanley.

17th July. 1951.

The Honourable,
The Colonial Secretary,
Stanley.

Sir,

I am directed to inform you that at a meeting held yesterday the Town Council discussed at length the recently announced increase of 100% in the prices of mutton and beef.

The meeting agreed unanimously that the matter was serious and warranted immediate action by Government for the following reasons:-

- i. there is no evidence of an increase in costs sufficient to warrant such a price rise;
- ii. the new price will hit hardest those least able to afford the increased expenditure;
- iii. the consequent increase in C/L Bonus will not cover the rise in the cost of living;
- iv. the already monotonous diet of the working class will be further impoverished, particularly as meat is the only cheap type of food, all other foodstuffs being far more expensive than in U.K.;
- v. Charitable Relief payments will have to be increased, both in amount and number;
- vi. the possibility that such an apparently unwarranted increase in the price of the traditional staple diet may cause serious disturbance of any section of the community should not be overlooked
- vii. further unrest and discontent would doubtless encourage the present tendency to emigrate to the Dominions.

I am to stress that the Council feels the situation to be fraught with possibilities and that delay may well have far reaching and serious effects on the economy of the Colony.

Reply at 6.

But when Govt.
wanted to intro-
duce a fishery
scheme this was
opposed.

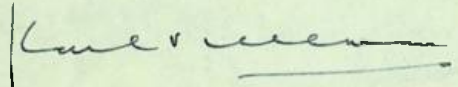
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I am to ask therefore that Government should take swift and drastic action and consider the introduction of Price Control.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,



Town Clerk.

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Falkland Islands Labour Federation

FORMED 28TH OCTOBER, 1943

All communications should
be addressed to the
General Secretary.

Registered under the Trade Union and
Trade Disputes Ordinance, 1942

Telegraphic Address:
"Federation Port Stanley"
Telephone: 123.

Federation Office,
Port Stanley,
Falkland Islands,

17th July, 1951.

"Urgent".

The Honourable,
The Colonial Secretary,
STANLEY.

Sir,

Meat Prices.

I am directed by a General meeting of our Stanley members, held on the 16th of July, 1951, to inform you that the Falkland Islands Company have recently advised the public by local broadcast that the price of meat purchased from their Butchery will increase by 100% with effect from the 1st of August, 1951. I am to draw your attention to the fact that the FIC own the only butchery at present operative in Stanley. Meat is [undoubtedly one of] the main diets of the people of this Colony and such a ridiculous increase in its cost at a time when the FIC have the monopoly of its sale is very significant.

The members of our Organisation take great exception to the contemplated 100% increase in the price of meat and I am to ask Government to take whatever steps it considers necessary to relieve us of our dissatisfaction. I am to add that if no favourable reply is received from Government by the 24th of July, 1951 our members feel they must take stronger action in the matter.

Yours faithfully,

R. J. Goes
GENERAL SECRETARY.

Reply at 7.

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A.C.S.

I should like to know as a matter of urgency what is the position with regard to Reive, the other butcher. Has he gone out of business temporarily or permanently, and if so why. I heard a rumour to-day that he was going to sell mutton at 4d. per lb. This may be just one of the Stanley rumours, but I must know whether there is any truth in it. The F.I.C's hold over the independent farmer is such (c.f. last year when they made Bonner take his wool off the "Biscoe") that they could, I imagine, frighten them into refusing to supply sheep to Reive. Is there any sign of their having done so?

2. How much notice should be given of an impending trade dispute; is it not more than 7 days? (assuming that the last ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ paragraph of p.3 means strike action).

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17.7.51.

Y.H.,

I interviewed Mr. G. Reive, one of the butcher brothers, last evening. He told me that he had been forced to close down temporarily owing to his inability to obtain mutton sheep. The near farms which normally supply him with sheep at this period of the year have informed him that this year they have none to spare as their own stock is low. However Mr. Reive does not feel that this is altogether true and that there is a much stronger reason. He told me that when he does get more sheep he intends to continue selling mutton at 3d. per lb. unless the price per sheep charged by the farmers necessitates his increasing the price to 4d. per lb.

(Albion)
I hear that
Bonner is
demanding
35/- a head for
mutton sheep.

Mr. Reive also informed me that as is usual he purchased 300 mutton sheep from San Carlos early in April after dipping and that he had been relying on getting a further 350 in August or September in accordance with his usual practice. However he has been notified that these latter sheep will not be available this year as they were sold to the Falkland Islands Company and driven into Stanley by them for their own butchery, the sheep which would normally have come to Stanley from nearby farms for this purpose having been driven back to Goose Green for the annual killing.

2. Your para. 2. Registrar informs me that he can trace no legislation under which a period of notice of an impending strike must be given.



A.C.S.
18/7/51.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM SENT.

From GOVERNOR to SECRETARY OF STATE.

Despatched: 18.7.51. Time: 1645. Received:..... Time:.....

REPLY URGENTLY REQUIRED.

No 168. CONFIDENTIAL. Grateful if following may be passed to Sir Miles Clifford urgently, Begins.

F.I.C. have announced that as from 1st August price of mutton will be increased from 3d to 6d per lb. i.e. 100% increase. Same for beef. Only other butcher, Reive, is out of business at least temporarily because he cannot get sheep.

x! 2. I discussed with CREECE who says his instructions came by telegraph from Weybridge. He does not know reasons though he did say that shortage of sheep is "contributory factor" I find that particular reason unconvincing. Stock returns for year ending 31st May, 1951, not yet in. Possibly farmers generally are holding on to sheep in excess of normal numbers this year to get extra years wool clip off them and then sell to Freezer, next year.

3. Estimate that passing on of increased freight rates plus rise in price of meat would put at least 3d on the Cost of Living bonus. This could be done of course but it is inflationary and should be avoided if possible. C.O.L. committee is now engaged in July revision of index.

Yes- 4. Government has power until 10th December next to control prices, and could fix meat at, say, 4d per lb. To be fair I think this would have to be accompanied by scheme compelling all farms to contribute their quota to Stanley butchery based on total sheep carried. Not so certain that we have power to do that though I would be prepared to read it into Order No.8 of 1950 (Gazette Extraordinary dated 30th December 1950).

5. Local reaction to increase in meat price very strong. Federation might call strike within week. Sorry to bother you with this, but grateful for your early advice. In view of fact that CREECE is apparently acting on instructions and does not appear fully briefed it might be worth while getting in touch with Weybridge. Ends.

OFFICER ADMINISTERING THE GOVERNMENT.

G.T.C.
S.S.

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INWARD TELEGRAM

TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES

Code

FROM FALKLAND ISLANDS (O.A.G.)

D. 18th July, 1951.

R. 19th " " 07.00 hrs.

*Asked Mr. Garry to
come up with me;
propose collect of
by me with Bank.*

PRIORITY. REPLY URGENTLY REQUIRED.

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fact that Creece is apparently acting on instructions, and does
not appear to be fully briefed, it might be worth while getting
into touch with Weybridge. Ends.

Copy sent to:-

Sir Miles Clifford, K.B.E., C.M.G.,
East Indies and Sports Club,
16 St. James' Square,
S.W.1.

5A

A.C.S.

Re increased meat price. I think we should send an interim acknowledgement to the F.I.L.F., saying that, while we appreciate the ~~xxxxxxx~~ urgency of the matter, it has entailed reference to London and that therefore we cannot guarantee to give them a full reply by the 24th.

2. We might send an acknowledgement to the Town Council as well, simply saying that the matter is receiving the urgent attention of Government.



19.7.51.

Done - see 6 & 7.

M. J. G. C.
19.7.51

19 July, 51.

Sir,

I am directed by the Officer Administering the Government to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 17th of July, 1951, regarding the increased price for meat, and to say that the matter is receiving the urgent attention of Government.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd) L.W. Aldridge

For COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Town Clerk,
Stanley Town Council,
STANLEY.

19 July, 51.

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Sir,

I am directed by the Officer Administering the Government to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 17th of July, 1951, regarding the increased price for meat.

2. I am to say that while Government appreciates the urgency of the matter, it has entailed reference to London, and that therefore His Honour cannot guarantee to give you a full reply by the 24th of July.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~

L.W. Aldridge

for COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Secretary,
Falkland Islands Labour Federation,
STANLEY.

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Await reply to p. 5 pl.

all

20/7/51.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM RECEIVED.

From SECRETARY OF STATE to GOVERNOR.

Despatched: 21.7.51. Time: 2250 Received:..... Time:.....

5 No 128. CONFIDENTIAL. Your telegram No. 168. Following from
Carter. Begins.

Governor is seeing Young on Monday. He will telegraph outcome
as soon as possible. Ends.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

Good.
(INTLD). M. R. R.
23/7/51.

1437

~~22/2~~ July, 51.

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to our conversation of yesterday's date and to confirm that:

1. I received information that His Excellency the Governor was to have a discussion with the Managing Director of the Falkland Islands Company on the 23rd instant regarding the increase in the price of meat, of the outcome of which he would advise me at an early date.
2. The Government is prepared to agree to a modification of the second paragraph of public notice No.66 dated 19th December, 1950, and published in the Gazette of January 2nd, 1951, to the effect that if the increase in cost of living exceeds 15% but does not exceed 22½% the Cost of Living Bonus will be increased by 2d. and if it exceeds 22½% but does not exceed 30% it will be increased by a further 1d. (figures as compared with the 1948/49 award).

Reply at 13.

I am,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,
M. R. Raymer.
(Sgd) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~

O.A.G. & COLONIAL SECRETARY.

The Secretary,
Falkland Islands Labour Federation,
STANLEY.

DECODE.

No 12.

TELEGRAM RECEIVED.

From SECRETARY OF STATE to GOVERNOR.

Despatched: 24.7.51. Time: 1100. Received: 25.7.51. Time: 0900.

9 No 129. CONFIDENTIAL. My telegram No 128. Following from Governor begins.

Have seen YOUNG who is calling off present proposal for further consideration by myself and Colonial Manager on latter's return.

2. Some increase inevitable when Freezer in operation and unfair whole burden of Stanley meat supply be borne by Company.

3. Suggest consideration quota system at current meeting Sheep Owners Association. Ends.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

G. T. C.
S. S.

Ref:1437.

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CONFIDENTIAL.

25th July, 1951.

Dear Creece,

With reference to our conversation yesterday afternoon about meat prices, I have now had a telegram from H.E. which, as was to be expected, confirms the news which you gave me yesterday and which was broadcast last night. H.E. also says in his telegram that he believes it would be useful if there were some discussion at the present S.O.A. meeting of the "quota" system whereby all farms would have to supply a certain number of sheep for Stanley per year, the figure for each farm to be based, presumably, on the total number of sheep carried by that farm. I think you told me that you had had instructions to raise this matter at the S.O.A. meeting yourself. There would be no objection to your adding, if you wish, that Government is interested in the suggestion and would welcome the views of the Association on it.

Yours sincerely,

Michael Raymer.

See page 16.

Falkland Islands Labour Federation

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FORMED 28TH OCTOBER, 1943

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General Secretary.

Registered under the Trade Union and
Trade Disputes Ordinance, 1942

Telegraphic Address:
"Federation Port Stanley"
Telephone: 123.

Federation Office,
Port Stanley,
Falkland Islands,

24th July, 1951.

The Honourable,
The Colonial Secretary,
STANLEY.

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge receipt of your letters
No. 1437 of the 19th and 24th of July, regarding the increased
price for meat, and to thank you for the information contained
therein.

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Yours faithfully,

R. J. Goss
GENERAL SECRETARY.

[Handwritten initials]
file.

24 JUL 1951

B.M. 10/8/51
[Handwritten signature]

A.C.S.
You will wish to discuss with Mr. [unclear]
[Handwritten signature]
10/8/51

9.E.

The matter of the wheat increase price stands as in para 1 of your telegram

at p. 11.

2) Page 12 fi.

10/9/51.

Seen.

Wiffing appeared to be under the impression (as stated grounds I do not know) that this question had been raised for consideration with Govt. and he assumed that C.O.L.A. adjustments would automatically dispense of the difficulty. He appears to have overlooked the case of the new-wage earners.

3. I stressed the extreme imprudence of introducing such a substantial increase in the selling price of the staple food at such short notice and without prior consultation (cf. freight increase) when he at once agreed to call it off pending further examination by C.M. and Council.

4. I would be glad to know, meanwhile, whether the local representatives of the S.O.A. have dismissed the application of a quota system and of their conclusions, if any, in this regard.

5. That some increase is inevitable once the Fregea is in operation and I think be generally accepted

and a more careful use of what meat is available is clearly necessary but I must second, and have so told the Managing Director, that the way in which this matter has been handled is maladroit; ~~it is necessary~~
 A.O. should report on the point at X of para 2 of 5 as soon as possible after his return.

It is clearly inevitable that the whole burden of the Starby meat supply should fall on F.I.C. and a quota system is the obvious answer. Shipping may present a difficulty but here the more efficient operation of the 'Philwood' can assist? H/M to concede early.

me 10/viii

15A

Y.E.

When the increase in the price of meat was in issue, and before Y.E.'s successful intervention in this matter, I had got the A.C.S. to discuss with Mr. Reive, the other butcher. In the course of their conversation Mr. Reive produced an account which he had for sale of skins. The F.I.C. acted as his agents in selling them. I got the office to make a copy of this account before giving the original back to Mr. Reive. Y.E. may find it of interest, not only in connection with the meat price business, but more generally as showing the sort of charges which the F.I.C. raise when they act as agents.

W

9.8.51.

Most interesting - and not the least the freight charges which amount to over £40 per ton.
~~Some very good information is given in the account~~

mc 9/viii

COPY.

15B

Account Sale of 15 bales sheepskins

ex "Highland Chieftain" @ Falkland Islands sold for account
of Messrs. G. & W. Reive.

By the Falkland Islands Company, Limited.

McG.

Lots	Bales	Gross lbs.	Tare and Draft lbs.	Net lbs.	Price			
87	1	344	7	337	148	£207.	16.	4.
87A	1	337	7	330	125	171.	17.	6.
88	6	1967	42	1925	145	1163.	-.	5.
89	<u>7</u>	2116	47	2069	145	<u>1250.</u>	-.	5.
	15	4764		4661		2792.	14.	8.

CHARGES.

Management rate, roping, port rate and rent	12.	9.	3.		
Sale Expenses		16.	-.		
Brokerage	27.	18.	6.		
Freight	90.	17..	6.		<i>On a little over 2 tons !!</i>
Stanley Charges	4.	10.	-.		
Marine Insurance	17.	14.	5.		
Fire Insurance	8.	18.	11.		
Commission $1\frac{1}{2}\%$ on £2,792.	14.	8.			
		<u>34.</u>	<u>18.</u>	<u>2.</u>	
	198.	2.	9.		<u>198. 2. 9.</u>
Due 29th March, 1951					<u>£2594 11. 11.</u>

E. & O. E.

WEYBRIDGE, 29th March, 1951.

For the FALKLAND ISLANDS COMPANY, LTD.

(Sgd.) L.W.H. YOUNG

Managing Director.

The Falkland Islands Sheepowners Association,

(LOCAL COMMITTEE)

STANLEY, FALKLAND ISLANDS.

Received a/c.
11/8/51

7th August

1951.

The Honourable the Colonial Secretary,
STANLEY.

Sir,

At the Annual General Meeting of the Association held yesterday a representative of the Falkland Islands Company informed the Meeting that the Company was not in a position to satisfy the whole of the meat requirements of Stanley, and it was decided to invite the attention of Government to the gravity of the situation.

The necessary quota of sheep could be obtained from Farms on the West provided transport difficulties could be overcome, and I am to enquire whether Government can offer any assistance in bringing sheep to Stanley.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,

J. Green
SECRETARY.

Reply at 20.

Y.E.

Above which I received this morning. It is not very informative. What makes the situation grave is not explained. The F.I.C. have not in the past supplied the whole of Stanley's meat requirements. Hutchinson, McGill and now Reive have operated as well, getting their sheep from the North Camp. We are not told why this source of supply has dried up. I understand that the F.I.C. recently bought some sheep from Bonner's for their butchery.

2. I assume from the second paragraph that the S.O.A. is prepared to accept the quota system, but it is not so stated in definite terms. I see no reason why the "Philomel"

Should not help to bring sheep in. Usually she goes out full and comes back to Stanley empty or nearly so. However, I will check this up with H/M as directed already in the last sentence of Y.E's minute at 14-15.

Noted.

11.8.51.

2. I do not think we can do anything more unless ^{for example} the return of C/H. I understand that Mr. Bonner has got a price of 35/- per head for smallton sheep which is very high; I believe it used to be 10/-.

At that we shall only get animals which are literally on their last legs.

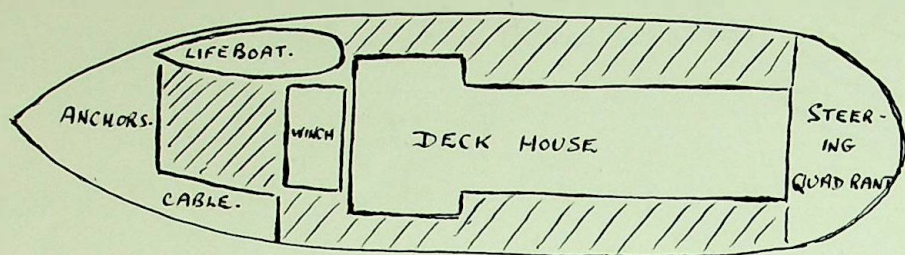
3. A question for consideration is as to whether we should now, on the assumption that the Freezer will go into action some time next year, ^{and in view of the alleged shortage of meat} implement the law regarding the export of sheep? Please discuss at convenience.

MC 10/viii

H/M.

I mentioned the question of bringing sheep into Stanley from the West in the "Philadelph". Would you record your views on the practicality of this, & the estimated cost.

13/8/51.



H.E.S.

With reference the proposal to shift sheep from the West Island to Stanley using the M.F.V. "Philanel": while the proposal has obviously the advantage that the Government can by this means subsidise the butchers in Stanley without appearing to do so, I do not personally consider that it is an economic step to take. Unfortunately "Philanel" is not good for carrying sheep for the following reasons:-

- (a) Her available deck space is very limited (the diagram above explains this - the shaded portion being that available for sheep).
- (b) Her bulwarks are high & difficult to get sheep over.
- (c) Her motion is distinctly "lively" & on a rough passage sheep would suffer considerably.

Supposing for example she were bringing in sheep from Fox Bay. She could carry 75 on deck at 5/- per head - we could not make it less otherwise we would not cover the delay collecting the animals. But, unless the trip were calm - I doubt if more than half this number would arrive in Stanley alive! Of course, the vessel could wait until there was a calm day, but this would entail loss of revenue from normal cargo running.

However, "Philanel" might be able to assist in running sheep across the Falkland Sound - say from Pat Howard to Pat San Carlos (I've chosen those two ports because they both have good jetties for sheep work) - would this assist?

As a matter of fact I believe personally that the best craft around the islands for this work is the "Penelope" which I know from experience is a much better craft than "Philanel" for this. Could C.D.C. be approached with a view to her assistance?

19.

hastly, it may be suggested that "Philomel" should carry sheep below hatches: I am opposed to this because; -

- (a) we shall endless trouble with a blocked bilge pump if we try pumping out sheep droppings &
- (b) the time required to wash out the hold afterwards before the next cargo could be loaded would not make the number of sheep carried in this manner an economical proposition.

Agree

[Signature]
16. 8. 51.

