

LIVE STOCK	
No.	512/22

1922

U.S.

Col. Secretary

SUBJECT.

192 2  
10th July

Respecting losses in lambs  
in the Falkland Islands

Previous Paper.

MINUTES.

*PA.  
7/8/22*

*Y.S.*  
 Submitted with rough draft of  
 a circular to managers of Stations  
 for consideration. It is proposed  
 to have the letter and forms printed.  
 It appears to be of such great im-  
 portance to obtain complete returns  
 that it may be advisable to make  
 the appeal more forcible if there  
 is any way of doing this

*Attest 25 July*

*Chief Inspector of Stock.*

Section 13 of Ord 9/1901 requires that returns  
 of ~~stock~~ all sheep & lambs on each station on 1<sup>st</sup> of May  
 (as in Form 5 annexed to Ordinance) shall  
 be rendered on a return by the 31<sup>st</sup> of May. Presumably  
 returns are based on tally or dipping in brand-clip

Subsequent Paper.

You told me a few days ago that the figures relating to lambs were in all a in majority of cases those of lambs marked in preceding November. Will you please confirm this.

2. If this is so the annual returns will require amendment to show season at which tally of lambs is taken.

3. I observed in Stock Inspector's report for 1912 (Enquête 1913 p. 68) that it is stated that lambing percentage has been much on dipping tally, 40% being allowed for loss between marking + dipping. This statement is at variance with what you believe to be the general practice with regard to returns of lambs.

4. Can you say how 40% was arrived at as average loss in lambs between marking + dipping.

It is proposed to ask for <sup>special</sup> returns with regard to lambs over a period of years. It is suggested that returns should be as simple as possible & I think it would be advisable to omit "percentage": they can be worked out by you from returns.

You also told me that sex was not equal at birth: will you please confirm this: it would account for disparity between sexes <sup>of lambs</sup> as shown in the return. An M.S. form<sup>A</sup> is attached: I shall be glad to hear your views on its suitability: does it contain all the information which you need with regard to lambs?

Yours

16 August 1922

Hon Col Secretary

The present Annual return is made up to the 1<sup>st</sup> day of May & returned on the 31<sup>st</sup> of May. I would suggest that it be altered to read, the return to be made up to the 1<sup>st</sup> day of July & returned by the 31<sup>st</sup> of July, by which time (1<sup>st</sup> of July) dipping & tallying should be finished. At present there is

no definite rule as to whether the number of lambs is given from the dipping tally or not.

- (2) The return as drafted by H/E would cover this end from that it would be possible to arrive at a definite percentage of lambs marked both at shearing & dipping & also losses.
- (3) The usual practice is to count the lambs at marking time, then at dipping time, the 7% loss is that supposed between marking & dipping, but frequently the lambs that are missed at marking time & gathered & marked at shearing time are not included in the sum total.
- (4) There is at present any definite method of arriving at the percentage, but this is considered a fair one.
- (5) As stated in (2) the new return would give the actual number marked and lost both between marking & dipping and at shearing time. The percentages could then be worked out from these figures.
- (6) It is a fact that practically all the

returns show a disparity between the sexes born, the females always being in excess of the males.

(7) The form A attached appears to be both comprehensive & simple, any of the farmers could fill it in & I would suggest that it be sent out Annually in conjunction with the ordinary stock return, to be returned with it at the same time.

B. A. Brown  
Chief Inspector of Stock  
21/8/22

Yr. Submitted  
~~tttt~~ 21/8/22

H.C.S.

Prospect of lambing & wool returns  
might now be printed. 1902 is first year  
in which number of sheep on each station is available.  
I should like to speak to you before circular  
is printed.

Yr.  
23 August 22

For A & B  
Printed for early  
press.  
tttt 24/8  
H. C. S.  
24/8/22

G.A.

Submitted with purp of forms  
That for lauds will require to be  
a larger sheet - the years will  
then be filled in

ttttt 25/8/22

H.P.S.

I have discussed this form with  
Mr W.G. Harding & Mr Allen than attend in  
accordance with suggestions made by them

G.A.

12 Oct 1922

H.P.S.

Circular & forms can now issue

G.A.

