

to be notified that the Rt. Hon. the Secretary of State for the Colonies has intimated that His Majesty will not be advised to disallow Ordinance, No. 7, of 1901, entitled "An Ordinance to amend the Tariff Ordinance, 1900," and Ordinance, No. 8 of 1901, entitled "An Ordinance to amend "The Licensing Ordinance, 1882."

24th February, 1902.

No. 22.

Dogs.

After 15th March, 1902, every dog imported into the United Kingdom will be detained and isolated at owner's expense upon premises in the occupation or under control of a Veterinary Surgeon for six months.

The detailed Regulations can be seen on application at the Colonial Secretary's Office.

25th February, 1902.

Stock Inspector's Report for 1901.

No. 23

Stanley,
21st February, 1902.

Sir,

I have the honour to submit to His Excellency the Governor my report for 1901.

The number of sheep returned in March, 1901, 762,357 as compared with 778,026 in March, 1900, shows a decrease, which is due to boiling down, with the exception of 300 rams exported to Patagonia.

The lambing in the year has been most satisfactory, the average being about 70 per cent.; an exceptionally good spring accounts for the high per centage.

The wool clip for the present season is still increasing. The farmers have awakened to their own interests, and to the fact that it pays to select and cull, and

import fresh blood into their flocks. The sale of wool in the English market was lower than ever has been experienced since the sheep farming industry was started.

The live stock imported during the year were as follows:—

14 Romney Marsh Rams from England, 22 Horses from Patagonia.

During the year a new Live Stock Ordinance was passed.

The Proclamation prohibiting the importation of cattle, sheep and alfalfa from South America on account of the prevalence of Foot and Mouth Disease and Anthrax still continues in force.

I am pleased to say that no Scab has been seen since the last station was released in May, 1900; there have been a few cases of lice in some of the flocks but these are almost eradicated now.

The grass seed growing experiment is not so successful as it should be; the farmers do not realize its value and the improvement it would cause to their land.

I have, etc.,

JAMES ROBERTSON,
Chief Stock Inspector.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary.

No. 24 Administration Notice.

The Supreme Court of the Falkland Islands in *Re J. McGuire*, deceased.

Whereas Elizabeth Aguyar of Buenos Ayres has applied for the grant to George Turner of Stanley, of Letters of Administration of the estate of James McGuire, who died intestate.

These are therefore to cite and admonish all and singular that the prayer of the petitioner will be granted, provided no caveat be entered before the Chief Justice within twenty-one days from the date hereof.

Dated this 1st day of March, 1902.

(Signed) M. CRAIGIE-HALKETT,
Registrar.

Notices and Advertisements.

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This Gazette is published by Command of His Excellency the Governor.

W. HART BENNETT,
Colonial Secretary.

1st March, 1902.

ANNUAL RETURN FOR 1902.

Prepared under (Form 5) Section 13 of the Live Stock Ordinance.

