

C.S.

LIVE STOCK

(Sheep)

1924.

No. 172/24

Falkland Islands Co.,

SUBJECT.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS COMPANY

2nd February

Enquiry respecting death of
Rams in Quarantine.

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MINUTES.

Letter from F.I. Co of 2nd Feb 1924 ----- Encl (1)

*P.A.
11/2/24*

*Ag Chief Inspector of Stock
Will you please report as to the
cause of death of the rams. (1) the class of
dip used (2) the strength of the dip and
(3) the dimensions of the bath used.
G.M.H. 1/2
" Vic/see
" Feb 1924*

*Hon. Col. Secretary
Sir: I cannot really say what
caused the death of the Rams. Only one died while
I was in Stanley, this death was caused I believe
by Acute inflammation.*

*I noticed that these rams
fought, as I had never seen any other
sleep fight, this would cause*

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inflammation in the weaker ones, with
bad results.

The class of dip used was Parkin, Hess
& Leo's Dip.

The strength of the dip used was 1 in 70

The dimensions of the bath used was
13 ft. long. by 4 ft. deep. by 2 ft wide.

W. Atkinson
Ag. Chief Insp. of Stock
12th Feby 1924.

Hon Colonial Surgeon,

You treated some of the animals
during the absence of the Acting Inspector.
Will you kindly submit (on separate
sheet) a report on the cause of sickness.

G.R.H. 17
D.C.S.C.
17 Feby 1924

Hon Col. Secretary,

Report please. Encl. (2)

J. H. Deane

Colonial Surgeon.

14.2.24.

Y.G.
Submitted with draft letter to
Mr Slaughter.

G.R.H. 13
Dilfer
15 Feb 1924

Will you please ask the
Ch. Inspector of Stock for the
actual quantity of dip put into
the tank or to state the manner
in which he ~~thinks~~ 15 Feb. 24
arrived at the
correct quantity

Ag Chief Inspector of Stock

Referred.

G.R.H. 13
Dilfer
15 Feb 1924

Y.G.
Mr Atkin had gone to the Camp
before this paper could be referred to
him. Mr. Gresham has today asked
for a reply to Mr Slaughter's letter
for communication to his London Office
by this mail. I shall be glad to
have to your Excellency's instructions
as to the reply to be sent.

G.R.H. 13
Dilfer
5 March 1924

As amended please
~~sent~~ 6 March 24

Ltr. to Mr J.G. Slaughter, Darwin
6th March 1924 (3)
Copy to Managers & Co.

Ag Chief Inspector of Stock

Referred in connection with
His Excellency's minute of 15th February.

G.H.'s
Dicsu
6 March 1924

Hon. Col. Sec.

Sir,

In reference to His Excellency's
minute of 15th February.

I had 350 gallons of ~~top~~
water measured into the
dipping trough, and added
one 5 gallon drum of dip
to it.

W. Atkins

Ag. Chief Insp. of Stock

7th March 1924

U.S.

Submitted

G.H.'s
Dicsu

11 March 1924

Thank you that is quite satisfactory
Messrs Felton and Pole - Evans expressed
the verbal opinion that the dip seemed
strong and supported that the capacity
of the tank had been over estimated. It

is clear that the eq. Ch. Inspector
take every precaution

[Signature]

11 March 24

The Falkland Islands Company, Limited.

(INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER 1851.)

REGISTERED 1902.



Darwin Harbour.

February 2nd 1924

The Honourable
The Colonial Secretary
Stanley

Sir

I am informed by our Stanley Office that of the 30 Merino Rams recently imported from Australia and at present in quarantine, 9 have died.

Could you give me any information that would enable us to form an opinion as to the cause of death.

I understand they had been dipped just before they died, if so, I should be very interested to hear what was the dip used and the strength at which it was used.

Any particulars you could give me would be much appreciated.

Yours Faithfully

J.G. Slaughter

Camp Manager



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FALKLAND ISLANDS.

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MINUTE PAPER.

Departmental Number.

From.. *Colonial Surgeon*

IX Medicine

Date... *14.2.24.*

To. *Hon. Col. Secretary*

Reference Numbers.

I made post-mortem examinations on the sheep that died, and came to the conclusion that the cause of death was Acute Congestive Apoplexy, due possibly to the change of climate. There were no symptoms of carbonic poisoning.

14.2.24

*J. W. Deane
Colonial Surgeon*

172/24

6th March,

24.

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 2nd of February, relating to the nine Merino rams which died while in quarantine, I am directed by the Acting Governor to inform you that from post mortem examinations on the animals, it was concluded that the cause of death was acute congestive apoplexy, due possibly to the change of climate.

2. The deaths took place two to three days after the sheep had been dipped and it is an assumption that the dipping was in some manner a proximate cause. The sheep were dipped on a warm sunny day and the dipping was carried out with great care by the Acting Chief Inspector of Stock in person. The dip used was Parkin Ness & Company's, the strength being 1 in 70. There were no symptoms of the sheep having been poisoned and the same dip was used subsequently for other sheep without ill effect.

T. G. Slaughter, Esq.,
Camp Manager,

Messrs. The Falkland Islands Co., Ltd.,
Darwin Harbour.

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3. As you are aware the sheep were very well housed, fed and tended. It appears that the attack lasted a short time only before death supervened. One died on the Sunday morning and seven more before the following morning. All the sheep appeared to be effected then in some degree, and it was due to the energetic measures taken by the Colonial Surgeon that any survived.

4. I am to state in conclusion that the Government viewed the loss of these valuable sheep with great regret. In all the years that the quarantine station has been in existence there has been one single instance only of the death of an imported animal.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

G.R.L. Brown,

for Colonial Secretary.