4 January 1923

Circular to be typed early for

Printer

ttttt 4/1/23

Amended circular to printer early

ttttt

Form A	Retirns, p.c. form	Teal Inlet	} Filed in Nov 7/23 Confidential
-	-	Port Stephens	
-	-	Woody Valley	

Circular letter to managers of sheep farms - Encl (2)  
Specimen of Form A <sup>of 17 January 1923</sup> (2a)

- Letter to manager, Seal Inlet, 3/4/23. Encl. (3)
- " " " Moody Valley " (3)
- " " " Port Stephens " (3)
- " " " J. De Co., 10/5/23. Encl. (4)
- " " " Lively Island " (5)
- " " " Mullet Creek " (5)
- " " " manager, Port Howard  
4<sup>th</sup> May, 1923 (6)
- " " " Bluff Cove, 6.6.23. (7)
- " " " San Carlos, north, 12/6/23 (8)
- " " " Johnson's Harbour, 16/6/23. (9)
- " " " Reads Island 6/7/23 (10)
- " " " Douglas Station 6/7/23 (10)
- " " " Pebble Island 6/7/23 (11)
- " " " Saunders Island 6/7/23 (12)
- " " " The Charlies, 9/7/23 (13)
- Letter to Station managers, 20 July, 1923 (14)
- Letter to manager, Hill Cove, 16/8/23 (15)
- " " " Fox Bay, East, 16/8/23 (16)
- " " " Carass Is. 12/9/23 (17)
- " " " New Island 12/9/23 (18)
- " " " Gibraltar Station 6/10/23 (19)
- " " " Roy Cove, 6/10/23 (20)
- " " " West Point Island 4/8/24 (21)

Confidential

Sir

I am directed by the Governor to inform you that His Excellency <sup>has</sup> been impressed ~~in a opinion~~ that with the great difficulty of dealing with the problem of the development of the sheep industry, which is of paramount importance to the Colony, in the absence of statistical information beyond that contained in the annual reports of the Chief Inspector of Stock, the Governor has discussed the general question personally and by correspondence with a number of the leading farmers and he is much indebted to these gentlemen for the readiness with which they have placed their knowledge at his disposal.

2. The two main divisions of the subject are the improvement of stock and the question of pasturage. The former includes <sup>and</sup> ~~breeds of~~ lambs, improvement in wool and the latter such matters as draining, ditching and the ~~establishment of~~ <sup>burning of</sup> ~~the stock~~ <sup>to the various stations</sup> the 30 Camp. ~~A circular note issued in 1898 produced with reference to burning off and the feeding value of different forages produced some information of apparent value of which we are afraid to have been made as yet.~~

Para 2 may be omitted

Form A.

1  
 Year  
 2  
 N<sup>o</sup> of ewes in  
 breeding flock  
 3  
 Return of loss in lambs born at — Station  
 4  
 N<sup>o</sup> of lambs marked  
 Percentage  
 5  
 N<sup>o</sup> of lambs  
 dipped  
 6  
 Loss since  
 marking  
 7  
 N<sup>o</sup> of lambs  
 shorn following  
 year  
 8  
 Loss since  
 dipping  
 9  
 Percentage  
 of loss  
 10  
 Total loss  
 Total Percentage of loss

1900  
 1901  
 1902  
 etc.





Specimen Form

Station Darwin

RETURN OF THE LOSS OF LAMBS FROM 1920 TO 1921

	ewes	wethers	total
Number of lambs marked in 19 <u>20</u>			
Loss between marking and clipping			
percentage of loss			
further loss at shearing 19 <u>21</u>			
percentage of loss			
total loss			
total percentage of loss			

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Specimen Form

Station Darwin

RETURN OF THE LOSS OF LAMBS FROM 19 19 TO 19 20

	Ewes	Wethers	Total
Number of lambs marked in 19 <u>19</u>			
Loss between marking and dipping			
Percentage of loss			
Further loss at shearing in <u>20</u>			
Percentage of loss			
Total loss			
Total percentage of loss			

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Specimen Form

Station Darwin

RETURN OF THE LOSS OF LAMBS FROM 1918 TO 1919

EWES                      Wethers                      Total

Number of lambs marked in 1918

Loss between marking and clipping

Percentage of loss

Further loss at shearing in 19

Percentage of loss

Total loss

Total percentage of loss

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Specimen form

Station Darwin

RETURN OF THE LOSS OF LAMBS FROM 1917 TO 1918

	EWES	Wethers	TOTAL
Number of lambs marked in 19 <u>17</u>			
Loss between marking and clipping			
Percentage of loss			
Further loss at shearing 19 <u>18</u>			
Percentage of loss			
Total loss			
Total percentage of loss			

