

C. S.

MISCELLANEOUS (Conferences)  
LIVE STOCK (Miscellaneous)  
INDUSTRIES (Wool) (Sheep)  
No. 267/46.

1946.

C. S. O.

SUBJECT.

1946  
3rd December

Previous Paper.

1947.  
CONFERENCES WITH SHEEPOWNERS ASSOCIATION, ~~1947~~.  
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MINUTES.

1. Letter to Secretary, S. O. A. of 10.12.46

B.V.  
25.12.46  
C.B.L.  
11.12

2

M.E.

(1) This may wait till Barton comes in after Xmas?

C.B.L.  
23.12.46

3

Qns. M.C. 23/XII

4

M.E. has been. Barton & North that, in spite of the pressure - time in South bank, he hopes the S.O.A. would arrange for a brief meeting.

B.V. 18.1.47

C.B.L.  
2/1

Subsequent Paper.

1407

5  
R. enquiry 4 key an was in c

position to reply.

ABE  
13.1.46

(6)

WES. Mr. Creece hopes to be able to reply within the next few days, pt.

WES  
14.1.46

211  
ABE  
141

7

HE.

W: Baton suggests (by telephone) that as the S.O.A. will have many domestic matters to discuss in a short time, & since a further Agenda for discussions with J.E. <sup>might</sup> ~~could~~ over-lead the programme, it would be appropriate if J.E. gave an introductory address to their meeting on 'policy' etc. then at the end of their domestic deliberations they could present J.E. with their views on any points J.E. has raised.

2. J.E. may wish to consider this. I personally agree with W: Baton. J.E.'s time is too precious to be spent in listening to the discussions, rather than to be considered views, of the S.O.A.

ABE  
21.7.47

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AES

While I am v. willing to give a brief inaugural address I do not feel disposed to make a declaration of policy until I know the SJS's reactions to its main features. I am prepared to talk generally about education, the labor situation in the Camp, roads, <sup>Medical Service</sup> & throw a fly about the Slanty Town Council. I do not propose to go further than this at the moment.

MC 21/1

9

Mr. Barton (who <sup>is</sup> ~~was~~ <sup>is</sup> ~~was~~ set out the position <sup>concerning</sup>) was informed of S today by telephone.

WBlh  
25.1.47

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Y.E.

may wish to speak to Mr. Barton about this.

A. Blh  
11.2.47

BU as his answer for MC 11/2.

May I see Ex.Co. agenda at convenance? We had better take the Labour curriculum first as we don't want to keep

Mr McStoney hanging about: we shall not require his  
attendance at any other subject.

MC. 11/2

12

J.E.

Mr Barton has arrived. I have put  
up the pp. in his box which J.E. may  
wish to refer to.

2. Dist. Ex-Co. Agenda is in this  
box.

ABE  
12.2.46

13.

Spoke with Mr. Barton who asked if I wd. be  
agreeable to meeting members of the S.O.A. who come  
in informally (I had never entertained any other  
idea) at Stanley House or Malwina House and  
I replied that I wd. be v. happy to do so.

MC. 13/2

letter from Sec. Sheep Owners' Assn. of 14.2.47

PA  
ABE  
12.2  
14.

Comment by H.E. in (14) at back

14c.

Letter to H.G. Creech Esq. of 24.2.47.

15.

16

J.E.

unless J.E. has any special

Yes.

wishes, may I see his Report that  
any morning will suit J.E.? He  
wishes will not be in till a.m.  
5.3.47 at earliest, I imagine.

2. In addition to matters referred  
to in 8 camp telephones will pro-  
bably be of interest of some asking  
S.E.S. to see me has some with  
before him, if he can, <sup>W. v. t.</sup> ~~what~~ Govt.  
taking them over.

A.B.L.  
3.3

17

Thankyou.

Pl. let me have a brief aide memoire.

MUC 3/111

A.B.L.

8

Re. let me have early see files  
referred to in 8 together with that  
(now with S.E.S.) referred to in 16 §2.

A.B.L.  
3.3

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J.E.

Re. see list attached. J.E. is  
meeting S.O.A. informally at Stanley House  
at 11.30 to-morrow 9/3/47.

A.B.L.  
8.3

Bill  
15.3.46  
Notes on meeting  
from Sec. (S.O.A.)  
18

memo. from Sec. S. O. A. of 10. 3. 47.

20.

21

JE.

(20)

S.O.A.'s record of meeting on 9. 3. 47  
to cover pt. I has pencilled in  
some slight amendments.

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A.B.L.  
11.3

And J others. Subject to both - the record may be  
confirmed. (The discussion was, of course, purely informal). | X

MC. 11/iii

23

JE.

I shall be grateful if JE. would approve the  
final version of (23A) as copy of which  
I propose to return to S.O.A. remaining  
as at X of 22.

A.B.L.  
11.3

? (I have been unable to find X).

✓  
MC. 12/iii

24

JE.

X now inserted, with apologies!

25.

A.B.L.  
12.3

✓  
MC. 12/iii

26. Letter to Secretary, S.O.A. of 13. 3. 47.  
~~(Copies to S/S (2) & S/O (1)).~~

27

H.E.