Owner.	Name of Station.	No. of Sheep.	Ear Mark.
C. Bender	Moody Valley Farm	1,295	Ewes, fork and back bit near ear; Wethers, ditto off ear; changed.
Mrs. J. Bonner	San Carlos, South	25,271	Ewes, B in near ear; Wethers, ditto, off ear.
F. Browning	Mullet Creek Farm	1,155	Ewes, back bayonet in near ear; Wethers, ditto, in off ear; changed.
W. K. Cameron	San Carlos	21,466	Ewes, slit in near ear; Wethers, ditto, off ear.
H. & G. Cobb	Lively Island	8,251	Ewes, slit in near ear; Wethers, ditto, off ear; change next year.
H. V. Cobb	Speedwell, George & Barren Islands	11,395	Ewes, fore bit in near ear; Wethers, ditto, off ear; change next year.
F. I. Company	Darwin, Walker Creek & North Arm	192,851	Ewes, diamond in near ear; Wethers, ditto, off ear.
W. Fell	Bleaker Island	3,886	Ewes, punch hole in near ear; Wethers, ditto, off ear.
J. J. Felton	Evelyn Station	31,810	Ewes, back square in near ear; Wethers, ditto, off ear.
Mrs. Greenshields	Douglas Station	28,294	Ewes, fork in near ear; Wethers, ditto in off ear.
J. B. Luchtenberg	Middle and Sea Lion Islands	450	Ewes, slit in near ear; Wethers, ditto, off ear.
J. McKay	Bluff Cove	3,130	Ewes, punch hole and fore bayonet in near ear; Wethers, ditto, off ear; changed.
V. Packe	Fitzroy and Port Louis	25,950	Ewes, W in near ear; Wethers, ditto off ear; changed.
A. Pitaluga	Salvador & Rircon Grande	21,170	Ewes, back bit in near ear; Wethers, ditto, off ear.
Mrs. T. Robson	Port Louis, North	13,700	Kidney in near ear; change next year.
J. Robson	Fitzroy, North	2,352	Ewes, two back bits in near ear; Wethers, ditto, off ear; changed.
Smith & Sharp	Berkeley Sound Station	15,000	Triangle out of near ear; change next year.
D. Smith	Great, Ruggles & Swan Islands	6,283	Back bit in off ear; change next year.
J. Smith	Peninsula	403	Ewes, fork and fore bit in near ear; Wethers, ditto, off ear; changed.
Baillon & Stickney	Fox Bay West	19,217	Ewes, two slits in near ear; Wethers, ditto, off ear; changed.
Mrs. Benney	Saunders Island	10,050	Ewes, punch hole in near ear; Wethers, ditto, off ear; changed.
Bertrand & Felton	Westbourne Station	16,736	Ewes back square in near ear; Wethers, ditto, off ear.
Mrs. Cull	New Island	2,558	Ewes, fork in near ear; Wethers, ditto, off ear; changed.
J. H. Dean	Pebble Island	32,839	Ewes fork in off ear; Wethers, ditto, near ear; change next year.
Dean & Anson	Chartres Station	32,124	Ewes, punch hole in off ear; Wethers, ditto, near ear; change next year.
Dean & Co.	Port Stephens & Port Edgar	42,151	Ewes, square punch hole in near ear; Wethers, ditto, near ear; changed.
A. E. Felton	Clifton Station	2,421	Ewes, fore bit in near ear; Wethers, ditto, in off ear.
J. Goodwin	Hummock Island.	285	Ewes, punch hole in near ear; Wethers, ditto, off ear.
Mrs. Hansen	Carcass and Jason Islands	2,180	Ewes, front bayonet in near ear; Wethers, ditto off ear.
Holmestead & Blake	Adelaide	29,363	Ewes, front bayonet in near ear; Wethers, ditto, off ear.
Mrs. E. J. Matthews	West Swan Island	250	Ewes, fork in near ear; Wethers, ditto off ear.
Packe, Bros., & Co.	{ Dunnose Head	9,755	Ewes, fore bit in near ear; Wethers, ditto, off ear; } changed.
	{ Fox Bay East	13,541	Ewes, fore bit in near ear; Wethers, ditto, off ear; } changed.
South American Mission	Keppel Island	3,062	Ewes, diamond in near ear; Wethers, ditto, off ear; changed.
Stickney Brothers	Spring Point	11,600	Ewes, back half-penny near ear; Wethers, half-penny tip off ear; changed.
J. L. Waldron	Port Howard	45,909	Ewes, fork, in near ear; Wethers, ditto, off ear
H. Waldron	Beaver Island	4,678	Ewes, fork in near ear; Wethers ditto, off ear: changed.
C. Wesel	Passage Islands	948	Ewes, slit in off ear; Wethers, ditto, near ear; change next year.
Mrs. Williams	Weddell Island	20,055	Ewes, back bit in near ear; Wethers, ditto, off ear.
		713,934	

4th September, 1902.

JAMES ROBERTSON, *Chief Inspector of Stock.*

Governor, and the applicant has satisfied the Governor:—



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No. 4.

No. 26.

Board of Health.

His Excellency the Governor has appointed Mr. Bernard Stickney, J.P. to be a member of the Board of Health for the West Falklands for 1903, vice Mr. S. Miller, J.P. Dated 10th February, 1903.

No. 27.

Stock Report, 1902.

STANLEY,
3rd March, 1903.

Sir,

I have the honour to submit to His Excellency the Governor my report for 1902:—

The number of sheep in the Islands returned in May, 1902 shows a large decrease as compared with March, 1901, the figures being respective 713,934 against 762,357, the decrease is owing to the annual returns being later, the numbers killed were not returned as in previous years, and the high price of tallow induced the farmers to boil down as many as possible.