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Specimen Form

Station Darwin

RETURN OF THE LOSS OF LAMBS FROM 19 16 TO 19 17

	ewes	wethers	total
Number of lambs marked in 19 <u>16</u>			
Loss between marking and clipping			
Percentage of loss			
Further loss at shearing in <u>17</u>			
Percentage of loss			
Total loss			
Total percentage of loss			

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Specimen Form

Station Darwin

RETURN OF THE LOSS OF LAMBS FROM 15 TO 16

	WAS	WETHERS	TOTAL
NUMBER OF LAMBS MARKED IN <u>15</u>			
LOSS BETWEEN MARKING AND GAPPING			
Percentage of loss			
Further loss at shearing in <u>16</u>			
Percentage of loss			
Total loss			
Total percentage of loss			

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EXTRACTED from Report by Chief Inspector of Stock of 25th July, 1922  
Original contained in M.P. 303/22 (Encl 7.)

X X X X X X X X X X X X

I have sent out the forms relating to the loss of lambs and the weights of wool, specimens of which are enclosed. You will notice that I have asked for the lambing return from 1915 to 1922 which should give a good average to work from.

*W.C.  
5-11/22* { The wool return only goes back as far as 1900 as there seems to be some doubt if accurate figures can be obtained earlier, however I have asked the different farmers to let me have any earlier data if possible

If you could obtain similar returns from the East for the same periods it would be very useful. The returns from the West will not be received in time for this mail but should be in for the next one.

X X X X X X X X X X X X

*Y.S. Submitted*  
2. It was intended that the Ch. Inspector should obtain these returns <sup>direct</sup> but not that he should issue the circular without instructions, as the general matter had been submitted to Y.S. with a draft circular for consideration. However I must accept the responsibility as I could not have made this clear to Captain Brown.

*ttttt 2/8/22*  
*The W.C. is with Y.S.*

FORM A.

Station.....

Season.	Bree-ling Ewes at dipping.	Breeding Ewes at lamb- marking.	Lambs marked. (1)				Lambs dipped.				Season.	Hoggets shorn. (2)			
			Ewes.	Rams.	wethers.	Total.	Ewes.	Rams.	wethers.	Total.		Ewes.	Rams.	wethers.	Total.
1901-1902.											1902-1903.				
1902-1903.											1903-1904.				
1903-1904.											1904-1905.				
1904-1905.											1905-1906.				
1905-1906.											1906-1907.				
1906-1907.											1907-1908.				
1907-1908.											1908-1909.				
1908-1909.											1909-1910.				
1909-1910.											1910-1911.				
1910-1911.											1911-1912.				
1911-1912.											1912-1913.				
1912-1913.											1913-1914.				
1913-1914.											1914-1915.				
1914-1915.											1915-1916.				
1915-1916.											1916-1917.				
1916-1917.											1917-1918.				
1917-1918.											1918-1919.				
1918-1919.											1919-1920.				
1919-1920.											1920-1921.				
1920-1921.											1921-1922.				
1921-1922.															

NOTE:— (1) Lambs marked during shearing season should be included.

(2) If accurate information regarding sexes is not available only total number of hoggets should be given.



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CONFIDENTIAL.

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

STANLEY, FALKLAND ISLANDS,

...17th January, ....19..23.

CIRCULAR.

Sir,

I am directed by the Governor to inform you that His Excellency has been impressed with the great difficulty of dealing with the problem of the development of the sheep industry, which is of paramount importance to the Colony, in the absence of statistical information beyond that contained in the annual reports of the Chief Inspector of Stock. The Governor has discussed the general question personally and by correspondence with a number of the leading farmers and he is much indebted to these gentlemen for the readiness with which they have placed their knowledge at his disposal.

2. In 1917 a circular was issued asking for a return of the loss in lambs from marking to shearing on the various stations and the information was readily supplied. The returns covered one year only and it will be appreciated that deductions of value can only be drawn from the figures for losses over a number of years. Such figures when obtained should clearly be kept up from year to year. I am accordingly to request you to be good enough to complete the form A, sent herewith as far as possible; if any shearling ewes are included in the number of "Breeding ewes at Dipping" to give the number of shearling ewes in the margin of the form.