Don't H.E. wish to send amended  
version of (23A) to S/S by 3 pm?

ABL  
17.3

28

I think not by 17/11

29

Copies (with extracts) of (26) as requisite, for

ABL  
18.3

30

H.E.

repl. (23A) p. 2 fort. Draft  
item for for case for 3(ii) of  
4 in 0040 ref. ABL  
21.3

31.

Don't know  
(2) how to go  
both sides are  
in the 6 p.

Further action  
in 0040  
PA ABL  
23/3

EXTRACT FROM MINUTE BY H.E. THE GOVERNOR TO H.C.S.  
of 17/vi/53.

(Original filed at B in 0040/II - Development Policy).

X As this next meeting of SOA will in all  
probability be the last during my tenure of office  
I should like to meet the Members and discuss with  
them some of the problems which beset us. (You  
might make a preliminary list of these - labour,  
encouragement of horse-breeding, support of  
Freezer, Cuthbertson etc.) Pl. intimate as at x  
to Mr. Barton.

(Intld) M.C.  
17/vi.

Further Action on 11409. S.O.A.

0209/II  
0168  
0588  
0797/I

CLOSED  
See 11409.

32. Letter to Chairman, S.O. A. of 22/6/53. <sup>acs</sup>  
Sec 31  
BU. 13/7/53 <sup>22/6</sup>  
Hes's note on 0040/II

33 Letter from S. O. A. of 22/6/53.

34. <sup>YE</sup>  
Is this notable <sup>(33)</sup>  
25/6

I will make it so.

11/25 vi

35. Letter to Chairman, S.O.A. of 26/6/53.

36. Letter to Chairman, S.O.A. of 23/7/53.

37. Letter from Chairman, S.O.A. of 11/7/55.

38. " to " " " 12/7/55.

39. " from " " " 19/7/55.

40. " " " " " 20/7/55

~~41. " " " " " 21/7/55.~~

See 1407

1407

1407

BU 20/7

1407

BU 12/7

BU 19/7



267/46.

(1)

10th December, 46.

Sir,

I am directed by the Governor to say that His Excellency desires to take the opportunity of the Sports Meeting at the end of February, 1947, to invite the Sheep Owners' Association to a Conference on matters of interest to the Association and the community.

2. His Excellency trusts that the Association will be able to accept this invitation; and I am accordingly to ask you for a list of items which could appropriately be included in the Agenda.

I am,

Sir,  
Your obedient servant,

(Sgd.) A. B. MATHEWS

Colonial Secretary.

The Secretary,  
Sheep Owners' Association,  
STANLEY.

Reply at 14

The Falkland Islands Sheepowners Association,

(LOCAL COMMITTEE)

STANLEY, FALKLAND ISLANDS.



14th February, 1947.

Sir,

1. With reference to your letter No. 267/46 of 10th December, 1946 I have to inform you that the Sheep Owners Association proposes to hold an informal meeting during the forthcoming Victory celebrations.

2. In view of the short stay in Stanley of the majority of the Farmers at that time, it is felt that although the Association appreciates His Excellency's invitation to a Conference it might be better if His Excellency would agree to address the Members of the Association at their own meeting.

3. In order that His Excellency may have an opportunity of meeting as early as possible those members with whom he is not already acquainted, it would seem desirable that the Association meet His Excellency at Stanley House at 11 a.m. on Monday or Tuesday, the 3rd or 4th March, dependent upon the arrival in Stanley of members coming by sea.

4. The most vitally important matter to the Association at the present time is, as His Excellency is well aware, the short supply of Camp labour and members would gratefully appreciate His Excellency's views on this burning question and any helpful suggestions he may care to make towards solving it.

5. Of only slightly lesser importance to the Association would be a statement from His Excellency regarding the future of the Agricultural Department.

6. I am to ask you to convey to His Excellency the apologies of the Joint Chairmen for the apparent discourtesy in not replying to his invitation long before this but the arrangements for members to come to Stanley in March have, as you know, only lately been concluded.

I am,  
Sir,  
your obedient servant,

Secretary.

The Honourable  
The Colonial Secretary,  
Stanley.

*Please see 0041  
(Policy regarding  
employment of labour)*

*pp. of no. ABC  
14.2*

Reply at 15.

P.T.O

14a

There wd. appear to be some misunderstanding — I  
have not invited the S.O.A. to a Conference.

Para 3 is somewhat infelicitously worded but I  
have already told Mr. Butler that I am willing to  
meet his colleagues informally at Stanley House or  
elsewhere.

MC. 10/2.

25th February, 1947.

Sir,

14. I am directed by the Governor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14th of February, 1947, and to say that His Excellency has already informed Mr. Barton that he would be agreeable to meeting members of the Sheep Owners' Association informally at Stanley House or Malvina House. The day and hour of the meeting can be arranged in due course.

I am,  
Sir,  
Your obedient servant,

(Sgd.) A. B. MATHEWS

Colonial Secretary.

L. G. Crecco, Esq;  
Secretary,  
Sheep Owners' Association,  
STANLEY.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS SHEEP OWNERS ASSOCIATION (LOCAL COMMITTEE).