The lambing in the year has been nowhere near the usual average and will not exceed much above 55 per cent. which is owing entirely to the bad winter and spring, and will also prove detrimental to this season's wool clip. Most of the farmers are devoting their attention to selection, and improving their flocks by imported blood.

The Live Stock imported during the year are as follows:—6 Shropshire from England, 3 Romney Marsh from England, 12 Merino from New Zealand.—Total 21.

Other Stock imported were 99 horses from South America

Exportation nil.

The Proclamation still remains in force prohibiting cattle, sheep and alfalfa from South America on account of Foot and Mouth and Anthrax diseases.

For the last three years Scab has been fully eradicated; lice were more prevalent this last year than previously, the farmers used their utmost endeavours to stamp them out.

The grass seed experiment has been tried with better results and a few of the more enterprising farmers have despatched large orders for this next year's sowing, and it remains to be proved which is the more beneficial, the autumn, or spring sowing.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) JAMES ROBERTSON,

The Hon. Chief Stock Inspector.
Colonial Secretary.

No. 28.

Appropriation and
Marriage Ordinances.

With reference to notifications No. 71 in Gazettes, No. 10 of 1st October, 1902 and No. 15 in Gazette No. 1 of the 1st January, 1903, it is hereby notified that the Secretary of State has intimated that His Majesty the King will not be advised to disallow the following Ordinances:—

No. 7 of 1902 "An Ordinance to provide for the Service of the year, 1903."

No. 8 of 1902 "An Ordinance relating to Marriage."

23rd March, 1903.

No. 29.

Currency Commissioners.

His Excellency the Governor has appointed Mr. W. A. Harding, M.L.C. to be a Commissioner of Currency, vice Mr. J. J. Felton, M.L.C.

24th March, 1903.

ANNUAL RETURN FOR 1903.

Prepared under (Form 5) Section 13 of the Live Stock Ordinance.