Y.E. Please see from p.18, being minute by H/M on the question of bringing in sheep to Stanley from the West by the "Philomel". He prefers the idea of running them across the Sound and then having them driven in to Stanley. I imagine that there would not be any insuperable objection to doing it this way, except that if the sheep from the West were landed in Lafonia the F.I.C. would probably impose a stiff charge for the driving!

2. Irrespective of the date by which the Freezer comes into operation I consider that we should be perfectly justified in imposing the export duty on live sheep now if shortage of sheep is adduced as a reason for the increase in the price of mutton.

It has in fact been so suggested.

[Signature]
16. 8. 51.

I agree with H/M's minute.
mc. 19/viii

Verbally to me by Mr. Creece. 17/8/51.

Y.E. Shortage of sheep was adduced as a reason only by Mr. Creece to me in conversation. Draft letter at cover submitted in reply to 16, which aims at making the S.O.A. be a bit more specific.

[Signature]
17. 8. 51.

Issue mc. 17/viii *[Signature]*

1437

21st August,

51.

Sir,

16. I am directed to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated the 7th of August, 1951, on the subject of the supply of meat to Stanley and to say that Government would welcome more information as to the reasons which make the situation grave. As far as is known the supply of meat to Stanley in the past has been maintained without importation from the West Falkland and it is not believed that the consumption of meat in Stanley has increased at all sharply in recent months. It is true that the other butchers operating in Stanley have recently gone out of business - whether temporarily or permanently is not yet known - but it is not appreciated why the sources of supply formerly open to them should not now be open to the Falkland Islands Company.

2. Government naturally sees no objection to the supplying of meat from the West Falkland to Stanley if this is desirable or necessary, and with regard to the specific question asked in your letter I am to say that Government would be prepared to assist, if necessary, in transporting sheep from the West Falkland by the "Philomel". The Harbour Master advises that this vessel is not particularly well suited to this work since her deck space is limited (she could only carry about 80 sheep on deck and it is not considered wise to carry them in the hold), her bulwarks are high and difficult to get sheep over and her motion is "lively" and might result in severe losses on a rough passage. For these reasons it is considered that she is unsuited for carrying sheep from West Falkland ports to Stanley, but it would be possible for her to ferry sheep on the shorter and more sheltered route across the Falkland Sound from and to points mutually convenient.

I am,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

(Sgd) Michael R. Raymer

Interim Reply at 21.

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

The Secretary,
Sheep Owners' Association,
STANLEY.

Reply at 25

B.W. 21/8/51
15/9/51

EXTRACT FROM LETTER FROM MANAGER, F.I.C. TO HON. COL. SEC.
of 7/9/51.

(Original filed in 1173 - Cost of Sea & Air Passages to
U.K. etc.).

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C.S. LETTER 1437, 21/8/51 to S.O.A. In this case, I feel,
too, ~~that Mr. Barton~~ will have late news on the subject and
I will request him to reply. Meanwhile, could you please let
me know what freight "Philomel" would charge

Fox Bay/Stanley
Far West port/Stanley, per head?

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A

H/17.

20.21 w.v.t. 17-19. I explained verbally
to Greece that we could probably carry carcasses
all the way into Stanley on occasion. What
our charges would be must depend on the
reimbursement of "Philmet's" cargo rates which we
are now considering.

W 13/5/51.

B.

H.C.S. Whatever happens, we cannot put it above 5/- per carcasse,
which is the Company's rate - but even this would be too high
for the butchers I believe, & 2/6 or 3/- would probably be the most
they could afford. JSH 24/9/51.

Y.E.

3. Y.E. will notice that there is a trip to Punta in Feb.:
I think the cargo outwards will be sheep, with a return cargo of timber etc.

W

25.9.51.

1437

I do not look with any great favour on this when shortage of sheep is put forward as one of the reasons for raising the price of meat.

MC 25.
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A.C.S.

2) Para 3. To price of meat file.

W 26/9/51.

27/9/51

ACS

Pl enclose copy of the Leg. Co. Resolution re the export duty on sheep

W 27/9/51

at back cover, pl.

27/9/51

27.9.

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Y.E.

Minutes at p.23. The Customs Order (copy at back cover) imposes the duty on export of live sheep "from and after the date of commencement of operation" of the freezer. Customs Orders are made in Ex:Co; but are subject to confirmation by Leg:Co: within 21 days.

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We can explore this further with Cm/FIC
next week. Pl. fix a time and date.

29.9.51.

MC 29/ix

Fixed for 3.30 p.m.

Wed: 3rd Oct:

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2/10.



The Falkland Islands Sheepowners Association,

(LOCAL COMMITTEE)

STANLEY, FALKLAND ISLANDS.

25

28th September, 1951.

Sir,

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I am requested by the Chairman to acknowledge your letter No. 1437 of 21st August, 1951 dealing with the supply of meat to Stanley.

The last sentence of your first paragraph can be answered by explaining that Reive Brothers, and earlier Mr. W. J. Hutchinson, drew their supplies of sheep from the North Camp, or by sea from various Islands.

Taking the latter source first, the loss of the cutter "Porvenir", and the incapacitation of the m.v. "Gentoo", account for the withdrawal of supplies from Islands.

So far as North Camp is concerned, it is believed that the price asked by San Carlos deterred the Reive Brothers while Horseshoe Bay and Rincon Grande have in recent years used their fattening camps for either breeding purposes, or for a fine-wooled type of sheep not so suitable for fattening as previously.

Farms such as Douglas Station and Teal Inlet can only produce a surplus of fat sheep in a favourable season leaving only Port San Carlos and the Berkeley Sound farms as a steady, though limited, source of supply, and it is presumed that the Falkland Islands Co., Ltd. will purchase sheep for their Stanley Butchery from any available source, provided the price asked for is in keeping with the current value of sheepskins.

The present selling price of meat in Stanley (3d per lb.) offers no incentive to farmers to sell, or butchers to retail. The value of the sheepskin is the crux of the whole matter and one solution might be for North Camp farmers to form a co-operative movement on a profit-sharing basis.

and it is falling.

But I can just see the F.I.C. encouraging this!

I am,

Sir,
your obedient servant,

J. Greese
Secretary.

U. H.

29 SEP 1951

The Honourable
The Colonial Secretary,
Stanley.

H.C.S.
Submitted re
29 Sep 1951

JE

Page 25 fi. Meeting with CA/7.1.C.
fixed for 3:30 p.m. to-morrow, Wednesday,
in JE's office.

ll
2/10/51.

Ys mc. 2/x I have placed the function letter
at back cover.

The Falkland Islands Company, Limited.

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AGENTS FOR LLOYDS.

TELEGRAMS "FLEETWING PORTSTANLEY" VIA RADIO.

Stanley,

1st October

19 51.

The Honourable the Colonial Secretary,
STANLEY.

Sir,

As Chairman of the Cost-of-Living Committee we have to inform you that this Company proposes shortly to increase the retail price of butchered meat by one penny per pound at a date to be decided in conjunction with yourself. Further gradual increases must be expected so that when the Ajax Bay Freezer commences operations, the incentives for Farmers to supply beasts for slaughtering to either the Freezer or Stanley Butcheries are approximately equal.

We think there is every reason to regard these increases as permanent, and that your Committee should work on that assumption.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

A. G. Barton

MANAGER.

Reply at 2.9

Certainly.

mc.

W 2/10

*Y.E.
Above fr. I have arranged with C.F./F.I.C. for 3.30 p.m. to-morrow (Wednesday) in Y.E.'s office, for discussion on Stanley wages, meat etc. I hope this will suit Y.E.*

We discussed generally with CM, and agreed to a preliminary increase of 1d while making it clear that in our view any further increase must be very gradual.

It seems quite clear that a separate COB account will have to be calculated for The Camp including such factors as Rent, Fuel, Meat etc.

M.S. 4/12

1437

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Confidential.

8th October, 51.

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Sir,

I am directed to refer to your letter dated the 1st October, regarding the increase in the price of meat and to confirm the intimation conveyed to you at the meeting at Government House on Wednesday last, namely that Government agrees to an increase of 1d. per pound in the retail price of butchered meat and that this increase may be made as soon as your Company wishes. I am also to confirm that Government feels that any further increase should be very gradual, and should be subject to discussion at a later date when more exact information is available as to the commencement of operations by the Freezer and the price which the Freezer will pay for sheep.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd) Michael R. Raymer

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Manager,
Falkland Islands Company, Limited,
STANLEY.

VP

B.W.
8/11/51

The Falkland Islands Company, Limited.

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Stanley,

TELEGRAMS "FLEETWING PORTSTANLEY" VIA RADIO.

27th. October, 1951.

Mr. M. Raymer,
Chairman of C.O.L. Committee,
Stanley.

DJC/NES.

CONFIDENTIAL.

Dear Sir,

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The attached notice which we are having broadcast is passed to you for information.

Yours Faithfully,

BT Clark

Chief Storekeeper.

file. ll
2/11/51

I entirely fail to see why they have to drag the cost of buying tea into the announcement. It is surely quite unnecessary and is tantamount to saying "We are going to put up the price of meat but quite get it back again."

YE

fi.

ll
1/11/51

MC. 1/11

It would be nice to see point if they explained why they were putting it up?

NOTICE.

31

THE FALKLAND ISLANDS CO, LTD. has notified the Cost-of-Living Committee that the price of meat purchased from the Company's Butchery will be increased by one penny per pound as from the 1st January 1952.

STANLEY
26th October 1951.

[Faint handwritten signature and date]

CS

A few days ago you
 sent me a message about
 the price of meat which
 the F.I.C. proposed to
 broadcast. I demurred
 to the terms of this but it
 still went over ⁱⁿ exactly the
 same words.

Mc
 4/11

W. H.
 5/11

JE.

32. This is my fault.

I fear that I interpreted
JE's words at 30 as
comment rather than
as an instruction to
inform the F.I.C. to
amend their notice.

W5/4/51

Noted. I meant them to amend.

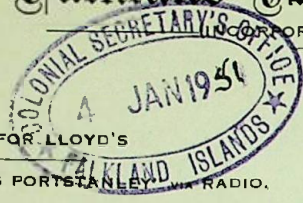
We must stop people
"passing the buck" in this
way for it is a clear
intimidation of Govt. action
from quite the wrong
source.

the 5/51

As an analogy if we found it
necessary to measure the mind cost of electricity
we would not accompany the announcement with
a statement that the C.S. in Case had been
reformed?

x.

The Falkland Islands Company, Limited.



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AGENTS FOR LLOYD'S

H. W.

Darwin.

TELEGRAMS "FLEETWING PORT STANLEY" RADIO.

31st. December, 1951. ~~XXXX~~

The Honourable the Colonial Secretary.
STANLEY.

Sir,

During the past six months we have managed to supply the entire meat requirements of Stanley, but since the consumption is steadily rising, we realize that we cannot continue to be the sole contributor for much longer.

Over the 25 years from 1925 to 1949 we supplied Stanley with an average of 3885 sheep per.annum. The year ending April 1950 we supplied 6982. The year ending April 1950 the figure was 7179. During the past winter, the Reive Brothers closed down their Butchery business with the result that we are now having to cope with the entire Stanley meat trade and at the time of writing we are having to supply nearly 200 sheep each week.

They were driven out of business?

This then, is to inform you that we shall continue to supply Stanley with mutton until 30th April 1952, after which date we propose to supply only our fair share at regular intervals.

If all Farms were to contribute towards the meat requirements of the Town - the quota for our F.I.C.Farms would work out at something like 4000 sheep per.annum.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

[Handwritten signature]

Camp Manager.

12/11/51

Y.E.

Page 34. The F.I.C. say that they cannot go on supplying Stanley's meat requirements alone. A.O. warned us in his notes of his recent Camp tour that this would be coming. (attached, page 3, towards the bottom).

2. Y.E. had already suggested the quota system (see page 11, para 3) and I asked Creece to put it to the S.O.A. (page 12). We have never had a definite answer as to how the S.O.A. viewed it, though para 2 on page 16 may perhaps be taken as indicating that they agree in principle.

3. On the face of it I still do not see, in spite of page 25, why the East Falkland should not be capable of supplying Stanley's needs. Admittedly I would include in the East Falkland the islands lying off it - Lively etc. - whence comes the best mutton. If it were possible to supply Stanley without reference to the West it would make the transport problem easier, although I understand that when Bill Hutchinson was in the business he used to get quite a few sheep from Pebble. Nor am I really convinced that the "Philomel" cant take sheep below decks, though I can readily understand that the crew are not keen on doing so.

4. I agree with A.O. that the best course is to refer to the S.O.A. The position is that Stanley has got to be supplied with sufficient mutton and the S.O.A. are the best people to advise how this should be done.



ll

4.1.52.

It is their problem and it will have to be solved I think by the East Falkland farms on a quota system. To SOO accy.

The real answer is for FIC to build a cold store (capable of holding say 200 carcasses) and for the mutton sheep to be killed and stored when in prime condition; otherwise the 'quotas' will always fall at a bad time of the year from some farmer.

inc 5/11.52.

JE Draft letter to S.O.A. at com s.t.c.

ll 5/1/52.

Issue

inc 5/1

ll 5/1/52.

1437

JK January, 52.

Sir,

I am directed to inform you that the Camp Manager of the Falkland Islands Company at Darwin has advised Government that his Company cannot continue for much longer to be the sole supplier of meat to Stanley and that after the 30th of April, next he will only be able to supply his "fair share at regular intervals". The reasons for this decision are, I understand, known to you.

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2. In the course of discussions last July when the Falkland Islands Company was considering increasing the price of meat in Stanley, I was instructed by His Excellency to suggest that the Association should consider the quota system whereby each farm, either on the East Falkland only or in the whole Colony, should be obliged to contribute a quota of sheep for Stanley, the quota to be decided by reference to the total number of sheep carried by each farm. It is inferred from the second paragraph of your Associations's letter dated the 7th of August, 1951, that members were in general agreement with the principle of the quota system, and it would seem that transport, particularly from the West, to Stanley, is likely to be the main difficulty. In this connection I am to refer you to the second paragraph of my letter dated the 21st of August, 1951. If it were essential this difficulty would have to be overcome, but if it were possible to supply Stanley by a quota system confined to the East Falkland - which in former years has supplied Stanley except for occasional minor importations from the islands on the West - the transport problem would not arise.

3. I am accordingly to request that your Association will advise on the fairest form of quota system to adopt, and whether it could be restricted to the East Falkland only, together with any other suggestions which you may wish to offer. It is assumed that with the adoption of a quota system a uniform price would have to be fixed for all the farms.

I am,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,
(Sgd) Michael R. Røymer

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

The Chairman,
Sheep Owners' Association,
STANLEY.

BM 31/1/52



The Falkland Islands Sheepowners Association,
(LOCAL COMMITTEE)
STANLEY, FALKLAND ISLANDS.

37

9th January, 1952.

Sir,

I have for acknowledgement your letter No. 1437 of 7th January, 1952 regarding the supply of Butcher's meat to Stanley.

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2. It is unlikely that the Association can get the majority of its members together before next April or May and I suggest that you bring the matter up at the forthcoming meeting of Executive Council at which I understand both Mr. N.K.Cameron and Mr.W.H.Clement will be present.

A somewhat Superfluous Suggestion.

3. I am expecting the Chairman of The Falkland Islands Co.,Ltd. and the Camp Manager in Stanley shortly and will canvass their views as to how best the quota system can be arranged.

4. With reference to the last sentence of your second paragraph I should point out that the establishment at Ajax Bay consumes mutton carcasses at the rate of 750 per annum in addition to beef, these supplies being drawn from the neighbouring San Carlos farms and consequently reducing their surplus available for Stanley.

But this is not a continuing demand.

I am,

Sir,
your obedient servant,

A. G. Barton

Chairman.

Reply at 39.

The Honourable
The Colonial Secretary,
Stanley.

J.E.

Above for, w.v.l. / 36.

9/1/52.

See marginally; not v. helpful.

M.C. 9/1.52.

JE

Page 37. We did not get an opportunity to discuss
with Cameron & Clement.

2) Ask Chairman, S.O.A, what the views of Dean
& Silborth were?

ll

22/1/52.

ACS

Accy.

H.

Inc. 22/1.52

ll

25th January,

52.

Sir,

37.

With reference to your letter of the 9th of January, 1952, regarding the supply of Butchers' meat for Stanley, I am directed to inform you that owing to adverse flying conditions it was not possible to obtain the views of the Hon. Mr. W.H. Clement when the Executive Council met at Port San Carlos on the 10th of January, 1952.

2. Pending a further opportunity of discussing the matter with this Unofficial Member, His Excellency would be interested to learn what the views of the Chairman and Camp Manager of the Falkland Islands Company were.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd) Michael R. Rayner

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Reply at 41

Chairman,
VP Sheep Owners' Association,

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MCS
Mc. may wish to discuss with Mr. Clement
while at Fox Bay pt?

[Signature]
25.12.52

YE

I do not know whether opportunity will offer
but if it does YE. may wish to have Mr
Clement's views.

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26/1/52.

Mc's views are that if Eire Falkland
cannot provide Stanley (it has done so hitherto
with odd purchases from W. by independent builders)
then some sort of quota system should be
introduced. He himself offered to supply to F.C.
at nominal cost i.e. 6/- per head provided
F.C. build, provide transport the skins crediting to
the Fann's acct. F.I.C. would not play, he says

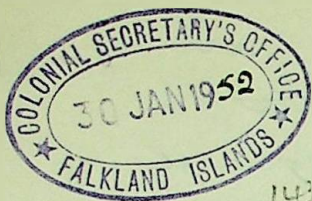
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Mc's

Letter
from F.I.C.

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The Falkland Islands Sheepowners Association,
(LOCAL COMMITTEE)
STANLEY, FALKLAND ISLANDS.



1437

30th January, 1952.

A.

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Sir,

With reference to your letter No. 1437 dated 25th January, 1952 Mr. Dean and Mr. Gilruth maintain their view that the Falkland Islands Company should only supply a fair proportion of Stanley's meat requirements; further, that it is not incumbent on the Company to find the solution to a problem which has been forced upon it.

Those members of the Sheep Owners Association with whom I have discussed the meat supply consider that m.v. "Philomel" could ship 200 sheep per month from West ports and Islands to Stanley, if she were run on different principles. This new source of supply added to Reive Brothers' resuscitated sales should see Stanley safely through the coming winter.

x

I am,
Sir,
your obedient servant,

A. G. Davison
Chairman.

Reply at 43.

The Honourable
The Colonial Secretary,
Stanley.

U H.
31/1/52

B

ACS

What is the position as to x above? Can the Reive Bros say with certainty that they can in future obtain a heavy definite number of sheep?

U
1/2/52

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HCS

H. B. Reeve Bros. state that they are unable to obtain any guarantee that mutton sheep will be forthcoming regularly for their butchery

A. Jacobs
2/2/52.

Y. E.

Page 41. This does not get us anywhere. We have already been made aware of the F.I.C's views. What we want to know from the S.O.A. is (a) whether they consider the quota system is fair and reasonable, (b) if so, whether it should include West as well as East, and (c) what quota they would suggest for each farm. We should also like to know from the Company what they consider their "fair share" (vide p. 34, para 3) is.

2. If we put this to S.O.A., their reply will be that it all depends on transport for the sheep. It is the old, old story. No one else can be bothered to do it, so Government is expected to step in and do it. I still think that we could, using the "Philomel". What we have got to find out first is how much the East can supply, excluding islands, which can be driven into Stanley and will not require shipping. The balance, from islands off the East or from the West, will have to be shipped. When we know what that balance is we can try and organise the shipping of it.