3. Detailed information on the wool clip would also be of great value and I am to request you to be good enough to fill in Form B enclosed as far as possible with a return of the number of sheep shorn each year and the weight of the clip.

4. When all the returns have been received they will be correlated and a report upon the figures will be distributed. It is however intended that the returns from individual stations shall be treated as strictly confidential and no matter relating to any one station will be published except at the request of the Manager. I am therefore to ask you to address the returns to me under confidential cover.

To  
The Manager, **s of all**  
..... Sheep..... Station.

I am,  
Sir,  
Your obedient servant,

H. Henniker-Heaton  
Colonial Secretary.

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512/22.

5th April,

23.

Sir,

I am directed by the Governor to acknowledge Stock Returns Form A and Form B duly completed as far as possible.

2. His Excellency wishes me to thank you for the trouble you have taken in this matter.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

H. Henniker-Heaton,

Colonial Secretary.

The Manager,  
Teal Inlet,  
The Manager,  
Moody Valley,  
W. M. Dean, Esq.,  
Manager, Port Stephens,  
WEST FALKLAND.

512/22.

10th May,

23.

Sir,

I am directed by the Governor to acknowledge Stock Returns Forms A and Forms B in respect of Fitzroy, Port Louis, Walker Creek, North Arm and Darwin Harbour, duly completed as far as possible.

2. His Excellency wishes me to thank you for the trouble you have taken in this matter.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

G. R. L. Brown,

for Colonial Secretary.

The Manager,  
Falkland Islands Company, Limited,  
Stanley.

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512/22.

10th May,

22.

Sir,

I am directed by the Governor to acknowledge the receipt of Stock Returns Form A and Form L duly completed as far as possible.

2. His Excellency wishes me to thank you for the trouble you have taken in this matter.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

G. R. L. Brown,

for Colonial Secretary.

The Manager,

Lively Island.

The Manager,

Mullet Creek Farm,

Stanley.

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512/22.

4th June,

23.

Sir,

I am directed by the Acting Governor to acknowledge the receipt of Stock Returns Form A and Form B duly completed as far as possible.

2. His Excellency wishes me to thank you for the trouble you have taken in this matter.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

G. R. L. Brown,

for Colonial Secretary.

The Manager,

Port Howard,

WEST FALKLAND.

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512/22.

6th June,

23.

Sir,

I am directed by the Acting Governor to acknowledge Stock Returns Form A and Form B duly completed as far as possible.

2. His Excellency wishes me to thank you for the trouble you have taken in this matter.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

G. R. L. Brown,

for Colonial Secretary.

The Manager,

Bluff Cove,

EAST FALKLAND.

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512/22.

12th June,

23.

Sir,

I am directed by the Acting Governor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 28th May enclosing Stock Return Form B duly completed as far as possible.

2. His Excellency wishes me to thank you for the trouble you have taken in this matter.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

G. R. L. Brown,

for Colonial Secretary.

P. Keith Cameron, Esq.,  
San Carlos North,  
East Falkland.

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512/22.

16th June,

23.

Sir,

I am directed by the Acting Governor to acknowledge the receipt of Stock Returns Form A and Form B duly completed as far as possible.

2. His Excellency wishes me to thank you for the trouble you have taken in this matter.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

G. R. L. Brown,

for Colonial Secretary.

The Manager,

Johnson's Harbour,

East Falkland.



512/22.

6th July,

23.

Sir,

I am directed by the Acting Governor to acknowledge the receipt of Stock Returns Form A and Form B duly completed as far as possible.

2. His Excellency wishes me to thank you for the trouble you have taken in this matter.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

*G. R. L. Brown*

for Colonial Secretary.

The Manager,  
Beaver Island.

The Manager,  
Douglas Station,  
East Falkland.

512/22.

6th July,

23.

Sir,

I am directed by the Acting Governor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 27th of May, enclosing Stock Returns Form A and Form B duly completed as far as possible.

2. His Excellency wishes me to thank you for the trouble you have taken in this matter.

3. I am to enclose herewith Forms A and B and to request that you will be good enough to complete the forms as far as possible in respect of Keppel Island.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

G. R. L. Brown,

For Colonial Secretary.

The Manager,

Pebble Island,

West Falkland.

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512/22.

