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LIVESTOCK.

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No. 137/36.

Hon. S. M. O.

SUBJECT.

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22nd June.

PROPOSED INTRODUCTION OF A STUD FLOCK OF GOATS FOR THE SUPPLY OF MILK.

Previous Paper.

MINUTES.

Minute from Hon. S. M. O. of 22/6/36.

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Y.E. Red ⑦ is submitted together with the correspondence referred to therein.

2. I have discussed the correspondence with the Stock Inspector who informs me that ~~large~~ herds of goats were kept by one or two farmers & by residents in Stanley but that the keeping of these goats was not so economically successful as to justify their retention & they were destroyed.

3. Perhaps Mr. Felton might furnish us with some useful information as I understand he was at one time the owner of a large flock.

4. My own view is that owing to difficulties of feeding, the cost to purchase (including freight &c) and the other scheme for the supply of ^{condensed} milk for school children, the present proposals should be abandoned or postponed pending at least the result of the scheme for supplying cows milk.

5. I should be glad to receive the instructions of Y.E.

J. E. L.
24/6/36

Subsequent Paper.

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T.B. among the cattle is not nearly so prevalent as supposed. To all appearance the country is well suited for fat keeping by small holders but the experiment must be left to private initiative. Such experiments as have been tried in the past have not been very encouraging.

I hope that Estate Louis Williams is in a position to advertise the fact that they can secure the price from Bich's Blanc at the reasonable prices quoted and that this will induce some purchasers to come forward.

~~W of G~~ 27/6/36

Hon. Secy.

To see the minute of His Excellency. Will you please advise Estate Williams in accordance with para 2.

J.C.S.
27/6/36

The Hon. the Col. Secy.

Noted. Estate Louis Williams informed accordingly.

H.P.S. J.P.S.M.S.
27/7/36

Hon. Col. Secy.

British Goat Society's year book at red 1 withdrawn & filed in Agricultural Department's library.

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Points of interest extracted from the
British Goat Society's Year Book for 1935.

Page 6. Record daily yield 22 lbs. 7 oz.
" yearly " 5306 lbs. 1 oz. equal to $14\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. p.day

Experiments on feeding to children over 6 months old were all satisfactory. Under that age not so good.

8. There are not only 1 gallon goats but even 2 gallon goats, (Very few cows in the Falklands give anything like 2 gals. of milk per day.)
11. Year ending 1.10.34 104 goats recorded as yielding 2000 lbs. or more.
(33 gave over 3000 lbs., 4 over 4.000 lbs. and one 5306

One goat recorded 22.035 lbs. in 5 years, average being 4.407 per annum. Apparently many goats die ('pass out' the book says) before their 5th lactation.

Too heavy milking goats do not live long.

12. Milk rounds are being established as a paying occupation.
Difficulty of keeping up milking during winter overcome, if not mated in the autumn.
- 12/13 Sometimes it is possible to get goats mated so as to kid in the late summer or autumn, but is exceptional.

EXPORT. See foot of page 13.

17. "Anglo-Nubian" breed of goats give best butter-fat returns. However they are delicate and not suitable for cold climates.
"Toggenberg" goats (originally Swiss) are not delicate and take smaller rations. Butter-fat content low.
27. Kids taken away after a few days, but others leave for as long as seven weeks. Kids can be hand reared and fed from a wooden bowl, etc.
31. Diseases in Netherland goats:- Sterility, stronggles, softening of the bones and pre and post natal paralysis.
- 32/33. Strongly recommends all kids to be hand reared from the start.
34. Method given.
Kids start nibbling hay or bran after 7 days.

R. Cheverton, Esq.

24th June, 1935.

we have a number of them that will give up to a gallon of milk a day and possibly a little more. The cost of good females of this breed, about eighteen months old, that have just been mated, would be in the neighbourhood of £10 to £12.* This of course would be for pedigree stock of good milking strain.

If there is any further help that I can give you perhaps you will kindly let me know.

Yours faithfully,

J. E. Efferd
Secretary.

* Males a little less.

BRITISH GOAT SOCIETY

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ROYDON ROAD,
DISS, NORFOLK.

24th June, 1935.

R. Cheverton, Esq.,
King Edward Memorial Hospital,
Port Stanley,
Falkland Islands.

Dear Sir,

Your letter of the 3rd ult., has been forwarded to me by Mr. T.W. Palmer, the late Honorary Secretary of this Society, and I am very pleased to learn that it is your wish to encourage the keeping of goats in the Falkland Islands and that with this view in prospect you are anticipating importing goats from this country.