*Presumably - so
reply pt.
Tue. 1/2.52.*

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2.2.52.

6th February,

52.

Sir,

41 - I am directed to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 30th January, on the subject of meat supplies for Stanley. It would be of assistance if you could give an estimate of what can be supplied from the mainland of the East Falkland - which it is assumed can be driven into Stanley. The balance between this figure and the estimated total annual requirements of Stanley, taken as 10,000 would then represent the number for which shipping would be required, whether from the islands off the East Falkland or from the West. Once that figure can be estimated it will be easier to try and work out methods of shipping the sheep (or carcasses) into Stanley.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd) Michael R. Raymer

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

The Manager,
Falkland Islands Company, Limited,

BUC
 15/1/52
 15/3/52

The Falkland Islands Company, Limited.

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AGENTS FOR LLOYDS.

TELEGRAMS "FLEETWING PORTSTANLEY" VIA RADIO.



Stanley *Recd. pp. 100*
12 93
10th March 19 52.

The Honourable the Colonial Secretary,
STANLEY.

Sir,

During the past week I have discussed the question of Meat Supply for Port Stanley with the Managing Director and Camp Manager of The Falkland Islands Company, and two representatives of West Falkland farms, The Chartres and Hill Cove. From these discussions the following points emerge:-

1. The Freezer: It is clear that when the Ajax Bay project is operating, the price for sheep or bullock supplied to Stanley must be in keeping with the price paid to the Farmer by the Freezer. The consumer in Stanley must needs pay slightly more.

2. Farms supplying mutton sheep to Stanley are content to receive a constant price per head from November through March, but from April to October expect the price paid to increase monthly in proportion to the enhanced weight and value of the sheepskins, otherwise they gain nothing by withholding the sheep from the Freezer in April.

These variations in price -- which can only be determined in speculative fashion -- would be avoided if a Cold Storage Plant were built in Stanley and stocked twice a year by direct shipment of carcasses from Ajax Bay. The quality of the meat would then be more or less constant all the year round.

3. The Falkland Islands Company while admitting, in common with other butchers, to handsome returns from sheepskins during the last 2-3 years is no more interested in the supply of meat to Stanley than it was in pre-war days. Assuming the Falkland Islands sheep population to be 600,000 of which 270,000 are owned by the Company, and Stanley requirements to be 8,000 per annum (+ bullock) the Company's quota of this total would be 3,600 and other farms 4,400. Actually, the average number of sheep supplied per annum by the Company's farms to the Company's Butchery for the 25-year period 1925-1949 was 3,885 but in 1950 the total was 6,982 and in 1951 7,179.

4. Of the 4,400 sheep supplied by non-F.I.C. farms to Stanley when there were three Butcheries operating, it is estimated that 1500 were shipped by small craft from the West Falkland, mostly from Pebble Island, the balance being drawn from North Camp farms. Therefore if the same number could be made available now from the West the problem would solve itself. Here I must reiterate that the Falkland Islands Company is not interested in buying sheep from other farms to maintain Stanley's meat supply, but the Company will not rigidly insist on limiting its supplies from 30th April (Camp Manager's letter of 31st December 1951 refers) if it is known by then that a real effort is being made by Government or other interests to cope with the situation. (The tone of them is a little de facto on this.)

5. The Sheepowners Association agreed in principle last July to the quota system if it has to be enforced, and it is understood that Fox Bay and Port Howard would be the ports of shipment for

/West

These variations in price would be avoided if a Cold Storage Plant were built in Stanley and stocked twice a year by direct shipment of carcasses from Ajax Bay.

Due to price rise in the purchase of other butchers.

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They did not insist on limiting its supplies from 30th April.

10th March 1952.

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West Falkland mainland farms. As the basis for the quota is only 1.3 sheep per hundred head, Pebble Island would contribute 260 on a total of 20,000. The quota expected from other West Islands is too small to be considered, but Pebble Island could and probably would supply up to 1000 on behalf of those islands and any mainland farm such as Hill Cove which found itself unable to supply. The Company will supply its quota from its East Falkland farms only.

6. Transport must necessarily be by m.v. "Philomel" for the s.s. "Fitzroy" is already fully employed, including shipments of sheep to Stanley from Islands adjacent to Lafonia.

7. I think that Messrs. Reive Bros. should be asked how many sheep per annum they can handle. If they cannot cope with approximately double their output of a year ago, a third Butchery must be established. If the lack of holding paddocks in the vicinity of Stanley deters them, could not the Peninsula be made occasionally available? Reive Bros' predecessor, Mr. J. McGill leased this land from Government for many years and made good use of it.

8. I attach a Schedule shewing approximately the number of sheep which would be required if the quota system is adopted. The method of application and the means of ensuring it must be the subject for discussions between the Sheep Owners Association and Government, particularly the Transport Department.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,

A. G. Davlin

MANAGER.

A.O. for early comments pre on (44)
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Peninsula?
? Peninsula
By whom?
It is needed
before Davlin
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QUOTA SCHEDULE.

Farms to supply @ 1.3 sheep per 100 carried

		<u>Quota</u>
<u>FALKLAND ISLANDS COMPANY</u>		
East Falkland		
West Falkland		
Islands	say 270,000	3600
 <u>OTHER FARMS</u>		
East Falkland,	say 155,500	2021
West Falkland,	say 130,500	1696
 <u>OTHER ISLANDS</u>		
East and West		
Falkland,	say 43,800	569
	599,800	7886
	599,800	7886

STANLEY
10th March 1952.

H. C. S.

comments.:-

Up to now I have not seen this correspondence or been consulted about it.

Only being aware of its existence from non-government sources.

on Page 44. para 1. This price rise need not necessarily be so. It will be most unpopular with the whole population of Stanley.

Think Stanley Member of Leg. Co should be consulted especially as it looks as if this matter will require legislation to give any workable solution.

Town Council's views might also be sought, ^{if substituted}

para 2. The use of such a cold storage plant is dependant upon the Freezer working every year. This is not sufficiently certain for such an ancillary project to be at present adopted.

para 3. The sheep population was 596,963 on the last returns & because of the bad lambing this season can be expected to be several thousands down from this on the next returns.

The total sheep sold for mutton shown on these 1957 returns was 12,361 & the F.I.C.'s part of it 7,581.

These figures include sheep supplied to Oxbowmarle & Ajax Bay, but not those killed for consumption on the farms.

I think the whole supply of mutton to non-sheep-owning communities here should be dealt with at this juncture, not just Stanley.

Ajax fetches its meat by boat "Penelope" from the 2 San Carloses. It could be supplied from the West (Port Howard & Pebble) using its own ship as now & so cease to be a drain of mutton from a source which formerly walked in to town.

Oxbowmarle also with shipping, could be supplied & fetch its own mutton from the Western Islands instead of Spedwell & Latoria at times.

Agree.
selection
admission

But I think Ajax & Albenale do not account for more than 2,000 sheep a year.

This leaves more than 10,000 being used in Stanley against the assumed 8,000 in this para.

para 4. The small craft referred to here have all been wrecked & not replaced.

The S.O.A. has had this matter referred to them since 7/1/52 see 36 this file.

Mr. Barton their Chairman (jointly) is now writing I presume as F.I.C. Managers.

Surely it is for said Association to advise on the fairest form of quota system to adopt & the price at which; (as asked for at 36.) before government takes any action; which Mr. Barton in his other capacity here appears to be trying to precipitate government to take. Avoiding the Association committing themselves to a written reply.

para 5. There are more mutton sheep per thousand on the Islands here-in considered too small to consider.

They have the best lambings & sheep increase. And would feel no hardship in having to supply twice the quota applied as fair to main Island Farms.

This is borne out by comments on Pebble.

para 6. This is a reference to a scheme of using the Islands in Choiseul Sound etc. for fattening culled sheep from Darwin-Lafonia & bringing them in by boat.

It was started by W.J. Hutchinson. F.I.C. now see it as a good thing & may try to emulate.

I think Fitzroy is wrong boat for the work which is more suited to a smaller boat say Philomel, Protector, or F.I.C.'s own Glen.

As to using Philomel & changing the principles upon which is at present run (there are on a profit sharing incentive) The Harbour Master though not unbiased

With whom?

Agree.
stated on page 411

could well be consulted.

para 7. Messrs. Reeves trouble is chiefly irregular supply. People are reluctant to go back to them for meat, because when next they have none they will have to return cap in hand to the F.I.C.

Messrs Reeves slaughter house has neither water laid on nor proper drains. See report made on same by myself & Jenkins former Chief Constable & Sanitary Inspector.

The Peninsula is sandy 10 or 12 years ago it was just blowing sand. Sheep could easily eat the Peninsula out & do away with all the reclamation & improvement of this last 10 years.

It is now necessary for the wintering of the increased head of dairy stock (an extra dairy has been placed to feed off the common & this)

Reeve Bros. have more Paddocks than F.I.C. by far round town.

They also could use Mullet Creek farm as there is the connection of Mrs. Mc Gill having interests in both
para. 8. There are other considerations besides allotting a quota of sheep to each farm; total of which should be about 10,000 not 7,881.

i.e. The ones of delivery where & when?

The quality of mutton, price only to be paid on those delivered in good condition; etc.

And what about beef?

I think a system of supply such as has worked in Magellan's Province to supply Punta Arenas since the advent of Freezer's there, with a Government or Town Council maintained & operated abattoir is the answer.

The F.I.C.'s present premises so operated would accommodate slaughtering for the whole town. And allow for late building, & change over to the cold store by both erected in para. 2 of 44. John P. Bliss

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Please see page (44) to (49).

This seems a rather complicated subject & I would be grateful if I could discuss. I feel that (43) was sent to FIC in mistake for SOA & that we should enquire early if (43) represents SOA. view.

1773

This 'mistake' has arisen through, a rather was precipitated by, FIC's declared intention of increasing the price of meat from 3d - 6d on 1st August last. I recommended Milling to call this off (I was then in England) pending discussion with Bacon on my return. I recognised on all must recognise (a) that some measure was called for and (b) that it was not reasonable with one pound coming to birds to use FIC to provide the entire needs of Stanley. As to (a) we agreed upon 4 pence with FIC, no other butchers being then in operation.

2 In my discussion with Milling, I suggested a greater system of integration to open production asking him to put this to SOA; no report so far as I am aware has ever been received from the SOA nor was I invited (within the year or last) to attend its meeting.

3 Quite clearly we can only deal with the greater system with the SOA (i.e. not with FIC) and equally clearly AO should have been brought into this discussion long before. The issue of 4d is a little de rigeur on this - this is a matter for discussion by the parties concerned though I agree with AO that we will almost certainly have to resort to legislation. I don't think we are likely to get much help from the War. As to (b) it has been said that FIC have divided the Home Div. and I business and I certainly don't see a third butcher coming forward.

The only profit they make is from skins and the price has fallen substantially. A cold store is the obvious answer - Freezer or no Freezer.

4. We had better get back on to the SOA view early and then appoint a Committee with SOA representatives, Study do. & H/M under Chairmanship of AO. who has clearly got all the candidates in mind.

Mo. 17/iii

Y.L. Pages 44 et seq
A draft reply to (44) is S.F.C. or cover
on the reverse is a draft follow up to (36)
(37)

1973

I doubt the wisdom of para 3 to SOA at this stage; it will inevitably come to legislation.

Drafted. 20/3

Mo. 19/iii

20th March,

52.

Sir,

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I am directed to refer to your letter of the 9th of January, 1952, and to request that a reply may be furnished to paragraph 3 of my letter No. 1437 of the 7th of January, 1952, at the earliest opportunity.

2. The matter is of some urgency as the Falkland Islands Company are anxious to discontinue from the 30th of April the present practice whereby they virtually supply all the meat to Stanley and they propose thereafter only to provide a quota based on their proportionate holdings in relation to other farms.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

C. CAMPBELL

Colonial Secretary.

The Chairman,
Sheep Owners' Association,
STANLEY.

WL.

20th March,

52.

Sir,

114 I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th of March, 1952, and to express His Excellency's thanks for the information contained therein.

2. It is noted that you will not rigidly insist on limiting supplies from the 30th of April, and it would be greatly appreciated if you could continue to postpone such action until a satisfactory solution has been reached.

3. Government is urgently awaiting advice from the Sheep Owners' Association on the whole problem of the Stanley meat supply with particular reference to the quota system (see Mr. Rayment's letter of 25th July last) and when this is received it will appoint a representative committee, under the Chairmanship of the Agricultural Officer, to work out a scheme and put it into practice.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

G. CAMPBELL
Colonial Secretary.

The Colonial Manager,
PALM ISLANDS CO., LTD.
W.L.

B.S. 4/4/52

H.C.S.

In respect of the supply of Mutton for Stanley.
May I suggest that the Committee formed to advise Government on this be made up some what as follows:-

- 2 Sheep owners Representations.
- 1 Reeve Booths.
- 1 C.D.C. Fringe Rep. & myself (Agricultural Office)
- 1 Labour Federation Rep.
- 1 Town Council Rep.
- 1 Stanley Legislative Council Member. & The Harbour Master.

Note.

This contains no F.I.C direct representative but it is assumed that say Mr. Barton will as one of the sheep owners will be able to put forward their points of view.

And that the agenda for them to consider & advise upon be some what as follows initially:-

1. The passing of an ordinance requiring the supply of a Quota of sheep from the farms for local consumption.
2. A farms quota of sheep suggested for Stanley & other non sheep owning communities be a percentage of the sheep returned on the farms an usual return for the year previous & worked out by Government? annually to insure an a dequate supply of mutton for these communities. The percentage to be the same in any one year for all farms.
i.e. for 1952 say 12,000 sheep (12611 sold in 1951 for mutton)
1951 return 596,963 say 597,000 working out at 2.07 sheep per 100.
3. Who, or what Government Dept., to fix the individual quotas & time of delivery for each farm say done annually by a committee how composed.
offices responsible for ordinance's operation.

Recd
M. K. R.
20/3

4. Onus of delivering sheep when requested on whom, suggest Stanley, for all East Farms.
How & to whom to be handed over to.
5. If not up to standard is matter to acceptance to be refused by whom & on what grounds.
6. Penalties for non-compliance with quota
Power to gather & pick & take the quota & charge expenses involved?
7. What sheep ones to put where (on the East Coast)?
Lower price paid to allow for shipping away?
8. Price at which sheep will have to be supplied under this quota system?
Price per lb. Public to be charged?
9. Beef? Quota. For East only how based?
Suggest delivery in Stanley in winter before lambing.
Making one or 2 collective drives.
10. Allocation of Quota sheep to Butcher's.
Qualifications, who can set up & have a part of the supply.
Committee as at 3 to fix same annually
11. Or Municipally run slaughter house under Town Council?
12. Future cold storage built in town how, by whom, what capacity suggested?

John P. Glinis.
A.O.

9/14/52.

J.P.G.
or av. Current reply
2 weeks
26/3

62.7/4

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The Falkland Islands Sheeppowners Association,

(LOCAL COMMITTEE)

STANLEY, FALKLAND ISLANDS.



25th March

19 52.

The Honourable the Colonial Secretary,
STANLEY.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No. 1437 of 20th March 1952 received today, para.3 of yours dated 7th January 1952 cannot be answered by the Association as a body for the reasons outlined in para.2 of mine dated 9th January. In that same letter I suggested that the matter might be discussed in Executive Council with one or more Farmer Members present. Has this been done?

2. The Falkland Island Company's point of view was clearly indicated at an informal meeting between Mr. Young, Mr. Gilruth, Mr. K. Luxton, Mr. W. Blake and the writer. Mr. Blake could see no reason why West Falkland should 'subsidise' Stanley and while stating categorically that East Falkland could supply Stanley with all the meat required he offered no reason why East Falkland should, to the exclusion of West Falkland.

But Messrs. K.L. and WB do not support the W. Falkland in all matters

3. A copy of The Falkland Island Company's letter to you dated 10th March 1952 is filed with the Association, and though the Company's interest in Stanley is sufficient to warrant its taking a full share in the meat supply it is clear that the Company feels it should not again be compelled to supply the whole.

*M.B. as SOT4
quoting M.B. as F.I.C.*

4. If Messrs. Reive Bros. are in the Butchery business to make a living out of it they should know by this time whence their winter supplies are coming. If not, steps must be taken to put in another tenant of the buildings, plant and paddocks at present leased to them by Mrs. J. McGill. You will agree that this comes outside the scope of the Association's activities.

*By whom? How
should fees be
to be on behalf
of the donor and
the donor's consent*

5. The recent drop in the sheepskin values, now standing at the 2/- per lb. mark, coupled with the results of the March Wool Sales just to hand (42d per lb average) should make for easier price-fixing for sheep supplied on the compulsory quota basis.

and that the Reive Bros are aggrieved under F.I.C. over "unfair competition"

/ A number

ACS AP. per. 25/3

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary

25th March, 1952. 57

- 2 -

A number of Farm Managers will be in Stanley at the end of this month and more during the first week in May. It should then be possible to ascertain what is required and the best means of supply.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,

A. G. Darlow

CHAIRMAN.

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The Falkland Islands Company, Limited.

°(INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER 1851.)°

REGISTERED 1902.

AGENTS FOR LLOYDS.

TELEGRAMS "FLEETWING PORTSTANLEY" VIA RADIO.



Stanley,

25th March

1952

The Honourable the Colonial Secretary,
STANLEY.

Sir,

We have for acknowledgement your letter No.1437 of 20th
March.

The Company will not intentionally restrict supplies until
30th June by which time it is thought that sufficient members
of the Sheep Owners Association will have met together to find
some way out of the impasse.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

A. G. Parlin

MANAGER.

*ref
P.P. psc.
25/3*

Y.F.

Pages (56) to (58)

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I think that we have made our point and we now await S.O.A.'s views.

2) I feel however that if S.O.A. meet & put up a scheme, they ^{members} will have all returned to the camp by the time we have chewed it over and perhaps suggested modifications.

3) For that reason, I feel that it would be profitable for the Committee to meet earlier & perhaps themselves put forward a tentative plan.

4) That brings us to the composition of the C'ttee as set out by Y.F. in (51) A.O. made independent suggestions at (54) but he agrees now that its composition is too heavy.

He is however very keen on a Labour Fed. representative. I should think one would be of little use in framing a plan but it might be advisable to include him if the, as seems likely, the price will have to go up eventually.

5) I would therefore suggest.

A.O. (Chairman)

S.O.A. representative - I hope Mr Barton ✓

Stanley member. Hon Mr Luton (useful as representing F.I.C. Labour also!)

? H/M.

Lab. Fed representative. ? One of the Revue Bros. ?

Others - each can be invited to attend when required.

6) Ref para 4 of (56). I gather that the trouble now with Revue is that he has sheep but insufficient customers owing to the irregularity of his supply. (for which he blames F.I.C.).

~~Having been~~ F.I.C. having once squeezed him out in order to force the price up - was seen to wish him to shoulder some of the load, as he did not achieve their objective. Anyway I do not see that we can

Presumably.

* interfere.

7) The wool price is interesting. Presumably C/A will let us know in about it in a month or so!

25) 3

See also marginally on 56.

2. Govt. is not going to enter the building business, as I recently informed Mr Barton; nor can it force any other individual to do so. ^(para 4 of his letter) Para 6 of your minute is, I suspect, correct and I think it would be a good thing to have one of the Deane Bros. on the Ota.

We might perhaps reconstitute this as follows.