6th July,

23.

Sir,

I am directed by the Acting Governor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 12th of June, enclosing Stock Returns Form A and Form B duly completed as far as possible.

2. His Excellency wishes me to thank you for the trouble you have taken in this matter.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

G. R. L. Brown,

for Colonial Secretary.

The Manager,  
Saunders Island,  
West Falkland.

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512/22.

9th July,

23.

Sir,

I am directed by the Acting Governor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 19th of April, enclosing Stock Returns Form A and Form B duly completed as far as possible.

2. His Excellency wishes me to thank you for the trouble you have taken in this matter.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

G. R. L. Brown,

for Colonial Secretary.

The Manager,  
The Chartres,  
West Falkland.

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512/22.

20th July, 1923.

Sir or Madam,

With reference to Mr. Henniker-Heaton's Confidential Circular letter of the 17th of January, 1923, forwarding Stock Returns A and B to be completed, as far as possible, in respect of your station, I am directed by the Acting Governor to request that you will be so good as to transmit the Returns to this office at your early convenience.

I am,

Sir, or Madam,

Your obedient servant,

G. R. L. Brown,

for Colonial Secretary.

- The Manager, Salvador,
- " San Carlos South,
- " Fitzroy North.
- " Port Louis North.
- " Rincon Grande.
- " Adelaide Station.(Hill Cove)
- " Fox Bay East.
- " Roy Cove.
- " Spring Point.
- " Fox Bay West.
- " Bleaker Island.
- " Weddell Island.
- " Speedwell Island.
- " New Island.
- " Passage Islands.
- " Carcass & Jason Islands.
- " West Point Island.
- " Keppel Island.
- " West Swan Island.
- " Sea Lion Islands.

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512/22.

16th August,

23.

Sir,

I am directed by the Acting Governor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 2nd of July, enclosing Stock Returns Form A and Form B duly completed as far as possible.

2. His Excellency wishes me to thank you for the trouble you have taken in this matter.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

G. R. L. Brown,

for Colonial Secretary.

Sydney Miller, Esq., J.P.,  
Manager, Hill Cove,  
West Falkland.

512/22.

16th August,

23.

Sir,

I am directed by the Acting Governor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 16th of July, enclosing Stock Returns Form A and Form B duly completed as far as possible.

2. His Excellency wishes me to thank you for the trouble you have taken in this matter.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

G. R. L. Brown,

for Colonial Secretary.

J. Innes Wilson, Esq., J.P.,  
Manager, Fox Bay, East,  
West Falkland.

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512/22.

12th September, 23.

Sir,

I am directed by the Acting Governor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 27th of August, enclosing Stock Returns Form A and Form B duly completed as far as possible.

2. His Excellency wishes me to thank you for the trouble you have taken in this matter.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

G. R. L. Brown.

for Colonial Secretary.

The Manager,  
Carcass Island,  
West Falkland.



18.

512/22.

12th September,

23.

Sir,

I am directed by the Acting Governor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 19th of May, enclosing Stock Returns Form A and Form B duly completed as far as possible.

2. His Excellency wishes me to thank you for the trouble you have taken in this matter.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

G. R. L. Brown.

for Colonial Secretary.

The Manager,

New Island,

West Falkland.

512/22.

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6th October,

23.

Sir,

I am directed by the Acting Governor to acknowledge the receipt of Stock Returns Form A and Form B duly completed as far as possible.

2. His Excellency wishes me to thank you for the trouble you have taken in the matter.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

G. R. L. Brown.

for Colonial Secretary.

The Manager,

Gibraltar Station,

East Falkland.

512/22.

6th October,

23.

Sir,

I am directed by the Acting Governor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 28th of August, enclosing Stock Returns Form A and Form B duly completed as far as possible.

2. His Excellency wishes me to thank you for the trouble you have taken in the matter.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

G. R. L. Brown.

for Colonial Secretary.

The Manager,

Roy Cove,

West Falkland.

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512/22.

4th March, 1924.

Sir,

I am directed by the Acting Governor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 20th of December, 1923, enclosing Stock Returns Form A and Form B duly completed as far as possible.

2. His Excellency wishes me to thank you for the trouble you have taken in the matter.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

G. R. L., Brown.

for Colonial Secretary.

A. E. Felton, Esq., J.P.,  
West Point Island,  
WEST FALKLAND.