

J. McNeill.

Food.

1920.

C.S.

No.

451.

J. McNeill.

SUBJECT.

1920.

9th June.

Previous Paper.

Difficulty in obtaining sheep to supply the town of Stanley with mutton.

MINUTES.

(1)

H. E.

Submitted.

I believe Mr. McNeill experienced similar trouble in 1914, but there are no previous papers on the subject in the C.S.O. I understand that the matter was arranged between Governor Allardye and the several farmers. Mr. McNeill did not write in about the above.

a. J. L.
9.6.20

(2)

Chief Stock Inspector

Please speak again on this subject.

Subsequent Paper.

(3)

W. W. W.
9.6.20

Minute from Chief Inspector of Stock, 11.6.20.

(3)

Hon Colonial Secretary

I have interviewed Mr McGill upon this subject and find that he personally spoke to Mr Townson, the inspector of stock in 1914; and I presume Mr Townson then saw Governor Allardyce regarding the matter. I am unable to find any correspondence about it in this office. I think if the farmers were appealed to, Mr McGill would not find any difficulty in obtaining the necessary number of sheep. Mr McGill's figures are worked out upon the number of sheep owned by each station, an average being struck based upon last years returns, they are correct except that G.J. Felton should read 600 instead of 500 and H.J. Pitaluga 300 instead of 400.

BB
11.6.20

(4)

C.S.O.

Draft letters to Sheep Farmers enclosed, a separately typed copy must be sent to each - no carbon copies. One copy to Mr McGill.

W.M.
11.6.20

(5)

H.S. Letters sent: also copy to Mr McGill

(6)

Copy for C.S.
11/6/20

Sam
[Signature]
15.6.20

Ch. Inspector of Stock

With your kindly remarks
on the attached two replies (5) & (6)

C.R.P.
for 12.
19. 7. 20

The Hon Colonial Secretary

Copy of letter seen, as not all the
managers from the camp are back at the
present time, it is difficult to give a definite
opinion of their views, but the majority heard
from so far appear to be willing to supply
mutton for butchery purposes, but most of
the farmers prefer to sell off the shears.

[Signature]

24. 8. 20

(9)

H. E.

I understand Mr. McGill's difficulty is that
he cannot take a large number of sheep at the time the
farmers agree to supply them: that is about the
beginning of the year. The Peninsula Farm can only
accommodate about 400 head at one time whereas land
would be required for about 2000 at least. Moody
Valley Farm would be very suitable for this purpose,
and I understand from the Stock Inspector that McGill
has approached the lessee (Mr Bender) with a view to
getting a sublet, but that Mr Bender is unwilling to
consider the matter. The Stock Inspector is of opinion
that Mr. Bender is unable to make use of his farm to
anything like the extent that it should be made use of
and that he would strongly advise refusing renewal of
the lease at its expiration.

Mr. Bender's lease will not expire until
December, 1922, but in the meantime if the matter is
considered urgent, Fitzroy farm might be made use of

for this purpose and the new lessee being asked to sublet to Mr. McGill sufficient accommodation for the number of sheep required. The drive into Stanley is only about 15 miles.

Mr. McGill does not appear to have done very much towards making use of the Peninsula Farm for the purpose for which the lease of this land was granted him.

G.M.
for C.S.
31/8/20.

C.S.O. (10)

We have done all we can for Mr. McGill. He must do something to help himself & we expect Govt. to do everything for him. Better ask him to call on you and suggest a course of action for him.

Wm.
7.9.20

Stanley.

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9th June 1920.



Sir.

I beg respectfully herewith to place before your notice the following facts regarding my present position as public butcher.

I am supplying mutton to the Public of Stanley, the Naval Wireless Station, and the Admiralty collier "Franz Wilk" at present in Stanley, and who are depending entirely upon me for keeping up the supply.

I have only sufficient sheep to last until the end of the month, and I am unable to replenish my stock as the North Camp Farmers feel indisposed to sell me any market sheep.

Under these circumstances I beg if you can assist me in approaching the Farmers with a view to explaining the present position, which will be felt directly by the General Public unless some assistance is forth coming.

I would like to mention the Farmers who could supply ANNUALLY any number of MARKET sheep without detriment to their stock @ 12/- per head, this price would enable me to keep the mutton @ 3d per lb.

Vere Packe, . Fitz Roy & Port Louis South.	700.	
G. J. Felton, . Evelyn Station Teal Inlet.	500.	600
Robt Greenshields, . Horse Shoe Bay.	500.	
H. Pitaluga, . Rincon Grande.	400.	300
Mrs R. Robson, . Port Louis North.	400.	
Smith Brothers, . Berkeley Sound Station.	400.	
Mrs Joseph Robson, . Fitz Roy North.	200.	
	<u>3100.</u>	

It might be mentioned that it may not be necessary to call on

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the full quantity allotted annually, but the specified number of sheep could be reserved for public consumption before selling to the Goose Green cannery or to any Foreign Company.

I am Sir.

Yours Respectfully.

John McGill

The Honourable

The Colonial Secretary.

S t a n l e y.

14th June

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Sir,

I am directed by the Administrator to bring to your notice the fact that the local butchery at Stanley is having great difficulty in supplying the requirements of the town, the Admiralty Wireless Station, and the various ships that call at this port, in the matter of mutton.