	G.S.	Chairman.
Members.	AO	
	Mr. Barton	representing F.I.C. ? SOA??
	Mr. S. Luckin	representing <u>Sturdy and Labour Fed</u>
	Mr. Rave	as an independent builder

In attendance H/M. He is not very substantially concerned as regards to Mr. Barton the ^{West-} ~~Sturdy~~ quota can be met from Pebble Island and I cannot see why the "Goulvo" (the Deane Bros. boat) cannot bring the sheep in assisted, if convenient, by Fitzroy, Philmull and Protection.

3. Your para 7. Interesting as you say and in line with my forecast of "between 40 and 50 pence the lb" ... Leg. Co. Addison. MC 26/iii

Y.E.

I think the C'ttee as suggested by Y.E. in (60) will fill the bill.

2) Does Y.E. consider agree that it should meet as suggested in para 3 of my minute on (59)?

If so, I suggest that I approach Mr Barton first demi-officially and ask him

a) if he as Chairman SOA, if the Association would welcome some prior suggestions &

b) if he will serve on the C'ttee representing SOA, F.C. camp & F.C. butchery. He may like someone else to represent the F.C. - in which case I feel we should agree.

Yes.

26/3

As proposed.

The trouble about the SOA is that except on the question of Camp wages etc vis-a-vis the F.C.F (the annual haggling, match) it does not appear to act as an Association; it was better when they had a joint Chairman

M.C. 26/3

A.O. P. 59-61.

I have discussed with Mr B & he will serve on the C'ttee which will meet when he returns from Punta Arenas.

27/3

H.C.S. Noted Thank you.

John P. Palmer
D.O. 28/III/62

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3rd April, 1952.

Dear Barton,

With reference to our recent conversation, I would be very grateful if you would confirm that you are willing to serve on the Meat Supply Committee under my Chairmanship.

In order to keep down the numbers it would be convenient if you could represent the Falkland Islands Company and the Sheep Owners' Association at the same time, but if you feel that this may be difficult perhaps you would suggest an additional member.

I propose that we have a preliminary meeting or meetings before the Sheep Owners' Association are gathered together so that there will be a good chance of getting the whole problem sorted out before they finally disperse.

Yours sincerely,

(SGD) C. CAMPBELL.

- 1) Mr. S. Linton will stand
- 2) One of Rennie Bros. is out of town at present

WH.

with Rennie Bros. ?
3/4

Be.
3/4
yes, Mr. G. Rennie.
7/4/52

J.H.

Messrs. S. Lutton & G. Reine are
both willing to act, pl. - before
issuing letters of appl. what terms
of ref. shd. I quote, pl.?

S
8/4

ACB Pre pv. draft - is similar to
past offers terms of ref.

S
9/4

ACB

Drafts at back cover, pl.
- Mr. Lutton's letter shd. be copied to the
Lorain Sec.?

S
2/4

644.

1432.

12th May, 52.

Sir,

I am directed to confirm that His Excellency has been pleased to appoint you to be a member of the Meat Supply Committee recently set up to investigate and make recommendations regarding the supply of meat to Stanley.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sd) C. Campbell.

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Copy to Hon. Mr. S. C. Luxton.
Mr. G. Reive.

4/1

Ref: (60)

A meeting of the Committee was held yesterday which Mr Bonner also attended.

2) I considered it fruitful + so did Mr Bonner, but I rather felt that Mr Benton + A.O. thought we were merely going over old ground.

3) The crux of the matter lies with S.O.A. + the Committee could not be expected to come to any far reaching decisions.

4) At the forthcoming meeting of S.O.A. it will be proposed that a quota system be introduced based on Stanley ^{requirements} ~~requirements~~ of 10,000 lbs. + total sheep population of 280,000. This works out at something under 2%.

5) If transport ^{from the west} were easy the solution would also be easy. ~~Copper~~ As F.C. will supply their ^{best} quota from the East, about 2000 to 2400 will be required from other best farms.

6) It is more than possible that some west farmers will make arrangements for East farms to supply their quota + assuming that about 1,500 are still left, the ^{Philomel} ~~Philomel~~ _{Protector} _{Fitzroy} can carry ferry these across the Sound in lots of 100 working something like 3 weeks a year. - say 3 different drives of a week at a time.

7) It was suggested that West farmers should bear these lpt. costs at about 2/3 - 2/6 per sheep.

8) I suggested that the S.O.A. might even pool profits on the business, so that farmers who have to supply at inconvenient times

If the year should not be unduly penalized.
 Alternatively a roster system changing their
 to supply seasons annually.

9) Lewis can cope with all the sheep he can get &
 if he can't Mr Barton said he would do everything
 he could to help him out, in order to keep
 him in business!

10) The price question was not discussed at length
 & must await S.O.A. proposals, but Mr Bonner
 saw no reason for it to be increased.

11) A cold storage plant in Stanley fed from
 the freezer was generally voted the best
 solution - Govt of course to run it! - but
 that does not get us over the next 2 or
 3 years.

NO

12) If S.O.A. play, (^{and} ~~which~~ A.O. is convinced they won't) then
 all that seems required is for details to
 be worked out with them by H/M, A.O. & Lewis.

13/5

Thank you. I shall await the S.O.A. deliberations
 with interest. Govt. is not (so long as I have anything
 to do with it) going into the Butchery business; we have
 quite enough 'private enterprise' responsibilities thrust upon
 us as it is.

M.C. 13/4 + A.O. 13/5

13/5
 13/6
 14/5

No.

1437

MEMORANDUM.

67

It is requested that in any reference to this memorandum the above number and the date may be quoted.



13th May, 1952.

To. The HOn. Col. Sec.

From. HarbourMaster,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

SUBJECT :-

SHEEP SHIFTING ACROSS FALKLAND SOUND ETC.

With reference the queries of the meat committee meeting held yesterday afternoon, I have the honour to inform you that investigation of the price question so far as shipping is concerned shows that the estimate of 2/3 per sheep is the lowest price that the Governmnet can afford to undertake shifting the sheep across the Sound for. (Bad grammar). At that we are barely covering our running costs, but I believe that investigation will show that it is possible to shift the sheep between two points where it will be possible to make two runs in one day, which will give us a safety margin.

AS regards other possible shippers, I have consulted Mr Venters of Ajax Bay, who assured me that when the Freezer eventually comes under his control he will do the utmost that he can to ensure that the "Penelope" assists to the best of her ability. In the meantime the vessel is under the control of the Resident Engineer, but Mr Venters considered it likely that once there is sufficient sand at the site her help can be anticipated. She would probably be a fraction more economical than the "Philomel" - say 2/- per head, although Mr Venters made it clear that he was unable to quote a firm price until the vessel is under his control.

PP. 15/5

PTO

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Were the "Philomel" and "Penelope" engaged simultaneously in sheep shifting, I consider it likely that 500 sheep could be shifted from say, Port Howard to Egg Harbour in one day, which is obviously better from the butchers point of view.

.. As regards the "Protector" for the same work: Mr Tilbury informed me that he was satisfied to undertake the work at the rate of 2/3 per sheep, provided that he had to visit the area on other business and that no waiting time was involved in the operation - he can shift 500 at a lift in the "Protector", and he would give the butcher ten days notice of his impending visit at the area beforehand so that drivers could be sent out in time.

J.H. Tucker
~~13.5.52~~
14.4.

Yh See sec. (67) - the position is even more encouraging - I will inform God who committing ourselves to a firm figure at this stage.

P
17/5

Good.
M.E. 17/V

20th May, 52.

Sir,

Stanley Meat Supply.

With reference to the meeting of the Meat Supply Committee on the 12th of May, 1952, which you attended I am directed to inform you that both Mr. Venters and Mr. Hilbury appear willing to hire out the "Penelope" and "Protector" respectively for the purpose of ferrying sheep across Falkland Sound.

2. It would also appear that the costs involved would probably be somewhere in the region of 2/- to 2/6d. per sheep.

3. The "Philomel" and "Penelope" in a combined operation could probably move 500 sheep in a day and the "Protector" could carry 500 sheep at a single lift.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(SGD) C. Campbell.

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

The Chairman,
Sheep Owners' Association,
Stanley.

B.S. 13/6

The Falkland Islands Sheepowners Association,

(LOCAL COMMITTEE)

STANLEY, FALKLAND ISLANDS.



22nd May, 1952.

69

Sir,

I have received your letter No. 1437 of 20th May and will lay it before Members of the Association at the General Meeting to be held towards the end of July.

It is proposed to ship 600 sheep from Pebble Island to Stanley by the June voyage of "Fitzroy", therefore it will be advisable to postpone the risky business of shipping sheep across the Falkland Sound and driving them to Stanley until the earliest date at which they can be shorn with safety.

I am,

Sir,

your obedient servant,

A. G. Darwin.

Chairman.

The Honourable
The Colonial Secretary,
Stanley.

Q
B.U. 13/6
(2 on 66)
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23/5

Reply at 73.

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Extract from the minutes of a meeting of the Executive Council held on the 2nd of June, 1952.

4. Meat Supplies for Stanley. The Honourable the Colonial Secretary reported that the Meat Committee had held one meeting and had put forward various suggestions to the Sheepowners' Association for consideration at their meeting in July.

[Handwritten signature]

Ag. Clerk of the Executive Council.

15/8/52
B.O. 15.7.52
8/16

[Handwritten initials]

Done 7.1.52

[Handwritten initials]
15/8

G.H./

P. 71. - We should now follow up.?

Matter considered by next letter appears at pp 65-66 - I assume the suggestions are embodied in this.

I am a little at loss to know in what terms we should now direct enquiry to S.O.A. - G.H. will pt say?

[Signature]
28/8

CS: Draft at once.

29/8

30th August, 52.

Sir,

70. I am directed to refer to your letter of the 22nd of May, 1952, on the subject of meat supplies for Stanley and to enquire if your Association has made any recommendations in this matter.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd) J. E. Briscoe

Acting Colonial Secretary.

Chairman,
Sheep Owners' Association,
STANLEY.

By. 7/9.

Reply at 74.

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The Falkland Islands Sheepowners Association,
(LOCAL COMMITTEE)
STANLEY, FALKLAND ISLANDS.

2nd September, 1952.

Sir,

STANLEY MUTTON.

73.

With reference to your letter No. 1437 dated 30th August, 1952 - it was generally agreed that the control of meat supplies to Stanley be vested in the Association. Owners of the two Butcheries now operating consented to this arrangement.

X

A quota system applying to all Farms including Islands has been approved and will come into force at 1st October, 1952 on which date the retail price of meat sold will be advanced by one half penny to 4½d per lb. The increase is to compensate the Butchers for the cost of shipping sheep.

Government's offer on behalf of the Colonial Development Corporation to ship across Falkland Sound at a cost of 2/- to 2/6 per head was noted with approval.

I am,
Sir,
your obedient servant,

A. G. Davlin.
Chairman.

X
Mr Davlin phoned today to say date should have been 1st November
28/9

Reply at 75.

The Honourable
The Colonial Secretary,
Stanley.

Y.H. Replied to most if not all of our letters to S.O.A are now received - you may wish to see them re without waiting for pp.

3/2
C.S. Len. See B.V. early in file.

C.S. I think asked for early on 3/9
This letter did not appear until I called for it on 19/9.
Letters at cover to issue to-day. 19/9

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1437

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19th September, 52.

Sir,

Stanley Mutton.

74.

I am directed to refer to your letter of the 2nd of September, 1952, and to express this Government's appreciation of the satisfactory arrangements made by your Association for the supply of mutton to Stanley.

2. I am however to query the increase of $\frac{1}{2}$ d. per pound. At the meeting of the Meat Committee on the 12th of May, 1952, both Mr. Bonner and Mr. Reive considered that satisfactory arrangements could be made without any alteration in the price of mutton. It was further suggested that the cost of shipping sheep from the West might well be borne by owners.

3. The increase of $\frac{1}{2}$ d. per pound is approximately 2/- per sheep and even if it is not considered desirable to pass on the cost of shipping to the owners it would appear that the butchers would be more than compensated if the price was only increased by $\frac{1}{2}$ d. - especially as a much smaller proportion of sheep will come from the West.

4. The sum involved may appear niggardly but not in view of the fact that one of the principal staple foods is involved, and I am to request that consideration may be given to this suggestion.

I am,

Sir,
Your obedient servant,

(Sgd) J. E. Briscoe

Acting Colonial Secretary.

Reply at 75.

BN 15/10/52

The Chairman,
Sheep Owners' Association,
STANLEY.

Ref: 1457.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Stanley, Falkland Islands.
20th September, 1952.

Sir,

Meat Supply Committee.

I am directed to inform you that the Meat Supply Committee was set up to investigate and make recommendations regarding the supply of meat to Stanley. The first and only meeting was held on 12th May, 1952, when various suggestions which it was thought might be of use to the Sheep Owners' Association were put forward.

2. A letter has now been received from the Chairman of the Association, the relevant portion of which reads as follows:-

"It was generally agreed (by the Association) that the control of meat supplies to Stanley be vested in the Association. Owners of the two butcheries now operating consented to this arrangement.

A quota system applying to all farms including islands has been approved and will come into force at 1st October, 1952, on which date the retail price of meat sold will be advanced by one half penny to 4½d. per lb. The increase is to compensate the Butchers for the cost of shipping sheep.

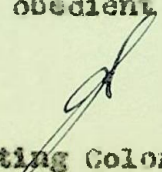
Government's offer on behalf of the Colonial Development Corporation to ship across Falkland Sound at a cost of 2/- to 2/6 per head was noted with approval".

3. As it now appears that a regular supply of meat for Stanley will be forthcoming it is not considered that any further meetings of the Committee are necessary and I am to express His Honour's thanks to members for their assistance rendered.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,


Acting Colonial Secretary.

- Mr. G. Reive
- Hon. Mr. K.C. Luxton
- Hon. Agric. Officer.
- Hon. Mr. A. G. Barton J.P.

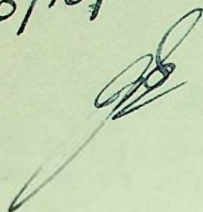
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The Falkland Islands Sheepowners Association,

(LOCAL COMMITTEE)

STANLEY, FALKLAND ISLANDS.

2nd October, 1952.

Sir,

STANLEY MUTTON.

Reply at 86

75. I have to refer to your No. 1437 dated 19th September in which you deprecate the proposed increase of $\frac{1}{2}$ d per pound in the price of mutton, making it $4\frac{1}{2}$ d.

3. The sub-committee of the Association appointed to contrive some workable scheme was composed of Messrs. Beaty, Harding and Bonner. Mr. Harold Bennett was also consulted on behalf of Messrs. Reive Brothers and concurred in the final decisions. This Committee went far deeper into the question than the representative Committee appointed by Government of which Mr. Bonner was also a member, and when it was decided that the farmer should receive a flat rate throughout the year of 7/- per sheep, and wait 6 - 8 months for a proportion of the skin value, Mr. Bonner withdrew his opposition to increasing the retail price of mutton.

3. I cannot recall approving the suggestion that West farmers might themselves bear the cost of shipping sheep to East Falkland. It is hardly likely that they would agree to a compulsory quota system which netted them less than an East Falkland farmer. Shipment of sheep to Ajax Bay Freezer comes under a different category.

4. The cost of shipping will be borne by the Butcheries and we have no confirmation from the C.D.C. that the charge will be 2/- or 2/6 per head. The s.s. "Fitzroy" has already shipped 1,000 and will ship another 1,000 to Stanley this year for the Company's Butchery, on which a nominal freight of 4/6 per head is credited to the vessel's account.

5. Since 1939 wages plus cost of living bonus have risen by 182% in the Camp, 92% in Stanley, freights by 80%, materials by 150 - 300%, therefore it is not unreasonable that farmer and butcher should ask 50% more for mutton (i.e. from 3d per lb. to $4\frac{1}{2}$ d). The increase from 3d to 6d which was announced in 1951 and subsequently withdrawn, was not unreasonable either, in that it was calculated to reduce waste - an estimable purpose which the present increase has not attained.

pp plj

The Honourable
The Colonial Secretary,
Stanley.

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6. I enclose a copy of the draft Memorandum on Mutton Supply for your information. Some inequalities are bound to come to light during the first year of the Quota Scheme, but on the whole it presents a fair working basis.

I am,
Sir,
your obedient servant,

A. G. Darwin

Chairman.

CONQUEROR
III
LONDON

Butcheries
Closing down:

Present crisis has arisen because the two established competitors to F.I.C. in butchery business ceased to trade, and only one of the businesses has been carried out and that in an unreliable manner.

When wool (or sheepskins) was not very high in price farmers looked to sale of surplus sheep to butchers for additional profit and butchers could afford to pay a price for sheep in keeping with the value of their skins.

During the War years the price of sheepskins was controlled and fixed in advance so that Butchers knew what income to expect from skins and could buy sheep accordingly.

Difficulty in
buying sheep:

With enhanced wool and skin values farmers naturally ask a higher price for sheep, particularly for those with a good growth of wool on. The butcher is of course reimbursed when he sells the skins, and on a rising market has made handsome profits. The trouble now arises that with high existing values the butcher is not prepared to take the risk of buying sheep according to the value of their skins, which may fall before he can market them. It is not unreasonable to suppose that if Farms could get full value for their sheep, most of the Mutton requirements of Stanley could be met by Farms on East Falkland and from Pebble Island, as was the case formerly.

If this was the only problem, a scheme of deferred payment for sheep until their skins were sold and fixing a price dependent on skin prices might be all that was required.

Effect of
Freezer:

The Ajax Bay Freezer will make supplies of Stanley Mutton still more difficult to obtain especially during the winter months, and in view of this it would be better to work out a scheme now to ensure Stanley Mutton supplies even after the Freezer is in operation.

This will involve some scheme whereby each Farm will supply a quota of Stanley requirements depending on the number of sheep carried on the Farm.

Scheme to be
run by S.O.A.

Members are all agreed that such a Scheme could best be worked out and controlled by S.O.A. rather than by Government legislation through a Government Department. All Members must give such a scheme their full co-operation or Government legislation may become necessary.

Co-operative
Butchery:

Such a scheme controlled by S.O.A. would probably be most easily administered if there was only one Butchery to supply the whole of Stanley, the ideal being a Co-operative Butchery run by S.O.A. and paying a dividend out of profits (if any) on the number of sheep sent in by each Farm.

Such a Co-operative Butchery would not require much capital, assuming that premises could be rented from present owners. As long as there are butcheries being carried on by private enterprise, it is not desirable politically to start an SCA co-operative, the logical end of which would be to put all others out of business.

Existing
Butcheries
to carry on:

The two existing butcheries will carry on and will co-operate with any scheme put forward by S.O.A. The FIC is primarily interested only in processing sheep from their own Farm, but would agree to accept sheep from outside farms if other butchers cannot deal with them all

Messrs. Reive Bros. business is not well managed, but we understand it is to be put under new management and will continue to operate. It is estimated that this Butchery can at present deal with 2500-3000 sheep per year, possibly increasing this number later on.

Scheme to come into operation: The quota scheme should come into operation on 1st November 1952. By getting a start early in the season any difficulties not foreseen may be ironed out, and Farmers will know well in advance what their commitments for the next winter will be.

Quota: The Mutton requirements of Stanley according to figures supplied by the two existing Butcheries are about 9,000. The Agricultural Department has obtained figures from the Stock Returns showing some 11,500 sheep sold for Mutton. The latter figure probably includes some sheep sold but not actually for mutton, and certainly includes sheep sold to Albemarle Sealing Station. There are sheep coming into Stanley by other channels than the butcheries and an estimate of 10,000 is probably reasonable for Stanley requirements. With a sheep population of 600,000 this means that each Farm should send in 1 mutton per 60 sheep carried, and a quota for each farm has been worked out on this basis - APPENDIX I.

