

C.S.

LIVE STOCK.
(Miscellaneous)
MEDICAL
(Miscellaneous.)

19 40.

No. 144/40.

Director of Agriculture

SUBJECT.

19 40.

20th August.

Previous Paper.

PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT OF A
SMALL POULTRY FARM.

MINUTES.

1. Minute from Agricultural Adviser of 20. 8. 40.
2-3. D. & A. " Mon. S.M.O. of 21. 8. 40.

Pps. herewith - If you wish to experiment after perusal, you might include in next year's estimate. *J.H.S. 23/11/40*

J.C.A.
I believe that our building vote might permit erection of the fowl house this year if a suitable piece of land can be found. There is an advantage in having the establishment near the hospital from which the scraps would be used & whose caretaker could attend to the run. *J.H.S. 2/9/40*

D. & A.
Carry on if funds are available. *J.H.S. 3/11/40*

J.C.A. Noted:- Plans of building will be prepared & site located. *J.H.S. 18/9/40* p. 6.

A.C.S.
Preparations to erect the fowl house on the site approved by near the entrance to the playing field as was approved by St. E. when we discussed it with him in November, have been commenced today. *J.H.S. 6/1/41* p. 6.

Subsequent Paper.

Ag. Dir / ① Following our discussion of two days ago both the Nation and myself gained the impression that what you really wished was complete control of the poultry project. I further gained the impression from what has gone before that it is unlikely that this dept. could carry out your instruction in a way that would please you.

② In accordance with our discussion to-day I should be grateful if you would take immediate steps to provide for the care of the poultry project so that this dept. can withdraw completely.

Res. L
S.M.O
30.4.41

H.S.M.O.
My preference is to retain complete "direction" rather than "control." The difficulties that appear to have arisen may be attributed entirely to the refusal of your caretaker to attend to the fowls & in the circumstances your proposal above is probably the best way out. I regret very much that you cannot supply either scraps or hot water as a cooperative effort towards the feeding of the fowls.

J.L.H.
30/7/41

Ag. Dir / ① You are welcome to waste, provided the waste is collected regularly and not permitted to create a nuisance.

Res. L
S.M.O
30/4/41

H.S.M.O.
Many thanks will arrange details later
J.L.H.
35/7/41

H.L.S.
0%
Above minutes for your information
J.L.H.
30/4/41
Coco
30.7.41

J.L.H.
Department Paper

No. _____

MINUTE.

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

20th August, 1940.

From Director of Agriculture,

To The Honourable,

The Colonial Secretary,

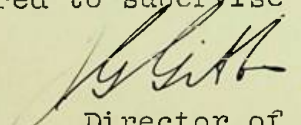
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

STANLEY.

At the request of the Senior Medical Officer I have outlined a small poultry farm unit to house between 60 and 70 hens, and I understand that the cost of the poultry shed has been roughly worked out at £50. ~~The~~ initial establishment of say 40 pullets might cost £10 plus freight from Montevideo.

The birds would be fed on scraps from the hospital, bran, pollard and wheat at an estimated cost of £20 per annum. Returns should be in the neighbourhood of 670 dozen eggs per season. This would seem to be an excellent opportunity of determining whether it is possible to run poultry on the lines that have been found satisfactory in other countries. If successful the establishment should serve as a model which could be copied by residents in Stanley and in the Camp.

The Department would be fully prepared to supervise the experiment.


Director of Agriculture.

No.
(It is requested that, in any reference to this minute, the above Number and the date may be quoted).

MINUTE.

21st. August, 19 40.

From Senior Medical Officer,

To The Honourable,

Stanley.

Colonial Secretary.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

In further reference to your circular about the local production of food I invite your attention to the following proposals:

We should like to establish a small poultry farm at the hospital or in its neighbourhood. This would have the following advantages:

- (a) It would provide eggs in part at least for the K.E.M.Hospital and our Family Assistance schemes - present requirements for assistance alone run to 90 dozen a month.
- (b) It would decrease the amount of eggs purchased abroad in Uruguay and elsewhere.
- (c) It's cost; success or failure etc, would provide a practical demonstration of what the private individual might expect if he went into the poultry business.
- (d) From a nutritional standpoint it would be a practical demonstration of agriculture cooperating with medicine, because the whole idea would be carried out under the supervision of the Agricultural Department. The present Matron and Nursing Sister are both interested in the project and our caretaker now that the garden is out of his hands is available to provide an attendant. The Hospital provides a good deal of waste food.

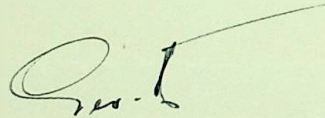
The poultry house as designed by Dr.Gibbs will cost according to the Executive Engineer about £50. This would provide accomodation up to some 60 birds. We thus arrive at the following scale of costs for one year's operation:

(a) Building costs	£50.	-	-
(b) Birds, say 40 at first	£10.	-	-
@ 5/-			
(d) Additional food say	£20.	-	-
<hr/>			
Total cost, 1st year -	£80.	-	-
<hr/>			

The Agricultural Director tells me that we can expect a return with proper management of 200 eggs per bird, hence there is a theoretical egg income of 200 x 40 or 8,000 eggs, worth at 2/- per dozen about £66 or at import cost today £33.

It will be seen that if our theoretical costs are not exceeded and our actual returns are up to estimate the out of pocket expense of the venture is £80 - (£66 or alternatively £33) = £14 or £47 according to the value given the eggs. This is the best that can be hoped for - it takes no account of poor egg production, possible epidemics, normal mortality of the flock, etc.

For the reasons given, it seems a desirable undertaking to me and I have therefore to inquire if you would authorize the necessary expenditure.



Senior Medical Officer.