2. The matter of food supplies in an out of the way Colony such as the Falkland Islands depends on the mutual assistance of the inhabitants, and the Administrator hopes that you will do your utmost in helping to keep up the requisite meat supply for the Capital.

3. I am informed that you might be able to supply 700 head of sheep per annum to the local butchery without detriment to your stock, and the price suggested is 12/- per head.

In the same terms to:-

Head of Sheep

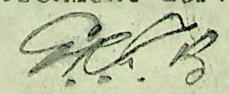
G. J. Felton Esq:	500 600
R. Greenshields "	500
H. Pitaluga "	300
Mrs R. Robson	400
Smith Bros	400
Mrs J. Robson	200

4. I am to ask if you would be prepared to guarantee this quantity at the price mentioned, and to express the Administrator's hope that you will see your way to do so.

5. I shall be glad to have your reply at your earliest convenience.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,


for Colonial Secretary.

Vere Packe, Esq:

Fitz Roy.

451/20.

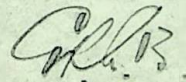
14th June 20.

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 9th inst., requesting that the East Falkland farmers be approached with a view to inviting their assistance in the matter of maintaining a requisite mutton supply for Stanley, the Admiralty Wireless Station, and the various ships that call at this port, I am directed by the Administrator to forward to you the enclosed copy of a letter on the subject which has been addressed to the different farmers concerned.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,



for Colonial Secretary

Mr. J. McGill,
Stanley.

(5)

Pinson Grande
June 23rd 1920

The Colonial Secretary,
Sir,

In reply to your letter No. 451/20 dated 14th inst, received duly to-day, asking if I will help to keep up the requisite meat supply for the Capital.

This Station has been helping to supply the Capital with Mutton for over twenty years, & I'm quite prepared to continue so at the price suggested.

I'll guarantee 300 or more providing we have a good season & a good percentage of Lambs.

I've already let the Butcher have 500 this year but I cannot spare any more this year, as soon as they are shorn in January 1921 I will let the Butcher take them away.

Trusting this a favourable reply.

I am, Sir,
Your Obedient Servant
R. H. Mound
Manager.

(6)
Fitzroy,

Falkland Islands.

10th July, 1920.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14th of June.

With regard to the matter of supplying sheep to the local butchery, I should like to point out that this station has, in the past, done considerably more than its share in this respect, and in fact until quite recently was the only large station with the exception of the Falkland Islands Company which sent any mutton to Stanley at all.

Mr Packe rather against his own inclinations in the matter, continues to rent the butchery premises and paddocks to Mr J. Mc Gill, and also to supply him with as much beef as can be found suitable for consumption during the winter, and at an extremely low figure.

Under these circumstances I think I am justified in saying that this station is at present doing its share in supplying the town with meat, and more especially so, as it is the only station which will send any beef to Stanley for the purpose of supplying the butchery.

I must also add that if it had not been for my intervention with Lt. Col. St. Johnston last March, the Slaughter House would have been condemned by the Board of Health as insan-
-itatory, in which case Mr Mc Gill would have had to close down his business altogether.

With reference to paragraph 3 of your letter, I do not know who your informant is but, ^{you} will permit me to say that the only person capable of answering a question of this sort concerning any station is the Manager of the station himself.

In conclusion I am at liberty to say that by selling our surplus wethers to the canning factory in March, we can get an average price of considerably more than 12/ per head, in which case you will see that by selling now when they are poorer in condition and have six months growth of wool, we should be entailing a considerable loss.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant

H. C. Harding.

Manager

The Honourable,

The Colonial Secretary,

Stanley.

Douglas Station,
San Salvador,
Falkland Islands, S.A.

July 31st 1920

To Mr Brown

Dear Sir

Your letter to hand of
June 14th re supplying Stanley with mutton
Mr Greenshields is away at present, but
is expected out by the next mail. I will
give him your letter & he can then settle the
matter himself.

Yours etc
A Noble

Post. Stanley
Falkland Is.

July ¹⁰ 27.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No. 451/20 dated the 14th June last, I beg to inform you that with the small number of wethers on my station I am quite unable to sell as many as 200 each year for Butchery Purposes. The utmost I could do would be to sell between 65 or 100. By selling any larger quantity would mean having to sell young stock which would be detrimental to the station.

I am, Sir,

Yours Faithfully: Mary Robson

The Hon. Colonial Secretary.

Stanley.

Port Louis
East Falkland Island
14th August 1920

To the Office of the Colonial Secretary
Port Stanley.

Sir.

In reply to your letter dated 14th June refering to sheep for butchery purposes we wish to inform His Excellency the Administrator that we are not prepared guarantee any number of sheep for that purpose.

I am Sir,

Your obedient servant

J. R. Robson.
Manager.

Port Stanley

Falkland Islands

August 24th 1920.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter No 45I/20 bearing date of the 14th June, as I have been absent from the Colony the same has not been replied to earlier.

In reply to paragraph 3 of your letter under acknowledgement I am prepared to let the local butchery have 500 head of sheep in March next between the dates of 1st to 14th at the price stated should this be the ruling figure at that date, which I have every reason to believe it will, it is impossible for me sell any Wethers earlier than the above date as I have not the surplus stock.

I am, Sir

Your obedient servant

Robert Greenhields

Hon Colonial Secretary

Stanley.