It may be that in the first year before the Freezer is operating and has cut off the odd supplies reaching Stanley other than through the Butcheries, these numbers might be slightly in excess of actual requirements.

The year is divided into 4 periods each of three months for quota purposes; all FIC Farms are treated as one unit to supply a regular number each quarter, the remainder of East Falkland as another unit, and the remainder of the West, including Islands, as a third unit. The quarter during which each Farm will supply sheep will be decided by ballot for the first year, and in following years by making the supply date one quarter later than in the previous year. S.O.A. will advise butchers where to draw supplies from.

Butchers' margin: The price paid by the Butcher to the Farmer will be based on the value of sheepskins, plus a fixed value for the carcass so as to allow a margin of 10/- per head to the butcher.

Price to Farmer: Assuming that Mutton sheep in Stanley average 51 lbs, which at 4d per lb brings in 17/- per carcass, the price paid to the Farmer for sheep should be 7/- + the value of the skin. The value of the skin will be determined according to the formula in APPENDIX II.

Suppliers of sheep will receive 7/- per head on delivery, the balance after skin prices are available in December or January.

Delivery: Butchers will accept delivery, through S.O.A., of sheep on Farm for East Falkland and on board ship for West Falkland.

Paddocking: Paddocking charges on West Falkland at shipping port will be borne by the supplier, on East Falkland for sheep shipped by butcher, Farms concerned are urged to make a nominal charge only.

Shipping:

Government has agreed to help in shipping, and states that "enelope" and "Protector" will be available from CDC for shipping sheep across Falkland Sound at a charge of 2/- - 2/6d per head.

Increase in price of meat:

It is proposed that the retail price of meat in Stanley should be raised by 1/2d per lb to compensate the butcher for the cost of shipping sheep from the West.

Shipping charges and Marine Insurance:

Shipping charges and insurance of sheep while being shipped will be borne by the Butcher. As all meat will be sold at the increased price of 1/2d per lb, all Butchers must take a fair proportion of sheep which are shipped, including those from FIC Islands, along with East Falkland sheep. As this may be very difficult to pre-arrange accurately, at the end of each year there shall be an equalising account, worked through SOA, whereby all freight charges and the value of all sheep lost in shipping shall be apportioned at so much per head on all sheep killed in Stanley, and adjustment made between Butchers accordingly.

Deposit by Butcher:

S.O.A. may require a Butcher to make a deposit as security against the value of sheepskins still to be credited to suppliers of sheep.

Safeguard for Butcher:

A Butcher will accept sheep in each quarter as coming within the category for skins specified for that quarter; or must immediately notify S.O.A. that he objects to such classification. The SOA will send an Inspector to see the sheep and re-classify them if necessary. A Butcher may object on the grounds that the wool is too short or that the weights of dried skins is too low.

All sheep should be a minimum of 42 lbs dressed weight on arrival in Stanley.

APPENDIX I.

GROUPING FOR QUARTERLY SUPPLIES:

San Carlos	200	Islands	725
Port San Carlos	225		
Port Louis	200		
San Carlos	200	Roy Cove	275
Port San Carlos	225	Fox Bay E.	250
Rincon Grande	150	Chartres	200
Bluff Cove	50		
Teal Inlet	200	Hill Cove	275
Douglas Stn	175	Chartres	200
Johnson's Hr	250	Port Howard	250
Teal Inlet	175	Hill Cove	200
Douglas Stn	200	Fox Bay East	200
Salvador	250	Port Howard	325

Required per QuarterQuota on 1951 Returns1 mutton per 60 sheep

		say:
SAN CARLOS	391	400
PORT SAN CARLOS	442	450
TEAL INLET	363	375
DOUGLAS STATION	370	375
SALVADOR	256	250
JOHNSON'S HBR.	252	250
PORT LOUIS	195	200
RINCON GRANDE	152	150
BLUFF COVE	50	50
	<u>2481</u>	<u>2500</u>

625

		say:
PORT HOWARD	580	575
HILL COVE	475	475
FOX BAY EAST	459	450
CHARTRES	400	400
ROY COVE	260	275
	<u>2174</u>	<u>2175</u>

725

		say:
JOHN HAMILTON LTD	252	250
PEBBLE ISLAND	355	350
NEW ISLAND	45	50
SEA LION ISLAND	25	25
WEST POINT IS.	43	50
	<u>720</u>	<u>725</u>

say:

FALKLAND ISLANDS

CO. LTD.	<u>4424</u>	<u>4500</u>
	<u>9799</u>	<u>9900</u>

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SKIN VALUES.

Sheep Supplied	Nov, Dec, Jan (shorn)	3 x price of pelts per lb.
"	" Feb, Mar, April	4½ x price of ¼ wool skin per lb.
"	" May, June, July	6 x price of ½ wool skin per lb.
"	" Aug, Sept, Oct.	8 x price of ¾ - full wool skin per lb.

Prices of skins will be nett i.e. gross price less all expenses including ~~bagging~~, ~~heads~~, freight, insurance, and selling charges. Prices to be determined on average price of butchery skins as soon as this is available from catalogues of London skin sales.

G.H.

To see 78.

I note F.P.C. make a charge of 4/6 per head for shipping on Fingoy but as this only relates to their own inter-departmental accounts, we should not raise ~~charges~~ of Philomeli charge?

21/10/52

C.S. The 2/- to 2/6 only refers to shipping sheep across Falkland Sound.

2) (18) though interesting & showing that a lot of thought and hard work has been put in to the problem, does not answer the point in (25).

3) $\frac{1}{4}$ wages will more than cover the cost of shipping the West sheep, particularly as most West farmers will probably make private arrangements to supply their quotas from East farms.

4) However in view of the uncertain shipping situation I do not think that it is worth charging the $\frac{1}{4}$, though we shall know when future increases are mooted.

5) Draft opposite to issue.

9/10

10th October,

52.

Sir,

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I am directed to refer to your letter of the 2nd of October, 1952, and to thank you for the informative enclosure.

2. In view of the uncertainty of the local shipping situation it is not proposed to press further the suggestion that the price of mutton should only be increased by 1d.

3. The future of the "Protector" is very uncertain and until the Animal Products Manager is in charge of the "Penelope" no firm price can be quoted for carriage of sheep by that vessel.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd) J.E. Briscoe

Acting Colonial Secretary.

The Chairman,
Sheepowners' Association,
STANLEY.

PA and

Y.H./ P.L. see attachments re Meat Supply to Stanley.

A. H.M.'s letter to S.O.A.

B. S.O.A.'s reply-

C. H.M.'s comments 88

The charge of 6/- per head of sheep was worked out on the estimated time required to carry out the several operations & the normal charter rate of the 'Philomel'.

No mention of shipping the sheep across the sound was made as under the suggested arrangements it did not arise I cannot therefore understand Mr Barton's request for a reduction of the charge to 2/6^d. The economics of such figures have not been examined.

We could no doubt agree to a nominal figure of 4/6^d per head on ordinary voyages, but in the case in point we were asked to undertake work which was not in the ordinary course and must therefore charge accordingly.

It is quite obvious that S.O.A. would not do the job any cheaper by chartering the 'Philomel' unless they would have done so, in point of fact it would cost them a lot more than 6/- a head.

I am not happy about considering a reduction which would in effect be a hidden subsidy to Stanley, but we might consider it on the lines that it is an experiment in order to get the quota system working and as such no firm undertaking to undertake to ship sheep at whatever price is decided on can be given. Do you agree to me discussing the matter with Mr Barton on this basis?

J.S.B.
10/12

CS I agree. I am not now so concerned about the hidden subsidy for Stanley as the farms are getting about a 1/4 a pound on 11/- a sheep but that's owing to the price going up 1/2 a pound.

Further Post Arrived

11/12

10th. December 1952

88c

From: Ag. Harbour Master,
Stanley.

To: The Hon. Colonial Secretary,
Stanley.

Sheep Shifting.

H.C.S.

I am in receipt of the attached from the Sheepowners Association's Chairman, in reply to mine of your drafting of December 2nd. 1952.

At 2. I am not aware of the contents of the letter No.1437, but clearly the 'Protector' and 'Penelope' are not within the jurisdiction of the Colonial Secretary.

At 3. It would take a day or two to put pens in and a day to take them out. Increase carrying capacity by another 100 - 120 shorn sheep depending on the race arrangements and would require ventilation of bottom pens. Sheep manure would inevitably block bilge pumps causing may be several days incapacity of ship.

At 4. The 'Fitzroy' is going to Carcass, West point, New Island and Weddell this trip. Could not at any rate the smaller islands sheep be brought in by her as carcasses. Suppose they would say voyage too protracted. Also selling of such mutton in town would be an infringement of Stanley Slaughter House Ordinance?

At 5. Suggest S.O.A. charter 'Philomel', work her to their arranging and see if they can reduce the charge per head.

John P. White
Ag. Harbour Master.

Cost of Moving 400 sheep from West. per Philomet

Time taken $9\frac{1}{2}$ days.

Fixed charges	=	£92.	
Variable "	=	19.	
Fuel & oil	=	<u>90.</u>	
Total cost		<u>201.</u>	£201

reduced for lightness committed - 2 1/2 days

Fixed charges	"	26	
Variable "	"	5	
Fuel & oil	"	<u>48.</u>	
Total		<u>79.</u>	<u>79</u>
			<u>£122.</u>

400 sheep at 6/ per head = £120.

M.V. Philomel

Fixed Charges.

P.E.	£1800	
Insurance.	£10	
Depreciation	700	
Uniforms	100	
Victualling	£200	
Establishment	<u>340</u>	<u>£3750</u>

= £10-5-0 per day.

Variable Charges

Actual 1951/52	}	Stores	270	
		Repairs	<u>510</u>	<u>£780</u>

= say £2-0-0 per day.

Fuel + Oil

Fuel approx 30/- per hour.
 Oil, " 4/- ✓ ✓

34/- an hour. £15
 £27

£12-0-0

30/- x 8
 270

8 hrs

£10-1-0
 2-0-0
 13-11-0
 £26-0-0

put in chart 14-0-0

Actual Expenditure M. V. "Philanel" 1951/52 91

1. Personal Emoluments	1871.	15.	1.
11. Labour	405.	1.	5.
12. Fuel - Oil	2081.	13.	9.
13. Deck Stores	268.	12.	6.
14. Repairs - Engine Spaces	508.	4.	5.
15. Victualling	379.	13.	9.
16. Uniforms	136.	15.	2.
17. Contingencies	32.	14.	8.
18. Insurance	410.	--	--
19. Reserve Fund	500.	--	--
20. Bonus	76.	5.	6.
	<u>£6670</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>3</u>

100	Sani - to San Ca.	2 days	8 hours
200	Pepher - 1	4 "	16
100	Pebble to Starby -	2 d	13 hours
		1 1/2 days	15 hours

1 gallon in home.

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1437

16th December, 52.

Sir,

Returned
to H.M.

With reference to your letter dated the 6th of December, 1952, addressed to the Harbour Master and your conversation with the writer, I have to confirm that it is proposed to carry the sheep on deck; enquiry shows that the conversion of the "Philomel" to allow of their being carried in the hold would prove uneconomic.

2. It is not possible to quote firm rates for the future shipping of sheep in quantity, and these must remain to be decided by arrangement at the time. Government are however agreeable to reducing the figure of 6/- per head quoted in the Harbour Master's letter dated the 2nd of December, 1952, to 5/- per head in respect of the arrangement proposed therein. In making this concession I must stress that it has been arrived at by regarding the venture as an experiment, and implies no guarantee that a similar shipment could be undertaken at that figure.

3. A copy of this letter has been forwarded to the Harbour Master.

I am,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

(Sgd) J.E. Briscoe

Acting Colonial Secretary.

The Chairman,
Sheep Owners' Association,
STANLEY.

Harbour Master

Above f.i. with reference to your memo. of the 10th December, the attachments to which are returned herewith.

VP

(Incl) J.E.B.
C.S.

PA

7th. May 1958

From: The Acting Harbour Master,
Stanley.

To: The Hon. Colonial Secretary,
Stanley.



H.C.S.

In respect of sheep movement. The Falkland Islands Company have again today asked me the cost of this work which the 'Philomel' has done for the Sheep Owners Association in order that they may pay same.

I think in previous correspondence I suggested 6/- per head put on board as a fair figure.

Could we have a ruling on same in order that we may bill them. I have billed for first shipment according to yours to them No. 1437.

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BUF.

John P. Blair
Acting Harbour Master.

C.I. (94)

What do you advise?
" 95

A

N.C.S.

94.

Pl see para 2. p. 93. Harbour Master should agree his shipping charge before taking the sheep.

Before any advice on a charge can be given we require to know:-

400 on 4 trips

36-48 hours per trip

- a. Number of sheep moved.
- b. Where from & where to & time taken on voyage - sailing time & time standing-by for loading.
- c. Whether the sheep were moved on a special voyage for this purpose or whether in the course of an ordinary trip.

Sheep moved in course of ordinary trip, i.e. freight on sheep in

If H.M. considers 6/- per head a fair figure for the work undertaken, I cannot understand why he has referred to you - he should bill at that figure.

J.P.B.
12/12/53
B

ACS

Can you please obtain the necessary information from Ag Com 1953

C.

D.

H.M.

Re.

1953

H.C.S.

I referred the matter to the Acting H.C.S. on receipt of Mr. Barton's letter of 6/12/53, with other correspondence

some of which, still being relevant I attach at cover for information. And it is in reply to Mr Barton's last postulation therein that I still await an instruction.

400 sheep have been carried on 4 trips.

1 from Launder 1 from Corcoran & 2 from Pebble all to Stanley. All returns of Philomel being made from nearby waters she having taken freight out.

Time involved including loading, 36 to 48 hours per trip.

John P. Collins
A.H.M. 20/12/53

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ACS

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~~Ag. H.A.~~ As F.C. can reasonably expect that the second lot will be billed the same as the first they should be charged at 5/- per ash by com. to refer to this office for a price before he takes on any new commitments or pass file then pass file to C.T. for his advice on the figure of 5/- based on information supplied or to be supplied by com.

①
22/5

Ag. H.A.

B

As above re - a return file through C.T.

②
23/5 C

H.C.S.

will bill accordingly at 5/-

John P. Bellis
A.H.M.

25/6/53

BV 15/6/53
to CT.

H. E. S.

96.

The actual cost of running Philomet whilst bringing the sheep in was about £182. = 9/- per sheep.

On the principle that Philomet is not a trading undertaking and that all we are trying to do is cut our losses I estimate 5/6^d per head as the minimum which should have been charged in this case.

£96 Fuel
£14 Steam etc.

J. S. G.
18/6/53

See p/77
1886

HOLMESTED BLAKE & COMPANY, LIMITED

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HILL COVE,
FALKLAND ISLANDS

CABLES : "BLAKE FOXBAY"

Chairman
Local Committee
F.I. Sheepowners' Association
Stanley

Sept. 5th 1955

Dear Sir,

With reference to your circular concerning the supply of West Falkland sheep to Port Stephens instead of the Butchery, it would certainly be more feasible and convenient to us to supply sheep in one lot in the Autumn; and we are prepared to do so as long as the present scheme for supplying mutton to Stanley at an economic price continues.

It remains my view that if it is necessary to subsidize the price of meat to the Stanley consumer, it would be better to do so from public funds and let the price of sheep to the butcheries find its economic level. Given that a farm like this has any interest in keeping down the cost of living in Stanley, which I do not admit, it is obviously a much smaller interest than that of the Falkland Islands Company, which has a large number of employees in Stanley. And yet under the present scheme the F.I.C. only undertakes to supply a similar number of mutton, in proportion to the number of sheep its farms carry, to farms like this.

The argument is frequently adduced that most farms have pensioners living in Stanley, which gives them a concern in the cost of living there. This farm has two at present and is not likely ever to have many more. If the price of Stanley mutton were multiplied several times, and we increased their pensions proportionately, the cost to us would be a small fraction of that involved in selling mutton to Stanley at current prices in years when, owing to high losses and low lambing percentages, we have the pasture to run every sheep on the farm, capable of making reasonable mutton, through to the next shearing.

What investigation has been made into the feasibility of constructing a freezing chamber in Stanley, so that fat surplus sheep bought in the Autumn could be killed and stored to supply Stanley for the remainder of the year? From the point of view of the Colony as a whole this would maximize farm production and might be the genesis of a meat export trade.

Yours etc. W.W.B. Murray

P.T.O.

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(2)

HOLMES & BARNETT
The Honourable
The Colonial Secretary
Stanley

HILL COVE
Copy for your information.

H. H. Blake
Manager
Hill Cove

POST OFFICE
HILL COVE
STANLEY
WEST INDIES

See pt.

1/14/4

100

Y. H.

98 submitted for

It is an S.O.A. matter so far and it is difficult to say what is behind it, except perhaps higher material costs or a request i.d.c. for some form of Government subsidy.

8/1.16/49

1. This particular has been buzzing in Blake's mind for some time (and in Mrs Blake's). The basis of the trouble is that Hill Cove Farm is a buyer of sheep and has to buy every year from Ray Cove. They naturally don't much care for having to supply mutton for Stanley at what amounts to a subsidised rate.

I believe Blake to be in a minority on this. None of the farmers much care for the system - but they mostly recognise its necessity. What Blake does not appreciate, or has chosen to ignore, is that if there is any substantial increase in the basic foodstuff of the Falklands - then it is not only the pensioners who would require more - but a lot of other people as well. - and increased wages, salaries and taxation would be the inevitable result. Farms not only have pensioners in Stanley - but a civil service and a shipping and business centre - they might like to do without both - but can't.

There is in my view a good deal of sense in his last paragraph. I still believe that it is not only desirable - but also essential. to have a small freezer in the Falklands - and Stanley in the obvious place. (with Goose Green as a second, but less desirable, station)

We shall have to watch developments - but if Benton mentions the matter to you I think a general comment on the lines of para 2 above would be the best line to take.

B.G.F.T
16/9.

B.G.F.

7.E.

This file is interesting.

There was an outcry when in 1951 the
Gov proposed to increase the price of mutton
by 100% (from 3⁰ to 6⁰).

An increase of 1⁰ was later agreed
and the quota system was put into
operation. A further increase of $\frac{1}{2}$ ⁰
was made, bringing the price to its
present level of 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ ⁰ per lb.

S. 25/7/58

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4E

Implications of an increase in meat prices.

The present price of meat is as follows :-

Mutton - $4\frac{1}{2}^a$ per lb.

Beef (fore-qtls) $4\frac{1}{2}^a$. . .

" (hind ..) 6^a . . .

For Cost of Living Index purposes it is averaged at 5^a per lb. as compared with $3\frac{1}{2}^a$ in 1948. Beef consumption totals 14% of the entire meat consumption.