Owner.	Name of Station.	No. of Sheep.	Ear Mark.
C. Bender	Moody Valley Farm	1,330	Ewes, fork and back bit near ear; Wethers, ditto off ear.
Mrs. J. Bonner	San Carlos, South	25,030	Ewes, B in near ear; Wethers, ditto, off ear.
F. Browning	Mullet Creek Farm	1,550	Ewes, back bayonet in near ear; Wethers, ditto, in off ear.
W. K. Cameron	San Carlos	21,646	Ewes, slit in near ear; Wethers, ditto, off ear.
H. & G. Cobb	Lively Island	7,527	Ewes, slit in near ear; Wethers, ditto, off ear.
H. V. Cobb	Speedwell, George & Barren Islands	8,806	Ewes, fore bit in near ear; Wethers, ditto, off ear.
F. I. Company	Darwin, Walker Creek & North Arm	184,738	Ewes, diamond in near ear; Wethers, ditto, off ear.
W. Fell	Bleaker Island	3,075	Ewes, punch hole in near ear; Wethers, ditto, off ear.
J. J. Felton	Evelyn Station	30,978	Ewes, back square in near ear; Wethers, ditto, off ear.
Mrs. Greenshields	Douglas Station	27,049	Ewes, fork in near ear; Wethers, ditto in off ear.
J. B. Luchtenberg	Middle and Sea Lion Islands	456	Ewes, slit in near ear; Wethers, ditto, off ear.
J. McKay	Bluff Cove	2,500	Ewes, punch hole and fore bayonet in near ear; Wethers, ditto, off ear.
V. Packe	Fitzroy and Port Louis	23,054	Ewes, W in near ear; Wethers, ditto off ear.
A. Pitaluga	Salvador & Rincon Grande	23,216	Ewes, back bit in near ear; Wethers, ditto, off ear.
Mrs. T. Robson	Port Louis, North	12,640	Ewes, front half-penny in near ear; Wethers, ditto, off ear.
J. Robson	Fitzroy, North	2,307	Ewes, two back bits in near ear; Wethers, ditto, off ear.
Smith & Sharp	Berkeley Sound Station	13,000	Ewes, triangle out of near ear; Wethers, ditto, off ear.
D. Smith	Great, Ruggles & Swan Islands	5,086	Ewes, back bit in off ear; change next year.
J. Smith	Peninsula	370	Ewes, fork and fore bit in near ear; Wethers, ditto, off ear.
Baillon & Stickney	Fox Bay West	17,802	Ewes, two slits in near ear; Wethers, ditto, off ear.
Mrs. Benney	Saunders Island	8,420	Ewes, punch hole in near ear; Wethers, ditto, off ear.
Bertrand & Felton	Westbourne Station	15,755	Ewes back square in near ear; Wethers, ditto, off ear.
Mrs. Cull	New Island	2,256	Ewes, fork in near ear; Wethers, ditto, off ear.
J. H. Dean	Pebble Island	29,015	Ewes fork in near ear; Wethers, ditto, off ear.
Dean & Anson	Chartres Station	27,851	Ewes, punch hole in near ear; Wethers, ditto, off ear.
Dean & Co.	Port Stephens & Port Edgar	43,913	Ewes, square punch hole in near ear; Wethers, ditto, near ear.
A. E. Felton	Clifton Station	2,038	Ewes, fore bit in near ear; Wethers, ditto, in off ear.
J. Goodwin	Hummock Island.	304	Ewes, punch hole in near ear; Wethers, ditto, off ear.
Mrs. Hansen	Carcass and Jason Islands	3,858	Ewes, front bayonet in near ear; Wethers, ditto off ear.
Holmestead & Blake	Adelaide	31,020	Ewes, front bayonet in near ear; Wethers, ditto, off ear.
Mrs. E. J. Matthews	West Swan Island	270	Ewes, fork in near ear; Wethers, ditto off ear.
Packe, Bros., & Co.	{ Dunnose Head	9,305	Ewes, fore bit in near ear; Wethers, ditto, off ear.
	{ Fox Bay East	13,608	Ewes, fore bit in near ear; Wethers, ditto, off ear.
South American Mission	Keppel Island	3,186	Ewes, diamond in near ear; Wethers, ditto, off ear.
Stickney Brothers	Spring Point	11,300	Ewes, back half-penny; Wethers, half-penny.
J. L. Waldron	Port Howard	45,916	Ewes, fork, in near ear; Wethers, ditto, off ear
H. Waldron	Beaver Island	3,862	Ewes, fork in near ear; Wethers ditto. off ear.
C. Wesel	Passage Islands	906	Ewes, slit in near ear; Wethers, ditto, off ear.
Mrs. Williams	Weddell Island	16,266	Ewes, back bit in near ear; Wethers, ditto, off ear.
		681,209	

31st August, 1903.

JAMES ROBERTSON, *Chief Inspector of Stock.*

No. 184/03.

STANLEY,

18th February, 1904.

SIR,

I have the honour to forward to you herewith my Report for the year 1903.

2. The decrease of the number of sheep returned in May, 1903 is due entirely to the bad winter previously, the numbers being 681,209 and 713,934 respectively.

3. The lambing in the year was most satisfactory, giving a high percentage—about 75 per cent.

4. I suggest that it should be made compulsory in Section 30 of the Live Stock Ordinance, that all Farmers should use *Pliers* instead of the Knife for ear-marking.

5. The wool clip for the year was not so good owing to the previous winter; it was tender and had a break in it, but fortunately the price of wool rose.

6. Most of the Farmers are doing their utmost to improve their flocks by selecting and importing new blood into them. I notice a vast improvement in a great many of the flocks.

7. The sheep imported during the year are as follows:—

From New Zealand,	297	Romney Marsh Rams.
„	75	Border Leicester „
„	60	Lincoln „
„	54	Merino „
„	59	Romney Marsh Ewes.
Total	515	

8. Unfortunately a few of both consignments were found to be suffering from foot-rot which had been contracted on the voyage; with due precaution on arrival they were shipped to their destination allright.

9. Other stock imported were 64 horses from Patagonia

10. Lice were very prevalent last year; the farmers have been most successful in exterminating them: only a few cases have been seen this year.

11. In my last year's report I mentioned that the grass seed experiment proved most successful. The experiment was made at Darwin, Lively Island, Fitzroy, Stanley and Quarantine paddock; the seed used, viz:—cocksfoot, rye, and clover, in all parts has taken well. I would recommend the Spring for sowing.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

JAMES ROBERTSON.