For general information upon goat-keeping in this country, I do not think that I can do better than send you herewith a copy of our 1935 Year Book. The cost of this is 1s. /6d. which I am sure you will kindly refund. Particulars of other books on goatkeeping that are available will be found at the back of that book.

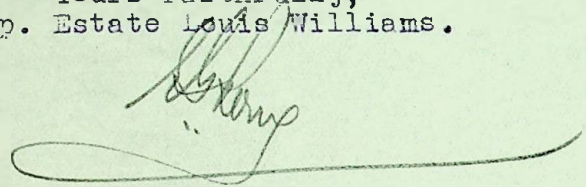
I further enclose a copy of our Monthly Journal in which a number of goats are advertised for sale each month, and the prices mentioned therein will give you some idea of values. I am afraid I have no information before me as to the likely cost of transport to the Falkland Islands, but if you cared to communicate with Lep Transport Company, who advertise in the Year Book, and who have considerable experience of shipping goats, I am sure they would be pleased to quote you.

I am a little doubtful what to advise you on the question of the most suitable goats to import from this country, for our best pedigree stock are generally raised under very good conditions and I am a little doubtful if they would stand the climate that you mention. On the other hand goats in this country which are accustomed to living out in difficult weather are very inferior in milk production and it is doubtful if these would be worth the expenditure that would be involved in importing them. While it is not amongst the heaviest milkers, I am inclined to think that the Toggenburg is the most suitable for your requirements, for it grows a fairly long coat and is usually very healthy and hardy. At the same time

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We do not know what freight the P.S.N.C. would charge, but we think that 25/- to 30/- per head would cover the cost of freight.

We are, dear Sir,
Yours faithfully,
p.p. Estate Louis Williams.



The Hon. Dr. R.L.Cheverton
Stanley.

P.S. From the "Harmsworth Encyclopaedia" we quote:-

"Angora Wool. The silky produce of the angora goat, is woven into shawls, serges, and so forth at Angora, in Asia Minor. It is known in commerce as mohair. "

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TO THE MANAGER

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A.I.

22nd June 1936

Dear Sir,

Regarding your verbal enquiry as to the possibility of importing milch goats from Bahia Blanca (Argentine Rep.) we have the pleasure of advising you that we have heard from a reliable correspondent that:-

Goats are not very plentiful in the vicinity of Bahia Blanca, but

The Captain of the Port there has a herd of approximately 100 Angora type goats which he keeps as a personal hobby, and that he has the intention of disposing of same as he does not wish to continue the herd.

He has therefore made the following firm offer:-

He will supply one male and 3 female goats alongside ship in the port of Bahia Blanca, for an inclusive charge of\$100.-- paper

At current rates of exchange this will be approximately £6.- sterling, and as our correspondent (the Manager of the Buenos Aires Great Southern Railway - B.B. Section) states that he knows that female goats from that herd have been sold singly at \$50.- each, and that at least one male goat from the same herd was disposed of in Montevideo for over £50.-, it would certainly appear that the offer of 4 animals for \$100.- is extremely reasonable.

The seller is, of course, interested in being eventually able to dispose of most of his herd.

Our correspondent further informs us that the female goats, when properly fed, will give over half a gallon of milk per day.

Furthermore these Angora type goats are wool producing goats, and can be clipped every year. The females produce about 3 lbs. of wool, and the males over 6 lbs. of Angora type wool.

There will be an opportunity to effect shipment by direct P.S.N.C. vessel from Bahia Blanca about the middle of August next, and if it is decided to acquire these goats under this very special offer we shall be pleased to have instructions in good time to cable Bahia Blanca.

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22nd June, 1936.

From Senior Medical Officer,
Stanley.

To The Honourable,
Colonial Secretary.

I beg to submit the enclosed letter from the Estate Louis Williams with reference to a very good offer for the importation of Goats from Bahia Blanca.

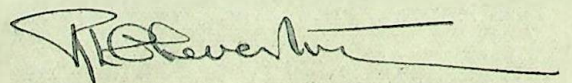
Soon after my arrival in the Colony I came to the conclusion that milk was one of basic dietary factors missing in the diet of the people.

Realizing that there was some difficulty about feeding the cattle ~~the cattle~~ and that ~~the~~ tuberculosis was supposed to be very prevalent amongst the cows, I communicated with the British Goat Society as to the importation of goats, (their reply and year book enclosed).

Goats are for all purposes free from Tuberculosis they are easy to feed and yield a very good supply of milk.

It is proposed therefore, that the Government might consider the introduction of this stud of flock with a view to breeding and later selling the offspring to the people of Stanley with small holdings of which there are many.

The offer made by the Captain of the Port in Bahia Blanca, appears to be exceptional and worth considering.



Senior Medical Officer.