I have discussed with Mr. Barton the various permutations that might be used to give some indication of the increase in the cost of living if meat prices are raised and we agreed upon the following: (the figures in the right hand column show the increase in the cost of living brought about as the result of the various increases)

(a)	Mutton 6^a	Beef $7\frac{1}{2}^a$ and 9^a	=	2.40
(b)	" 6^a	" $10\frac{1}{2}^a$ " $1\frac{1}{2}$	=	3.20
(c)	" 9^a	" $7\frac{1}{2}^a$ " 9^a	=	7.11
(d)	" 9^a	" $10\frac{1}{2}^a$ " $1\frac{1}{2}$	=	7.91
(e)	" $1\frac{1}{2}$	" $7\frac{1}{2}^a$ " 9^a	=	11.84
(f)	" $1\frac{1}{2}$	" $10\frac{1}{2}^a$ " $1\frac{1}{2}$	=	12.64

The Cost of Living Index at 30.6.58 stood at 57.78% above that of 1948. It dropped by 1.76% from the March quarter. There is, however, no change in the Cost of Living Index table as adopted early this year, i.e. 57 $\frac{1}{2}$ % to 62 $\frac{1}{2}$ % = $1\frac{1}{2}$. A copy of the table is on page 2 in the attached report, (at 105)

If there is no change in the items and any of the above increases are adopted (the higher meat prices) the position will be as follows: -

1/2 of 12.10.0
up to now - 1954.

<u>Increase in meat prices</u>	<u>Present Cost of living</u>	<u>Revised Cost of living</u>	<u>Bonus according to sliding scale</u>
(a)	57.78%	60.18%	1/1
(b)	"	60.98%	1/1
(c)	"	64.89%	1/1
(d)	"	65.69%	1/1
(e)	"	69.62%	1/2
(f)	"	70.40%	1/2

It will be seen, therefore, that if prices (a) or (b) are adopted there will be no change in the Cost of living award, (c) or (d) will result in another penny an hour and (e) or (f) in twopence an hour.

An award of 1st will cost Government, in hourly paid workers, £819 a year and an award of 2nd an hour will cost £1,638 (on present strength).

As far as civil servants are concerned, the average officer is unlikely to be affected if an award of 1st an hour is made to hourly paid workers (equal to £9.15.0 a year) but if the award is 2nd an hour or £19.10.0 a year consideration would have to be given to a general increase in the lower brackets.

J. 23/7/58

Since writing the above, Mr Barton has brought in the attached correspondence which sets out some of the difficulties experienced in ensuring a regular supply of meat in Stanley.

J. 24/7/58

with all meat at 6th per lb. the increase is 1.83.

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The following table is suggested :-

	<u>Per Hour</u>
Increase in c.o.l. not exceeding $2\frac{1}{2}\%$	Nil
Increase in c.o.l. exceeding $2\frac{1}{2}\%$ but not exceeding $7\frac{1}{2}\%$	1d
$7\frac{1}{2}\%$	12 $\frac{1}{2}\%$ 2d
$12\frac{1}{2}\%$	17 $\frac{1}{2}\%$ 3d
$17\frac{1}{2}\%$	22 $\frac{1}{2}\%$ 4d
$22\frac{1}{2}\%$	27 $\frac{1}{2}\%$ 5d
$27\frac{1}{2}\%$	32 $\frac{1}{2}\%$ 6d
$32\frac{1}{2}\%$	37 $\frac{1}{2}\%$ 7d
$37\frac{1}{2}\%$	42 $\frac{1}{2}\%$ 8d
$42\frac{1}{2}\%$	47 $\frac{1}{2}\%$ 9d
$47\frac{1}{2}\%$	52 $\frac{1}{2}\%$ 10d
$52\frac{1}{2}\%$	57 $\frac{1}{2}\%$ 11d
$57\frac{1}{2}\%$	62 $\frac{1}{2}\%$ 1/-
$62\frac{1}{2}\%$	67 $\frac{1}{2}\%$ 1/1
$67\frac{1}{2}\%$	72 $\frac{1}{2}\%$ 1/2
$72\frac{1}{2}\%$	77 $\frac{1}{2}\%$ 1/3
$77\frac{1}{2}\%$	82 $\frac{1}{2}\%$ 1/4
$82\frac{1}{2}\%$	87 $\frac{1}{2}\%$ 1/5
$87\frac{1}{2}\%$	92 $\frac{1}{2}\%$ 1/6
$92\frac{1}{2}\%$	97 $\frac{1}{2}\%$ 1/7
$97\frac{1}{2}\%$	1/8

3. The proposed Cost of Living Bonus Table as set out above was adopted by the Board without reservation.

4. In paragraph 6 of my letter under reference, it will be observed that for the purpose of wage discussions at that time the disparity of $17\frac{1}{2}\%$ between the increases awarded by way of cost of living bonuses and the increase in the cost of living should be regarded as equivalent to 2d per hour.

5. Certain members of the Board were of the opinion that labourers wages should be increased by the 2d per hour anomaly in the cost of living as referred to in paragraph 4 above, plus 17.86%, equal in all to an increase of 25% or 2/11d per hour, with increases in proportion for other types of labour, including tradesmen. This increase of 25% was requested by the Labour Federation in lieu of the original request for an increase of 50%.

6. Other members of the Board considered that the increase to labourers should be the additional 2d per hour referred to in paragraph 4, plus 10.72% (3d) equal to an overall increase of 5d per hour and bringing their hourly rate to 2/9d, with pro rata percentage increases for other labour.

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The Falkland Islands Sheepowners Association,

(LOCAL COMMITTEE)

STANLEY, FALKLAND ISLANDS.

Confidential



26th. August 1958

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary,
Stanley.

Sir,

STANLEY MUTTON SUPPLY

I have to advise you that after lengthy discussions in Annual General Meeting, held at Stanley July/August 1958, it was resolved to negotiate for an increase of 1½d. per lb. in the retail price of mutton, i.e. from 4½d. to 6d. with effect from 1.11.58 which date is the commencement of the 7th. Quota Year.

Of this 1½d. increase the two Butcheries which at present operate in Stanley would retain one halfpenny per lb. to cover increased working expenses, and the Farms would receive one penny per lb. more for the carcass, or 3s. 4d. taking the all-the-year-round average of a carcass to be 40lbs. dressed weight. The Farm would then get 10s. 4d. for a wether and 9s. 0½d. for a ewe, plus in both cases a proportion of the realised value of the sheepskin at a later date.

It may be as well to explain how the Stanley Mutton Quota Scheme came into being in 1952.

Wool values soared in 1950/1 and Farm Managers on East Falkland who had previously supplied sheep to the Butchery operated then by Messrs. G. & W. Reive were not disposed to sell in the second half of the year except at a price which would give the Farm something approaching the presumed value of a fleece i.e. 30/- to £2. Reive Bros. had neither the capital nor the inclination to take the very real risk of falling wool-prices, and dropped temporarily out of the butchery business. Consequently the Falkland Islands Company had to undertake the responsibility of providing the whole meat supply of Stanley from July 1951 to January 1952 when Messrs. Reive re-opened for limited business. This Butchery has changed hands twice since then, and at this date supplies approximately one-third of Stanley customers.

The price of mutton and beef was raised by 1d. per lb. at 1st. Jan. 1952 partly to compete with the Ajax Bay Freezer which it was assumed would shortly open. Actually it did not until Apr. 1953

The Falkland Islands Company notified the then Colonial Secretary that it was not prepared to supply the whole of Stanley with meat from its' own Farms indefinitely, therefore in August 1952 a sub-Committee of the Association was formed to discuss the problem.

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A scheme was devised based on the following principles :-

- (1) The total sheep-population of the Colony to be taken as 600,000.
- (2) Estimated consumption of mutton per annum in Stanley at 10,000.
- (3) Proportion of mutton to total sheep 1 : 60
Each Farm to contribute on this basis, small Farms providing one lot in a different quarter of the year, every year, larger Farms two lots in two different quarters, and the Company one lot in every quarter.
- (4) To cover freight on sheep shipped from West Falkland or Islands, the retail price of all mutton was increased by $\frac{1}{2}$ d. to $4\frac{1}{2}$ d. with effect from 1.11.52
- (5) Beef was not included in the Quota Scheme but automatically reduces the amount of mutton required in the winter months May to August.

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A memorandum (Enclosure "B") was circulated to Farm Managers showing how the Quota was expected to work, also a Schedule (Enclosure "A") detailing the number of sheep expected from every Farm for the Quota Year Nov. 1st. to Oct 31st.

The scheme, though not popular, has worked fairly well, a few Farms have voluntarily offered more than their quota (this happens only in the autumn) some have failed to provide usually due to shipping difficulties, but the majority have produced the required number as and when needed. Fortunately the estimated consumption of 10,000 per annum has never been reached, so that no East Falkland Farm has ever been asked to provide more than its' quota in order to make up for deficiencies from West Falkland.

Seasonal fluctuations in the price of wool are taken care of by crediting the Farm with a fixed proportion of the average value of sheepskins when they are sold, months later. This relieves the Butcheries of having to pay more for sheep on the hoof than they may eventually recover, and the Farms from under-estimating the value of the wool-content of the skin.

Farm Managers now contend that the carcass price of 7/- is not sufficiently attractive and give the following reasons. Owing to a succession of heavy winter losses and bad lambings most Farms are compelled to run indefinitely sheep which normally would be disposed of at Dipping on account of their age, or even worse to buy aged sheep from other Farms.

Thus we find that any Farm having a genuine surplus can readily dispose of it in the autumn to another Farm at prices ranging from 15/- for ewes to 25/- for wethers, cash down, so it is not surprising that the more fortunate Farms with a surplus are reluctant to forego an immediate sale solely to comply with their

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Quota requirements, nor that the less fortunate Farms who have to run every sheep they can lay hands on, are reluctant to part with sheep in good condition at any time of the year.

Aged sheep, though they produce a fleece, do not always attain mutton condition. If they do they seldom maintain it in the Spring of the year, therefore Managers when called upon to provide mutton for Stanley may have to draw on younger ages, thus creating a vicious circle. It is to compensate the Farm for this sacrifice, not to mention the ever-increasing cost of production that the extra 3s.4d. per sheep is requested, and as I have pointed out earlier in this letter, that represents 1d. per lb. on to the retail price of mutton.

The other halfpenny asked by Stanley Butcheries is little enough, being only 11% of 4½d. whereas the Labourer's hourly wage has risen from 2/3d. in 1952 to 2/10d. in 1958, an increase of 25.9%

The Butcheries rely on Farm Managers to send better and heavier sheep to Stanley, otherwise they will have to ask for a further increase in meat prices before long.

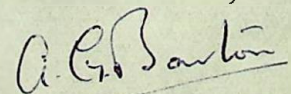
Meat, in uniform condition throughout the year, can only be obtained by building a Cold Store in Stanley with sufficient space to accommodate six months' supply driven or shipped in to Stanley in the autumn and sold from June to December. The capital cost and maintenance of such an undertaking could certainly not be met by selling meat at sixpence per lb. and I doubt whether three times that price would suffice.

There can be no argument against the claims of either Farms or Butcheries. The supply of meat to Stanley has been subsidised by the Sheep-farming Industry too long already.

Neither the Association or the Butcheries wish to raise their prices without prior notification to Government and Labour Federation, for the increase will have a significant bearing on the Cost-of-Living figure at the end of this year. If therefore you wish to discuss the matter I shall be pleased to attend at your Office as soon as it suits your convenience.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,



Chairman

Copy to:-

The General Secretary,
Falkland Islands Labour Federation,
Stanley.

STANLEY MUTTON QUOTA.

QUARTER.	1 9 5 6 / 7.		1 9 5 7 / 8.	
'56.'57			'57.'58.	
NOV/JAN.	San Carlos	200	Teal Inlet	200
Skin value pelts x 3.	Port San Carlos	225	Douglas Station	<u>175</u> 375
	Rincon Grande	150	Hill Cove	275
	Bluff Cove	<u>50</u> 625	Chartres	200
	Roy Cove	275	Port Howard	250
	Fox Bay E.	250	Weddell Is.	125
	Chartres	200 725	Saunders Is.	<u>125</u> 975
	F.I.C.	<u>1125</u>	F.I.C.	<u>1125</u>
		<u>2475</u>		<u>2475</u>

1957			1958.	
FEB/APL.	Teal Inlet	200	San Carlos	200
Skin value $\frac{1}{4}$ wool x $4\frac{1}{2}$.	Douglas Station	<u>175</u> 375	Port San Carlos	225
	Hill Cove	275	Rincon Grande	150
	Chartres	200	Bluff Cove	<u>50</u> 625
	Port Howard	250	Roy Cove	275
	Weddell Is.	125	Fox Bay E.	250
	Saunders Is.	<u>125</u> 975	Chartres	<u>200</u> 725
	F.I.C.	<u>1125</u>	F.I.C.	<u>1125</u>
		<u>2475</u>		<u>2475</u>

1957			1958	
MAY/JLY.	San Carlos	200	Teal Inlet	175
Skin value $\frac{1}{2}$ wool x 6.	Port San Carlos	225	Douglas Station	200
	Port Louis N.	200	Salvador	<u>250</u> 625
	Johnsons Hbr.	<u>250</u> 875	Hill Cove	200
	Pebble Is.	350	Fox Bay E.	200
	New Is.	50	Port Howard	<u>325</u> 725
	Carcass Is.	25	F.I.C.	<u>1125</u>
	West Point Is.	<u>50</u> 475		<u>2475</u>
	F.I.C.	<u>1125</u>		<u>2475</u>
		<u>2475</u>		<u>2475</u>

1957			1958	
AUG/OCT.	Teal Inlet	175	San Carlos	200
Skin value $\frac{3}{4}$ wool x 8.	Douglas Station	200	Port San Carlos	225
	Salvador	<u>250</u> 625	Port Louis N.	200
	Hill Cove	200	Johnsons Hbr.	<u>250</u> 875
	Fox Bay E.	200	Pebble Is.	350
	Port Howard	<u>325</u> 725	New Is.	50
	F.I.C.	<u>1125</u>	Carcass Is.	25
		<u>2475</u>	West Point Is.	<u>50</u> 475
		<u>2475</u>	F.I.C.	<u>1125</u>
		<u>2475</u>		<u>2475</u>

STANLEY MUTTON QUOTA.

To The Manager,

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In accordance with the recommendations of the Sheepowners Association sub-committee's report dated 13th August, 1952 you are requested to supply.....mutton sheep to Stanley during the period As long notice as possible will be given to you regarding date and place of delivery or shipment.

The period is divided into four quarters numbered 1 - 4. The quarter(s) in which you supply is/are marked in red. The price of sheep remains constant throughout the period at 7 s. 0 d. but you will receive later in the period a fixed proportion of the nett value of the sheepskin based on the market price. Ewe mutton will not be accepted in the months April/May/June. All ewe mutton will be subject to a reduction of $12\frac{1}{2}\%$ for carcase and skin.

<u>QUARTER.</u>	<u>No. OF SHEEP.</u>	<u>SKIN VALUE.</u>
1. Nov.1st - Jan.31st.	Average of pelts per lb. x 3.
2. Feb.1st - Apl.30th.	" $\frac{1}{2}$ wool skins " x $4\frac{1}{2}$.
3. May 1st - Jly.31st.	" $\frac{1}{2}$ " " " x 6.
4. Aug.1st - Oct.31st.	<u>.....</u>	" $\frac{3}{4}$ " " " x 8.
TOTAL ...	=====	

GENERAL CONDITIONS.

- QUOTA.
1. Farms supplying their quota in two instalments will be allotted one 'summer' and one 'winter' quarter, never two 'summer' or two 'winter', and never similar quarters in successive years.
 2. The Falkland Islands Co., Ltd. will supply every quarter every year.

SHIPMENT. Shipment from Islands and West Falkland ports to East Falkland will be arranged as far as is possible and to suit the needs of Butcheries. Shipping presents the greatest obstacle to the smooth working of the scheme.

INABILITY TO SUPPLY. If for any reason a farm is unable to supply it's quota it must make a private financial arrangement with another farm to supply on it's behalf during the appointed quarter(s) and advise the Sheepowners Association Secretary of the arrangement as soon as possible.

CONTROL. For the time being the scheme will be conducted by representatives of the owners of the two Butcheries now operating

TELEGRAMS should be addressed BUTCHERY, STANLEY.

(Sgd) A. G. BARTON.
JOINT CHAIRMAN.

Stanley,
6th October, 1952.

FALKLAND ISLANDS SHEEPOWNERS ASSOCIATION

BUTCHERY.

1956/7

SHEEPSKIN SALES 1957/58.

From information supplied by Sheepskin Sale catalogues and Sheepskin Sale accounts, the average net return (after deduction of 6d per lb. for freight etc. and 2d per lb. for baling expenses) for the four classes of skins is estimated as follows :-

Nov/Jan.	Pelts	22.27d
Feb/Apl.	½ wool.	17.64d
May/July.	½ wool.	24.48d
Aug/Oct.	¾ wool.	28.8d

The return to the Farm for carcase and skin, based on the Sheepowners Association Butchery Quota Agreement, is as follows :-

<u>QUARTER.</u>	<u>CARCASE.</u>	<u>% OF SKIN VALUE.</u>	<u>T O T A L.</u>
1957/58 1956/7 Nov/Jan.	Wethers 7/-.	22.27d x 3 = 5/7.	12. 7.
	Ewes	less 12½%	11. -.
Feb/Apl.	Wethers 7/-.	17.64d x 4½ = 6/7.	13. 7.
	Ewes	less 12½%	11. 11.
May/July.	Wethers 7/-.	24.48d x 6 = 12/3.	19. 3.
	Ewes	less 12½%	16. 10.
Aug/Oct.	Wethers 7/-.	28.8d x 8 = 19/2.	1. 6. 2.
	Ewes	less 12½%.	1. 2. 11.

Already credited:-

	<u>@ 7/-.</u>	<u>@ 6/1½d.</u>	<u>Balance credited</u>
Your Station supplied -	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	May 1957 £. s. d.

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f. 106 - 111. Mr. Bator's letter is reasonable and sets out quite clearly the farmers' case for an increase in mutton prices. He is prepared to discuss with Government and the Labour Federation.

2. We are chiefly concerned with the effect of the proposed increase on the cost of living, with beef prices remaining as they are ($4\frac{1}{2}$ and 6 per lb) and mutton going up to 6 . The increase in the cost of living is 1.04% . The present Cost of Living Index stands at 57.78% . A new quarterly index comes out on the 30th September and, assuming there is no fluctuation (and if there is it may be down slightly as Hongkong exchange is much in our favour), the new index will be 58.82% as for the 1st November when mutton prices are increased. This keeps wages safely within the range of $57\frac{1}{2}\%$ to $62\frac{1}{2}\%$ = $1\frac{1}{2}$ (plan see table at f. 105) and no increase will result.

3. Taking all the factors into consideration it would appear that an increase of $1\frac{1}{2}$ per lb. would not be easy to resist. As we know, Camp wages have recently gone up and production generally must be much more costly than what it was in 1952 when the last increase in the price of mutton was made. Butchery costs have also increased as a result of higher wages in Stanley.

4. Perhaps Y.E. would wish me to see the Labour Federation Secretary to obtain his views before discussing with Mr. Bator?

Discussed with H.E.
to take action as in
para 4.

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Note. Reg. 112. The Labour Federation are calling a general meeting about the proposed increase in mutton prices. The Secretary agrees that it would be advisable to discuss 106 before the meeting, with Mr. Barton present, and a date will be arranged.

J. 28/8/58

Y. E.

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B.V. 7/9/58

Discussion held 8/9/58 with Mr. Barton & Sec. L.F.

Sec. L.F. is of opinion that only complaints will be about the quality of the mutton, in particular the size of the quarters. He draws attention to the fact that a recent quarter weighed 5½ lbs. If a reasonable minimum size could be guaranteed he thought the meeting would be satisfied and accept the increase in price without much complaint.

2. Mr. Barton admitted that some of the mutton sheep sent by the butchery was of poor quality. In most cases the poor carcasses were not sold but were used for feeding pigs or making sausages. There is a rule of long standing that all carcasses must weigh not less than 42 lbs.
3. Mr. Barton undertakes to draw the attention of suppliers to the agreed minimum weight and this satisfied the Sec. L.F.