Chief Inspector of Stock.

The Honourable

The Colonial Secretary.

ANNUAL RETURN FOR 1904.

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Owner.	Name of Station.	No. of Sheep.	Ear Mark.
C. Bender	Moody Valley Farm	1,530	Ewes, fork and back bit in near ear; Rams and Wethers, ditto off ear.
Mrs. J. Bonner	San Carlos, South	26,552	Ewes, B in near ear; Rams and Wethers, ditto, off ear.
F. Browning	Mullet Creek Farm	1,730	Ewes, back bayonet in near ear; Rams and Wethers, ditto, off ear.
W. K. Cameron	San Carlos	26,422	Ewes, slit in near ear; Rams and Wethers, ditto, off ear.
H. & G. Cobb	Lively Island	7,467	Ewes, slit in near ear; Rams and Wethers, ditto, off ear.
H. V. Cobb	Speedwell, George & Barren Islands	10,745	Ewes, fore bit in near ear; Rams and Wethers, ditto, off ear.
F. I. Company	Darwin, Walker Creek & North Arm	189,336	Ewes, diamond in near ear; Rams and Wethers, ditto, off ear.
W. Fell	Bleaker Island	3,445	Ewes, punch hole in near ear; Rams and Wethers, ditto, off ear.
J. J. Felton	Evelyn Station	28,995	Ewes, back square in near ear; Rams and Wethers, ditto, off ear.
Mrs. Greenshields	Douglas Station	28,068	Ewes, fork in near ear; Rams and Wethers, ditto in off ear.
J. B. Luchtenberg	Middle and Sea Lion Islands	216	Ewes, slit in near ear; Rams and Wethers, ditto, off ear.
J. McKay	Bluff Cove	3,000	Ewes, punch hole and fore bayonet in near ear; Rams and Wethers, ditto, off ear.
V. Packe	Fitzroy and Port Louis	24,206	Ewes, double swallow in near ear; Rams and Wethers, ditto off ear.
A. Pitaluga	Salvador & Rincon Grande	25,946	Ewes, back bit in near ear; Rams and Wethers, ditto, off ear.
Mrs. T. Robson	Port Louis, North	14,000	Ewes, front half-penny in near ear; Rams and Wethers, ditto, off ear.
J. Robson	Fitzroy, North	2,425	Ewes, two back bits in near ear; Rams and Wethers, ditto, off ear.
Smith & Sharp	Berkeley Sound Station	14,089	Ewes, triangle in near ear; Rams and Wethers, ditto, off ear.
D. Smith	Great, Ruggles & Swan Islands	5,242	Ewes, back bit in off ear; Rams and Wethers, ditto off ear.
J. Smith	Peninsula	364	Ewes, fork and fore bit in near ear; Rams and Wethers, ditto, off ear.
Baillon & Stickney	Fox Bay West	18,992	Ewes, two slits in near ear; Rams and Wethers, ditto, off ear.
Mrs. Benney	Saunders Island	10,400	Ewes, punch hole in near ear; Rams and Wethers, ditto, off ear.
Bertrand & Felton	Westbourne Station	15,704	Ewes back square in near ear; Rams and Wethers, ditto, off ear.
Mrs. Cull	New Island	2,592	Ewes, fork in near ear; Rams and Wethers, ditto, off ear.
J. H. Dean	Pebble Island	31,941	Ewes fork in near ear; Rams and Wethers, ditto, off ear.
Dean & Anson	Chartres Station	28,956	Ewes, punch hole in near ear; Rams and Wethers, ditto, off ear.
Dean & Co.	Port Stephens & Port Edgar	44,433	Ewes, square punch hole in near ear; Rams and Wethers, ditto, near ear.
A. E. Felton	Clifton Station	2,400	Ewes, fore bit in near ear; Rams and Wethers, ditto, in off ear.
J. Goodwin	Hummock Island.	152	Ewes, punch hole in near ear; Rams and Wethers, ditto, off ear.
Mrs. Hansen	Carcass and Jason Islands	3,000	Ewes, front bayonet in near ear; Rams and Wethers, ditto off ear.
Holmestead & Blake	Adelaide	31,271	Ewes, front bayonet in near ear; Rams and Wethers, ditto, off ear.
Mrs. E. J. Matthews	West Swan Island		Ewes, fork in near ear; Rams and Wethers, ditto off ear.
Packe, Bros., & Co.	{ Dunnose Head	16,445	Ewes, fore bit in near ear; Rams and Wethers, ditto, off ear.
	{ Fox Bay East	10,185	Ewes, fore bit in near ear; Rams and Wethers, ditto, off ear.
South American Mission	Keppel Island	3,118	Ewes, diamond in near ear; Rams and Wethers, ditto, off ear.
Stickney Brothers	Spring Point	12,093	Ewes, back half-penny; Rams and Wethers, ditto off ear.
J. L. Waldron	Port Howard	36,554	Ewes, fork, in near ear; Rams and Wethers, ditto, off ear
H. Waldron	Beaver Island	3,325	Ewes, fork in near ear; Rams and Wethers ditto. off ear.
C. Wesel	Passage Islands	680	Ewes, slit in near ear; Rams and Wethers, ditto, off ear.
Mrs. Williams	Weddell Island	16,425	Ewes, back bit in near ear; Rams and Wethers, ditto. off ear.
		702,444	