NOTES TAKEN AT A GENERAL MEETING OF THE SHEEP OWNERS ASSOCIATION HELD AT STANLEY HOUSE, STANLEY, ON SUNDAY, 9th MARCH, 1947 AT WHICH HIS EXCELLENCY G. MILES CLIFFORD, C.M.G., O.B.E., AND THE HONOURABLE A.B. MATHEWS, COLONIAL SECRETARY, WERE PRESENT.

The Hon. D.W. Roberts, Joint Chairman of the Association, introduced His Excellency to the Meeting and thanked him for honouring them with his presence.

His Excellency stated that owing to the short time he had been in the Colony he was not prepared to address the Meeting but would be pleased to answer any questions which members might put to him.

COLONIAL DEVELOPMENT & WELFARE FUND. The Governor stated that the grant of £150,000 to the Colony from the above Fund would be devoted mainly to Social services, hospital, education, health services, communications and the balance, together with insurance recovered from the loss of the Town Hall by fire, towards the erection of a new one. He also had in mind a subsidy for road making between Stations. The East/West Falkland road proposed by his predecessor had been definitely ruled out. Air transport would take a large bite out of the grant as he estimated that a helicopter would cost possibly up to £60,000. £30,000 had been allocated to the building of a new hospital. He had hopes that the grant might be raised beyond the original £150,000. Under the heading of 'Hospital' H.E. stated that £30,000 would be largely spent in Stanley. He had in mind an improved dispensary on West Falkland and two district nurses for Camp work.

Market for surplus sheep - although the proposal to start a freezer in the Colony had twice been turned down by the Colonial Office, the Governor assured the Meeting that he would be prepared to take up the matter again with the C.O. providing there was unanimity among Farmers. He understood that the annual surplus of sheep was approximately 30,000. It was decided to obtain numbers from each farm. H.E. stated that the Colonial Secretary would forward a Digest on this matter to the Sheep Owners Association. In connection with Communications the Governor said that he had an option on a motor fishing vessel for the Colony and he hoped that the craft would arrive in a few months time. He proposed to put the word of the Islands on the telephone.

Shortage of labour - H.E. agreed that the only solution to this problem was importation. Owing to passages from U.K. being very difficult he suggested importing Poles from farming districts for Camp work; those with Scottish connections would be preferred. Single Poles would not be brought to the Colony until the married ones had settled down. On this matter the Sheep Owners Association were to advise Government of their views as soon as possible. Mr. R. Blake suggested that Owners might be given an opportunity to interview and personally select Poles who had agreed to go to the Colony.

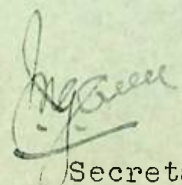
British American Kelp Co., Ltd. - His Excellency stated that he had advised this Company that he would not agree to 1 man being recruited from Camp labour but that surplus Stanley labour could be employed by them. In the Pilot stage 48 men would be employed; when in full

production a maximum of 100 men. These latter would have to be imported. His Excellency stated that he proposed importing a Polish doctor and that Polish domestic servants would solve the present shortage for maids and cooks. The Governor then spoke on Popular representation and the formation of a Town Council for Stanley.

After His Excellency's departure, the following figures were given to the Secretary of the Sheep Owners Association -

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Port San Carlos.	1	1
Fox Bay E.	-	-
Port Stephens.	4	4
Port Howard	3	3
Hill Cove	4	3
North Arm	4	4
San Carlos	3	3
Fox Bay W.	2	2
Fitzroy.	-	-
Darwin	5	5
Douglas Station.	1	1
	<u>29</u>	<u>28</u>
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Secretary,  
Falkland Islands Sheep Owners Association.

Stanley,  
10th March, 1947.

MEMORANDUM.

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10th March, 1947.

From

THE FALKLAND ISLANDS SHEEPOWNERS ASSOCIATION,  
(Local Committee) STANLEY.

To The Honourable  
The Colonial Secretary,  
Stanley.

Sir,

20a+b

As requested I enclose copies of notes taken at the Sheep Owners Meeting yesterday morning at which His Excellency [and yourself] were ~~were~~ present. Before I place my copy on record will you please approve of the contents thereof.

I am,  
Sir,  
your obedient servant,

*J. G. G. G.*

Secretary.

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*mp*  
*WBE*  
*1/13*

See 2b.

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(sgd.) M. G. Creece,

Secretary,

Falkland Islands Sheep Owners Association.

Stanley,

10th March, 1947.

See 26.

~~Copies to Secretary of State (2)~~  
to Sheep Owners Association (1)

26

13th March, 47.

Sir,

I am directed by the Governor to acknowledge the  
20 receipt of your Memorandum of the 10th of March, 1947,  
23 A. and to enclose an amended and approved copy of the notes  
taken at the informal meeting of His Excellency with  
the Sheep Owners Association on the 9th of March, 1947,  
20 A. which I am to request you to substitute for the notes  
20 enclosed in your Memorandum.

I am,

Sir,

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Colonial Secretary.

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