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la. J.

Falkland Islands Labour Federation

FORMED 28TH OCTOBER, 1943

All communications should
be addressed to the
General Secretary.

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Telegraphic Address:
"Federation Port Stanley"
Telephone: 123.



Federation Office,
Port Stanley,
Falkland Islands,
16th September, 1958.

The Honourable,
The Acting Colonial Secretary,
STANLEY.

Sir,

STANLEY MUTTON SUPPLY.

I refer to our discussion with the Chairman of the Falkland Islands Sheepowners' Association held in your office on the 8th inst. and submit the following views, as directed by a General Meeting of members of the Falkland Islands Labour Federation held on the 10th inst., regarding the proposed increase of 1½d per lb in the retail price of mutton in Stanley.

The intended increase is not popular. During general discussion members maintained that the poor quality of mutton generally available in Stanley is largely due to the apathy of those concerned in its supply. The 'take it or leave it' attitude of delivery is deplored. Sheep used as mutton are far too old, the age should not exceed five or six years. Also it is felt that full advantage is not being taken of the available meat in the Camps e.g. 134 bullock were slaughtered recently on one farm and thrown on the beach. The majority of this figure being better beef than we are generally accustomed to in Stanley.

In negotiations for improved conditions the Executives of the FILE are continually reminded that there is only one industry in the Colony. Naturally, we are well aware of this fact but consider there is something lacking in the management of our one industry if reasonable mutton cannot be made available to the community of Stanley at a reasonable price.

We have also been warned of the dangers of inflation, and rightly so, but what could be a better example of inflation than the continual boosting of the cost of our staple diet. An increase in the cost of mutton means an increase in the cost of living which sooner or later will mean an increase in wages. Surely the basis of a truly vicious circle.

In consideration of the above points our members have agreed to accept the intended increase subject to the following conditions:-

THAT - No quarter of a sheep be offered as mutton if it weighs less than 12 lbs.

A meat inspector be appointed. The present Agricultural Officer is in mind.

General improvements be made to the present out-dated and poor conditions prevailing in the Stanley Slaughter Houses.

Yours sincerely,

R. J. [Signature]
GENERAL SECRETARY.

Reply at 128.
G.C. Chairman SOA.

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of 116 has just been rec'd. for the F.I.L.F.
W. Baton has not yet rec'd. his copy.

I suggest that we discuss it in Exco on Thursday.

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Discussed in Exco. To discuss it
w/ Baton & Sec. F.I.L.F., also 118.

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The Falkland Islands Sheepowners Association,
(LOCAL COMMITTEE)
STANLEY, FALKLAND ISLANDS.

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see early pt 8.

.....19th. Sept. 1958.

The Hon. the Acting Colonial Secretary,
Stanley.

Sir,
Stanley Mutton Supply

116 I have received a copy of the Labour Federation's letter to you dated 16th. inst. on the proposed increase in retail price of mutton and fear I cannot agree with much of its' contents.

There is no apathy on the part of either Farms or Butchery Owners towards this problem. The heavier the carcass the more gain to the Butcheries, the heavier the sheepskin the more gain to Farm and Butchery alike, but as I pointed out in an earlier letter there are relatively few surplus sheep in mutton condition these days. It would be bad farming to dispose of young sheep and retain the older.

The extra 40 pence per sheep will encourage the Farm Manager to put his available surplus on to good camp some months ~~XX~~ before they are due to go to Stanley, for if they do not fatten he will be compelled to kill them anyhow after shearing, and lose the carcass value completely.

Settlement Mutton is drawn from precisely the same source as Stanley Mutton, the only difference being that the latter have to walk in to Stanley, or be shipped in, and are therefore falling away in condition from the time they leave the Farm.

Beef supplied to Stanley varies like the mutton but the general average is good. I do not believe that 134 good beef carcasses were disposed of in the manner described in the letter from Labour Federation.

Federation /

In para 4 there is mention of the "continual boosting of the cost of our staple diet" but there is evidence to show that the wages of the men who tend the sheep,drive them to Stanley,slaughter and deliver them,have been boosted even further than the price of mutton,e.g.

	<u>1900</u>	<u>1952</u>	<u>1958</u>	<u>% of Increase</u>
Camp Wages (monthly)	£5	£18 12 6	21 12 6	432½
Stanley Wages (hourly)	8d.	2/4	2/10	425
Mutton per lb.	3d.	4½d.	6d.	100

It is noted that the Federation accepts the increase from 4½d.to 6d.per lb.but makes the following reservations, FIRSTLY that the weight of a Quarter shall not be less than 12 lbs. This implies that a big,bony carcase must be better eating than a lighter one nicely covered with fat,which is a fallacy. Besides,not every household wants 12lbs.of mutton at a time and if the Butcheries have to dissect quarters a Shop becomes necessary,and the price of meat must go up again.

SECONDLY that there shall be a Meat Inspector. There can be no objection to this provided that he does not reject quarters weighing less than 12lbs.see above. It might be advantageous for him to inspect sheep before leaving the Farm,and so prevent worthless sheep from starting on the journey.

THIRDLY that Stanley Butchery Buildings be improved. If these are insanitary,it is surely a matter for the Board of Health to say so,but I must point out that the retail price of meat,even at 6d.per lb.does not permit much in the way of capital expenditure.

I am,Sir,

Your obedient servant,

A. G. Bawton

Chairman

Copy to General Secretary
F.I.Labour Federation

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§. 118-120. As agreed in Ex Co I discussed
 §. 116 with Mr Barton & Sec. F.I.L.F. We also
 examined the draftable houses. It was agreed
 by both that I should draft a reply ^(to F.O.B.) and
 circulate. The copy is at v.c. and has now
 been agreed by them.

2. Mr Barton has sent the memo at v.c.
 (copied to Goro). Goro and I feel that it
 sets out clearly the various points we have
 discussed but Mr Barton will not issue until
 after the F.I.L.F. meeting early next week in
 case other matters are brought up.

R. 25/9/58

HTAGS.

We spoke about "inserts" in the memo to

Managers

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Mr Barton agrees to delete "inserts" on 126
 & to substitute "have requested".

R. 30/9/58

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MEMORANDUM


 25 SEP 1958
 SECRETARY'S OFFICE
 FALKLAND ISLANDS

25th. Sept. 195 8

From

THE FALKLAND ISLANDS SHEEPOWERS ASSOCIATION,
 (Local Committee) STANLEY.

To The Hon. the Acting Colonial
 Secretary,
 Stanley

Dear Sir,

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Please will you look through the attached Memorandum on the Stanley Mutton Supply.

If you have nothing to add or subtract from it kindly telephone me and I will have copies duplicated for distribution to all Farm Managers.

Yours faithfully,


Chairman

Copy to :- The General Secretary,
 F.I. Labour Federation

SHEEP OWNERS ASSOCIATIONSTANLEY MUTTON SUPPLYQUOTA
SCHEME

The Stanley Mutton Quota Scheme is now approaching the end of its' sixth year of operation (31.10.58)

SCHEDULE

A new Schedule has been prepared to commence 1.11.58 and covers two years as before. There are only minor adjustments from previous Schedules. A copy is enclosed herewith for your information.

PRICE OF
SHEEP

Representations have been made annually by Members that the price received by the Farm for a sheep (Wethers 7/- Ewes 6/1½) plus a proportion of the sheepskin value later on is unremunerative.

SURPLUS

It is contended by those Farm Managers who have a disposable surplus that they can sell to another Farm for Cash in March/April and gain more than by sending them to Stanley May/July. After July some Managers maintain that it is better to run these sheep until they are shorn, but this, surely, is a debatable argument and suggests they are not surplus in the accepted sense of the word.

A few Managers admit they have no disposable surplus whatsoever at any time of the year, but they do not ask those Farms which do have a surplus over and above their own Quota requirements to supply on their behalf at a reasonable price.

In other words the majority of Farms supply their Quota regularly and lose by doing so. The minority who do not supply lose nothing.

INCREASE
IN PRICE
OF SHEEP

With a view to reducing the aforesaid loss, or better still to make the sale of sheep to Stanley profitable, the price paid to the Farm from 1st. Nov. 1958 will be :-

Wethers 10s.4d. Ewes 9s.0½d.

This increase is equivalent to approximately one penny per pound on the average carcass weight of sheep butchered.

The Farm will later receive the same proportion of sheepskin value as heretofore.

INCREASE
IN RETAIL
PRICE OF
MUTTON

To cover the larger payments to Farms and recent increases in Stanley Wages, the price of mutton will advance from 4½d. per lb. to 6d. as from 1st. Nov. 1958. This increase has been agreed after much deliberation by representatives of the Colonial Government, Sheep Owners Association & Labour Federation.

QUALITY OF MEAT

Labour Federation takes the view that the increase in price, however unpopular it may be, is justified only if it results in an improvement in quality.

A stipulation that no quarter of mutton weighing less than 12 lbs. shall be offered for sale has since been withdrawn, when it was proved that weight did not always imply quality.

During the last Quota Year (and in previous years too) consignments have reached Stanley by sea or land containing many sheep which were unsaleable -- old wethers weighing 30 lbs. -- ewes heavy in lamb, some have actually lambed in the Butchery Paddocks. Out of one consignment of 180 odd only 28 were fit for consumption, the remainder were killed for their skins. In this case the Farm concerned was paid full price for 28 sheep only but must in due course be paid for 180 skins at the average price for all skins appropriate to the quarter of the year.

Supply of rubbish is unfair to those Farms who send in good meat and gives Labour Federation and the ordinary householder opportunity to complain of the "couldn't care less " attitude of Farms and Butcheries. Memory is short; when a poor quarter appears in the meat-house all the good mutton and beef previously put there is forgotten. The Townsman does not consider that bad lambings or bad weather can possibly affect the meat which he buys.

WEIGHT OF CARCASE

When the Quota Scheme first started it was based on an average carcase weight of 42 lbs. The following table shows the return to Farm & Butchery :-

	<u>1952-8</u>	<u>1958/9</u>
Weight (est.)	42 lbs.	42 lbs.
Retail price per lb.	4½d.	6d.
Carcase Value	15/9	21/-
Proportion to Farm	7/-	10/4
" " Butchery	<u>8/9</u>	<u>10/8</u>
	<u>15/9</u>	<u>21/-</u>

Over the 6-yr. period carcasses have not averaged 42 lbs. Average for all sheep bought is approximately 39 lbs. including those killed or died on track or ship, and any rejects for disease. Farms are paid per sheep regardless of weight. Butcheries sell by weight and hope that the over-42 lb. sheep will make up for those under.

HOLDING PADDOCKS

These are scarce around Stanley. Dairy Cattle would not live if it were not for imported feeding stuffs. Sheep roam

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over bare paddocks for the better part of the year, losing weight daily. At least two weeks consumption (320) must be kept in hand.

MEAT INSPECTOR

have requested
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A.G.B.

STANLEY MUTTON QUOTA

QUARTER 1958/9 1959/60

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	West Pt. Is.	<u>50</u>	475		
	F. I. C.		<u>1175</u>	F. I. C.	<u>1125</u>
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per lb.	Weddell Is.	125		Chartres	200
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Value of	Rincon Grande	150		Hill Cove	200
1/2 Wool	Johnson's Hbr.	250		Chartres	200
Skins	Bluff Cove	<u>50</u>	875	Port Howard	325
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27th September,

58

Sir,

116 I am directed to refer to your letter of the 16th September, 1958, in connexion with the proposed increase in mutton prices and note that the Labour Federation have agreed to accept the increase provided:

- (a) that no quarter of a sheep be offered as mutton if it weighs less than 12 lbs;
- (b) that a meat inspector be appointed;
- (c) that general improvement be made to the Stanley slaughter houses.

2. As regards (a) above, I am to point out that it does not necessarily follow that, because a carcass is heavy, the quality is any better than it would be at a lower weight. A carcass can be large and bony at the same time. Individual tastes vary, some people preferring a large carcass without much fat whereas others would rather take a lighter carcass with some fat on it. This is borne out by our recent discussions with Mr. T. Fleuret at the Falkland Islands Company's butchery and Mr. P. Kiddle during our inspection of the slaughter houses.

116 3. It is stated in your letter under reference that sheep slaughtered for mutton should not exceed five or six years of age. Your members are no doubt aware, however, that there are relatively few surplus sheep in mutton condition these days and it would be bad farming to dispose of young sheep and retain the older.

4. There would appear to be some misunderstanding about the 134 "bullock" recently slaughtered on one farm and thrown on the beach, the majority allegedly being in better condition than the average beef supplied in Stanley, as stated in your letter. There were, in fact, 140 head slaughtered at Port San Carlos but these consisted mainly of wild cows and calves and not more than three were fit for human consumption.

116 5. Government has under consideration the appointment of a meat inspector whose duties would consist of the examination of carcasses at the slaughter houses and, on occasions, the inspection of sheep prior to leaving the farms. If suitable arrangements can be made, the second request in your letter under reference would be met. It is not proposed, however, that the inspector should reject all quarters under 12 lbs. in weight. The carcasses would be judged on their condition.

116 See 139 /6. As regards.....

The General Secretary,
Falkland Islands Labour Federation,
STANLEY.

SGT/MF

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6. As regards your third proposal that general improvements be made to slaughter houses in Stanley, I am to inform you that the Sanitary Inspector will be asked to submit a report should either of the existing buildings fail to comply with the provisions of the Public Health Ordinance and the By-laws made thereunder.

I am,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

(Sgd.) S. G. Trees.

ACTING COLONIAL SECRETARY.

2nd October,

58

TO: Chief Constable,

FROM: Colonial Secretary.

(as Sanitary Inspector)

STANLEY.

During recent discussions with Government and the Falkland Islands Company Limited on mutton prices the Falkland Islands Labour Federation, in agreeing to the proposed increase of 1½d per lb., requested that "general improvements be made to the present out-dated and poor conditions prevailing in the Stanley slaughter houses."

In your capacity as Sanitary Inspector please visit the slaughter houses and report should either of them fail to comply with the requirements of the Public Health Ordinance and the By-laws made thereunder.

(Sgd) A. G. Denton Thompson
COLONIAL SECRETARY.

SCT/FH

Copy to Ag. S.M.O.

131.

Office.

Please revert this file on Mr. Trues' return to Stanley. I want to discuss with him.

R.G.H.

2/10/58

Bu 10/10/58

132.

Note.

I have arranged for the Det. S.M.O. to assist the Chief Constable in his inspection.

C.C. has been told and will make arrangements to meet with the S.M.O.

R.G.H.

2/10/58



Memorandum

25.9.58

SHEEP OWNERS ASSOCIATION

STANLEY MUTTON
SUPPLY

QUOTA
SCHEME

The Stanley Mutton Quota Scheme is now approaching the end of its sixth year of operation (31.10.58).

SCHEDULE

A new Schedule has been prepared to commence 1.11.58 and covers two years as before. There are only minor adjustments from previous Schedules. A copy is enclosed herewith for your information.

PRICE OF
SHEEP

Representations have been made annually by Members that the price received by the Farm for a sheep (Wethers 7/- Ewes 6/1½) plus a proportion of the sheepskin value later on is unremunerative.

SURPLUS

It is contended by those Farm Managers who have a disposable surplus that they can sell to another Farm for Cash in March/April and gain more than by sending them to Stanley May/July. After July some Managers maintain that it is better to run these sheep until they are shorn, but this, surely, is a debatable argument and suggests they are not surplus in the accepted sense of the word.

A few Managers admit they have no disposable surplus whatsoever at any time of the year, but they do not ask those Farms which do have a surplus over and above their own Quota requirements to supply on their behalf at a reasonable price.

In other words the majority of Farms supply their Quota regularly and lose by doing so. The minority who do not supply lose nothing.

INCREASE
IN PRICE
OF SHEEP

With a view to reducing the aforesaid loss, or better still to make the sale of sheep to Stanley profitable, the price paid to the Farm from 1st. Nov. 1958 will be :-

Wethers 10s. 4d. Ewes 9s. 0½d.

This increase is equivalent to approximately one penny per pound on the average carcass weight of sheep butchered. The Farm will later receive the same proportion of sheepskin value as heretofore.

INCREASE
IN RETAIL
PRICE OF
MUTTON

To cover the larger payments to Farms and recent increases in Stanley Wages, the price of mutton will advance from 4½d. per lb. to 6d. as from 1st Nov. 1958. This increase has been agreed after much deliberation by representatives of the Colonial Government, Sheepowners Association and Labour Federation.

QUALITY OF
MEAT

Labour Federation takes the view that the increase in price, however unpopular it may be, is justified only if it results in an improvement in quality.

A stipulation that no quarter of mutton weighing less than 12 lbs. shall be offered for sale has since been withdrawn, when it was proved that weight did not always imply quality.

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QUALITY OF MEAT (cont)

During the last Quota Year (and in previous years too) consignments have reached Stanley by sea or land containing many sheep which were unsaleable - old wethers weighing 30 lbs. - ewes heavy in lamb, some have actually lambed in the Butchery paddocks. Out of one consignment of 180 odd only 28 were fit for consumption, the remainder were killed for their skins. In this case the farm concerned was paid full price for 28 sheep only but must in due course be paid for 180 skins at the average price for all skins appropriate to the quarter of the year.

Supply of rubbish is unfair to those Farms who send in good meat and gives Labour Federation and the ordinary householder opportunity to complain of the "couldn't care less" attitude of Farms and Butcheries. Memory is short; when a poor quarter appears in the meat-house all the good mutton and beef previously put there is forgotten. The townsman does not consider that bad lambings or bad weather can possibly affect the meat which he buys.

WEIGHT OF CARCASS

When the Quota Scheme first started it was based on an average carcass weight of 42 lbs. The following table shows the return to Farm and Butchery :-

	<u>1952-8</u>	<u>1958-9</u>
Weight (est.)	42 lbs.	42 lbs.
Retail price per lb.	4½d.	6d.
Carcass value	<u>15/9</u>	<u>21/-</u>
Proportion to Farm	7/-	10/4
" " Butchery	<u>8/9</u>	<u>10/8</u>
	<u>15/9</u>	<u>21/-</u>

Over the 6-year period carcasses have not averaged 42 lbs. Average for all sheep bought is approximately 39 lbs. including those killed or died on track or ship, and any rejects for disease. Farms are paid per sheep regardless of weight. Butcheries sell by weight and hope that the over-42 lb. sheep will make up for those under.

HOLDING PADDOCKS

These are scarce around Stanley. Dairy cattle would not live if it were not for imported feeding stuffs. Sheep roam over bare paddocks for the better part of the year, losing weight daily. At least two weeks consumption (320) must be kept in hand.

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(Sgd) A.G. BARTON

Chairman, Sheepowners Association.

STANLEY MUTTON QUOTA

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A.C.S.

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What publicity has been given to this, and how widely is it known that the price is going up to 6%? Are the reasons known and appreciated generally. Would a broadcast be a good thing. Pl. discuss with papers.

b. Giff

3/10/58

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Buck

Yes

Some came to me today on file. 133-136 is an S.O.A. circular to the Camp. The proposed increase is widely known - the matter having been referred to the F.I.L.F. who called a General Meeting. In the U.S. I don't think a broadcast would serve any useful purpose now.

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Q. X. 58.

139.

Falkland Islands Labour Federation

FORMED 28TH OCTOBER, 1943

All communications should
be addressed to the
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Telegraphic Address:
"Federation Port Stanley"
Telephone: 123.

Federation Office,
Port Stanley,
Falkland Islands,

9th October, 1958.

The Honourable,
The Colonial Secretary,
STANLEY.

Sir,

STANLEY MUTTON SUPPLY.

128

I am directed to refer to the Hon. Acting Colonial Secretary's letter No. 1437 of the 27th September, 1958, in connection with the proposed increase in the price of mutton in Stanley. I am to state, that although it appears Government, Sheepowners' Association and Labour Federation continue to hold diverse views on the subject, as the correspondence in general shows, the Executive Committee of the Labour Federation considers there is some justification for the increase but the consumer must have protection as regards quality and hygienic handling. In this respect the appointment of a meat inspector would probably do much towards easing the present tension of the public regarding the intended increase.

Extracted
to
D115
and
0323/4/12

It is understood that the Falkland Islands Company do not intend to apply the proposed increase to FIC pensioners in Stanley. In this connection I am to ask if Government would give similar consideration to persons maintained by charitable relief and Old Age Pension.

Yours faithfully,

[Handwritten Signature]
GENERAL SECRETARY.

Reply at 143

1) Delivery
2) Holiday Grant

21/10/58

1437

13th October,

58

Sir,

139

I am directed to refer to previous correspondence and discussions in connexion with the proposed increase in the price of mutton and to forward for your information the accompanying copy of a letter received from the Falkland Islands Labour Federation.

2. If the understanding of the Labour Federation that the Falkland Islands Company do not intend to apply the increase to the Company's pensioners is correct, it would be appreciated if you would consider similar concessions in the case of persons on charitable relief and old age pensioners without other income. There are only two known persons in this category at the present time.

I am,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

(Sgd.) A. G. Denton-Thompson.

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

The Manager,
Falkland Islands Company Ltd.,
STANLEY.

Reply at 141

141

The Falkland Islands Company, Limited.

(INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER 1851.)

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AGENTS FOR LLOYDS.

Stanley,

TELEGRAMS "FLEETWING PORTSTANLEY" VIA RADIO



16th. October 1958

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary,
Stanley

Sir,

140 We have for acknowledgment your letter No. 1437 of 13th. inst. and copy of the Labour Federation's letter to you dated 9th. inst. for which we thank you.

128 We have only the rough draft of the Acting-Colonial Secretary's letter to Labour Federation dated 27th. September and would appreciate a copy of the original in case it should differ from the draft.

The price of mutton sold to the Falkland Island Company's Pensioners will remain unaltered at 4d. per lb. but we fear we cannot extend this concession to persons on charitable relief or Old Age Pensioners without other income however few they may be at the moment.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,

C. G. Bartlett
Manager.

142
C. G. Bartlett

Copy to General Secretary,
Falkland Islands Labour Federation
Stanley.

22nd October,

58

Sir,

139

I am directed to refer to your letter of the 9th October on the subject of the supply of mutton to Stanley.

2. As a first step Government put to the Falkland Islands Company the suggestion that the arrangement whereby the Company's pensioners will not have to pay the increase in price might be extended to cover persons maintained by charitable relief and persons drawing old age pensions. The Company have, however, replied that they do not feel able to meet Government on this point.

3. So far as persons on charitable relief are concerned, Government considers that the proper course is for their position to be reviewed and borne in mind by the Town Council which is the executive organisation responsible for dispensing relief from the £800 per annum grant provided by Government for that purpose.

4. Further consideration is being given to the position of Old Age Pensioners. It would seem, however, that any scheme that could be devised would in fact amount to a food subsidy for one section of the community and it is doubtful whether funds would be made available for such a subsidy in view of the fact that ample financial provisions exist to cover the cases of genuine hardship. It is Government's view that the most satisfactory answer in the case of old age pensioners is an increase in the old age pension, and, as you are already aware, this possibility is now under consideration by the Government Actuaries in the United Kingdom and their report and advice are awaited.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd.) A. G. Denton-Thompson.

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

The Secretary,
Falkland Islands Labour Federation,
STANLEY.

AGDE/MF

Extracted
to
0115

Extracted
to
0323/A/IV

C.T.

You will see from para 4 of J.143 that I have left the door open. H.E. must see the papers before a final decision is taken.

It is a pity that Benton felt he could not go through with his original undertaking to extend the encouragement that is being made in the case of Company pensioners to people on charitable relief and to Old Age Pensioners. But I can see his point of view. It is not really the Company's responsibility to subsidise food supplies.

I think that the position of people on charitable relief is clear enough. If they need more than they make their case to the Town Council. But Old Age Pensioners are, in my opinion, in a rather different category. Do you consider that is a case for a subsidy (personally I don't - largely because I don't like "bitty" subsidies like this) and if so how could it be worked - easily and efficiently - and without too many exceptions? How for instance do they work the system of charges to be made for Old Age Pensioners in the United Kingdom?

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A.G.F.
23/10/58

H.C.S.

I do not favour any form of subsidy for Old Age pensioners. There are not more than 3 O.A.P.s who, so far as I know, have no other income and they should apply to the T.C. for assistance if required. If we subsidise one O.A.P. we must subsidise them all, yet most of them are in full employment.

2. In regard I have no knowledge of the workings of the tobacco scheme in D. I think it was abolished with the last Budget.

No. 13
Outstanding Action
1) Par 2. J.141. This
copy to go to Murray
P. 1. c.
2. Memo Inspector
3. Report on the
Slaughter houses - this
is coming in.

S.

G.E.

J. 139 and subsequent correspondence and minutes.

I have kept open the correspondence so far as old age pensioners are concerned pending your decision. Personally I don't like the idea of little subsidies here and there and if we have one are we going to apply a means test e.g. in the pensioner with additional income of his own going to get the same subsidy as a pensioner with no income other than his old age pension? And if the price of sugar goes up - and sugar is very much a staple item - are we to subsidise the Old age Pensioners?

I would rather follow up J. 143 saying we regret that we cannot in present circumstances accept the principle of food subsidy for any one section of the community.

G.E.F.
27/10/58

147.

HCS.

I agree that it is undesirable to subsidise O.A.P.s. J. 143 does not appear to require an immediate follow-up, and this might wait until we hear from the Govt. actuaries.

DPA 29.10.58

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B.G. on receipt of mail on November 1958 on or reply from the Govt. Actuaries on Old Age Pensioners if that is received in this mail (29 Oct.)

G.E.F.

29/10/58

No mail

for 5/10/58

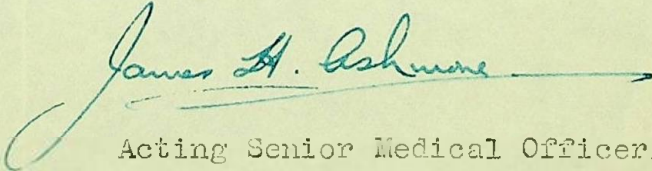
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INSPECTION OF BUTCHERIES.

The general handling of the meat and cleanliness of storing was up to the standard expected.

No actual improvements in the slaughter houses, as they stand, could be recommended satisfactorily. The only real solution to the buildings would be the construction of completely new slaughter houses of modern design.

October 1958,


Acting Senior Medical Officer.

fr. 150 + 51 withdrawn + filed in 0747/E. P.A.Y.E.

130

1st October, 62.

The Meat Inspector,
Agricultural Office,
Secretariat,
STANLEY.

Dear Sir,

STANLEY MUTTON.

At a General Meeting of members of the Labour Federation held on the 27th September, 1962, I was directed by unanimous vote to write to you and draw your attention to the deplorable state and condition of mutton available in Stanley over the past month or more. Complaint is also made over the very unhygienic manner in which mutton is delivered to the consumer. In the days of the horse and cart mutton was delivered to the consumers door in a basket covered with a white cloth. Now-a-days one can almost say it is thrown into your meat safe in a definite 'take it or leave it' attitude.

As you are well aware, strong representation has been made in the past over this matter by the Labour Federation and I am to urge you to take immediate steps to ensure that mutton of at least reasonable weight and condition is made available by the Butcheries in Stanley forthwith. Also that it is handled and delivered in a manner which should be accorded to food for human consumption.

Yours sincerely,

Reply at #29 in 2276.

R. J. Gold
GENERAL SECRETARY

cc. Hon. Col. Sec. ✓

~~#2~~ 151

I tried to ring up A.O. but he is not in

*I think we should H.V. for reply
of A.O. & S.A.O. who are unhelpful
& unhelpful*

#B 152

*Please find out
on A.O. what is*

By 12.10.62

13/10/62

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KIV

G.E.

Regarding the announcement last night of the increase in the price of milk the following seems relevant.

In 1951 there was an announcement of an increase from 3d - 6d apparently as a result of the frozen proposal. There were violent protests the decision was reconsidered and the matter gone into by a committee and there was an increase of 1d followed by a subsequent increase of a 1/2d as the quota system was worked.

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In 1958. (has see last para of 108.)

In Barton as Chairman of the SOA in a letter beginning "it was resolved to negotiate for an increase for 9th d to 10d with effect from 1/4/58"

"neither the Association nor the Butchers wish to raise their price without prior notification to Government and Labour Federation" and suggested a discussion.

Then on 25/9/58 (at 133) after negotiations in Barton went to SOA as their Chairman with reference to the increase from 4th d to 6d said "This increase has been agreed to after much deliberation by representatives of the (British) Government Shepherds Association and Labour Federation"

The question now seems to be what is to be done with the price for G.E. to speak to the Butcher and to speak to the Butcher

on, which I would be inclined to suggest start off with a formal letter asking G. for confirmation that this was the proposal.

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Mr. Bunker suggests that a very alternative to a fine in fact would be a government subsidy. But as his words to a subsidy for Stanley had for as well (do not think it is any one contemplating). There does not appear to be anything more that we can do.

Σ 10/12/6 ~

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As to whether he works has been done.

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AO will inspect this week

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Hon C.S.

Discussed with O'Keefe.

He has now inspected the Butchery & reports that none of the improvements have been attempted. When asked why, Mr Butler replied that he is waiting for a list of the exact requirements from Dr. Ashmore!

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Σ 25.3.63

H.S. 11-0 Please see 177 & 181.

Perhaps we should have instructed the architect to provide proper drainage from the slaughter house and to re-concrete the floor and walls etc.

Anyhow would you suggest that I should

do so now

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Σ 26/3/63

HCS Mr. Pickett inspected the slaughter house. Here is a copy of the letter of the same date to Mr. Bunker.

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29.5.63

Mr. Boggie has received
a letter from London
to the effect that the
price of mutton
& beef is to be increased
by one penny per lb.
as from the 1st October.

A letter is coming from
Mr. Milne & an announce-
ment is being broadcast.

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The Falkland Islands Company, Limited.

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27th September, 1967.

The Colonial Secretary,
Stanley.



*W.I.
29/9*

Dear Sir,

We write to inform you that we have received instructions from our London Office to increase the price of mutton and beef supplied to customers in Stanley, by one penny per pound.

This increase will come into force on the 1st of October, 1967. Revised prices are as follows :-

- Mutton - 8d. per pound
- Beef, hind quarter - 8d. per pound
- Beef, fore quarter - 6½d per pound.

Yours faithfully,

CHIEF ACCOUNTANT

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Y.E.

An increase of 2d in the price of mutton would increase the c.o.t. on the present formula by 2%. A penny wage award requires an increase of 5%.

However, we are under criticism from Labour Union about including beef in our calculation of the cost of meat (mutton & beef). The Union argue - very rightly - that we reason in beef and its price should not be allowed to influence the calculation. An increase of 2' for mutton would increase the force of their argument.

Beef - fore	6 1/2	
Beef - hind	8	
Mutton	8	(104)

If beef were removed from the calculation the increase would be just under 5%.

L.G.
24/6/70

C.S./C.T.

An Sloppy would like to discuss with you. Please ring me.

AS
25/6/70

*As noted with interest, thank you.
Mr Jones to see on return
27/6/70 166*

Y.E.;

Mr. Sloggie invited me to talk about his proposed increase in the price of mutton and its effect on the cost of living.

He said that it was his intention to add 4/- for the freight rate of live sheep and to add 2d a pound to the price of mutton. An alternative would be to add 1d to the price of mutton without increasing the freight rate.

The object behind all this was to increase the profit of the butchery.

Mr. Sloggie stated that "Darwin" carries about 4,000 sheep annually for the butchery and that the additional revenue to Darwin Shipping would be about £800 which could mean that the variable subsidy payable by Government could be reduced by a like amount. This is true unless the variable subsidy exceeds the limit of £24,000 which is not beyond the bounds of possibility.

Mr. Sloggie is not prepared to divulge the profitability of the butchery business but admits that a profit is made. The profit, he claims, is not at a level to be a satisfactory return on the investment.

The butchery depends upon income from two sources-

- a) the sale of mutton (or beef)
- b) the sale of wool and skins.

It is because revenue from the latter source has dropped considerably that the profit level is no longer satisfactory.

Mr. Sloggie is aware of the criticism from the G.P.U. over the inclusion in the cost of living index of beef which is rarely seen in Stanley. He told me that in correspondence with the General Secretary he had accepted that beef should be removed from the index.

I explained that an increase of 2d in the price of mutton would result in 2d per hour c.o.l. award if beef were removed from the calculation. I added that from the financial angle this would cost Government as much, probably more, than any reduction in the variable subsidy arising from increased freight charges on live sheep. He was unmoved, stating that the company could not see why they should subsidise the budgets of Stanley workers of whom only a few were now Company's employees.

I did not get involved in the pro's and con's of whether or not an increase should be made. The object of the visit was to discuss the effect on the cost of living and I did not depart from that. In any case I find that I need ~~time~~ time to think before coming to conclusions in matters like this.

Taking the Company as just another business house in the Colony it is difficult to argue that their butchery should not be as free as any one else to charge prices that bring in a satisfactory level of profit. All the shops do so. However, the situation at the butchery arises from the fall in the price of wool. As a result of this fall in price the prosperity of every man, woman and child in the Colony is undermined. The Labour Union have been particularly sensible over this and have not pressed for wage increases. The Civil Service is also very quiet despite several developments that would be useful in a demand for salary awards.

If the FIC are ^{not} going to accept that they, like everyone else, must accept the effects of low wool prices, and take steps

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Increased
production
costs are not
involved*

to make good the shortfall in wool sales by upping the mutton prices it must be accepted that restraint on the part of the wage and salary earner will also go by the board.

The butchery business does make a profit which suggests that in time of good wool prices the profit is at a satisfactory level. Considering the circumstances and the problems of the Colony in general I think the proposal to increase mutton prices at the present time is very unwise and Government should make it abundantly clear that it objects most strongly.

None of the colony businesses dependent in part or in whole from selling wool is getting a satisfactory return in investment.

*L.G.
26/6/70*

Mr Mitchell has expressed confidence in the sheepfarming industry: as the same market conditions affect the wool side of the butchery the same degree of confidence must necessarily apply.

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Price of mutton: cost of living

I saw Mr Drogge this afternoon and he has agreed to defer raising the price of mutton at Stanley Butchery for another quarter, i.e. until 1st October 1970, when he wants to raise it by one penny (not two pence).

Attention covered familiar ground but I gave him what I described as an "uncommitted, open-ended, two edged, double faced" undertaking that I would give some thought to the structure of our cost of living index.

In doing this I made it plain that there is absolutely no sense whatever in tampering with the existing set up unless one has a very reasonable expectation of replacing it with something better. Whatever the defects of the present system, any other system would have defects too and once one opens the matter for debate all sorts of strange and unwelcome ideas will come flooding in.

Please discuss with me before the end of this week.

ltw

29/6/70

19th September 1970

Dear Alastair,

I understand that while I was absent from the Colony recently you had some discussion with the Governor and the Acting Colonial Secretary about a proposal of yours to increase the price of mutton; and that as a result of discussion you decided to defer implementation of the proposal.

I feel sure you will agree that no proposal for an increase of this kind can be divorced from the cost of living context and it is desirable that the matter should be explored more fully against this background. At the same time it would seem that there are perhaps other ways of increasing the existing profitability of the butchery by, for example, exploring the possibility of negotiating fixed contracts for the supply of mutton to visiting foreign fishing fleets, which would not have the same inflationary effect as your current proposal. Before they are finalised it would be in the general interest for these matters to be discussed in Executive Council when all Members are available for consultation. It would be most helpful to us if you would agree to assist us in our deliberations on this occasion and I should accordingly be glad if you would accept an invitation to assist Executive Council in this particular discussion at a meeting which it is anticipated will take place in the last week of October.

Yours sincerely,

Les Gleadell

for (J.A. Jones)

Mr A. Sloggie,
STANLEY

EM

Reply 17/2

CS

Mr Sloggie Rang to say that
Somewhere during the last week of October he is
due to visit Port Howard for possibly 2-3 days.
He will confirm the dates asap. I believe you
were hoping for him to attend an Exco meeting
some time shortly after Robin Petanga's return
on 25th Oct?

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CS

CT has left the file at GH.

JH
22.9.70

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S/C Pp. 169-170.

The intention is that you will prepare an Exco. Information Memo. on the subject to which these pp. refer, to be circulated as soon as ready but to contain a statement that it is proposed to invite Mr Stoggye to discuss the matter at the first full Exco. Meeting which can be held (i.e. after Mr P. Fabrigar's return from Julong).

2 It is to be noted that p. 170 embodies an oral reaction to p. 169 from Mr Stoggye. He has yet to sign in writing.

P. 22/9

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Stanley,

22nd September 19 70

B/5

The Colonial Secretary
STANLEY

Dear John,

Thank you for your letter reference 1437 dated 19th September 1970 signed on your behalf by the Colonial Treasurer. I would certainly like to accept your invitation and will be extremely interested in hearing Council's views on how the F.I.C. Butchery should be run.

*Sincerely
Alastair*

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See 173

C.T. Grateful if you will consider a draft reply emphasising that my letter referred in particular to the cost of being repercussions of the proposal to increase health or prices. Government is unlikely to have views on how to run the butchery.

J.P. 24/9

Ref: 1457

28th September 1970.

DW

Please excuse another letter on the subject of butchery prices. I write only to correct, should this be necessary, the apparent inference in your letter B5 of 22nd September that Executive Council has a desire to offer advice on how to run the butchery.

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Government is concerned with the situation, both present and future, regarding the inflationary trend in the Colony. Much of the cause comes from outside the Colony over which Government has neither control nor influence. The proposed increase in the price of mutton is a matter over which Government may have no control but is, I hope you will agree, sufficiently influential to be told of the considerations that have led to this decision by the Company. It might be that in the course of a discussion other ways could be suggested for increasing the income of the butchery that do not have the same inflationary results. The reference to the fishing fleets was an example of what might be possible.

A meeting with Executive Council affords an opportunity for members to be brought up to date with the realities of the situation. Rather than that they should offer advice to you ~~me~~ I hope you will be able to assist them in their efforts to appraise a situation in which the proposed increase in mutton prices is one of several factors in the inflationary trend.

(J. Gleadell)
Acting Colonial Secretary

Mr A. Sloggie,
STANLEY

C.S.

Further Price increase by the FCC (proposed)

You will be producing an Exco. Memo. on this subject after the mail has gone (as you know, Ploggie has been invited to discuss the matter with Exco.).

2 It seems to me that it might be wise for your memorandum to contain a reference to the possibility that Government might find itself, in the light of the inflationary spiral, obliged to contemplate some form of price control (though it's easier to say than to do in local circumstances).

3 ? You are going to call in for a talk tomorrow (Thursday) afternoon. It would be useful, I think.

J
11/4/60

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