Clifton Station, Carcas and Jasons Islands (approximate) omitted to send returns.

22nd August, 1904.

JAMES ROBERTSON, *Chief Inspector of Stock.*

No. 30.

Stock Inspector's Report 1905.

Stanley,
Falkland Islands,
18th February, 1905.

SIR,

I have the honour to forward to you herewith my report for 1904.

Sheep.—The number of Sheep in the Islands returned in May 1904 amounts to 702,444, consisting of 349,680 males, and 352,764 females, showing an increase of 121,235 as compared with 1903.

The increase is due to the good lambing during the preceding year and the exceptionally good weather throughout the year. There is a marked improvement in many of the flocks.

Wool.—The wool clip in most flocks was about half a pound better than last year, and the prices realized in England were much better than had been experienced for some years.

Lambing.—The lambing in the year has been most satisfactory, the average being about 73%. A higher percentage would have been obtained, but the severe weather in the spring produced a heavy death rate.

The only live stock imported during the year were 10 horses from Patagonia.

Other stock in the Colony are:—

Horses	3,200	}	approximate.
Cattle	4,000		
Pigs	100		

No amendments have been made in the Scab Ordinance.

There were still a few cases of lice existing last winter among some of the smaller flocks on the East. I have not seen any this shearing.

The results from the grass seed experiment are fairly satisfactory in places where it has been sown to any extent.

I have, etc.,

J. ROBERTSON,
Chief Inspector of Stock.

The Honourable
The Colonial Secretary

No. 31.

Post Office Notice.

The Manager of the Falkland Islands Company has kindly undertaken to notify the Post Office prior to the departure of

(1.) any of their Schooners from Port Stanley for any of the Stations on the East and West Falklands.

(2.) their Overland Carriers.

so as to permit of due notice of same being posted both at the Post Office and on the Gazette Board, in order that letters may be sent through the Post Office to such places.

Post Office, Stanley,
8th February, 1905.

W. A. THOMPSON,
Postmaster.

No. 97.

Annual Return for 1905.

Prepared under (Form 5) Section 13 of the Live Stock Ordinance.

Owner.	Name of Station.	No. of Sheep.	Ear Mark. Ewes, in near ear; Rams & Wethers, ditto off ear.
C. Bender	Moody Valley Farm	1,600	Fork and Back bit.
Mrs. J. Bonner	San Carlos, South	27,371	B.
F. Browning	Mullet Creek Farm	1,940	Back Bayonet.
W. K. Cameron	San Carlos	21,552	Slit.
H. & G. Cobb	Lively Island	8,267	Slit.
H. V. Cobb	Speedwell, George & Barren Is.	11,146	Fore bit.
F. I. Company	Darwin, Walker Creek & N. Arm	189,192	Diamond.
W. Fell	Bleaker Island	3,317	Punch hole.
J. J. Felton	Evelyn Station	27,352	Back square.
J. Greenshields	Douglas Station	28,211	Fork.
J. B. Luchtenberg	Middle and Sea Lion Islands	213	Slit.
V. Packe	Fitzroy and Port Louis	25,400	Double Swallow.
A. Pitaluga	Salvador & Rincon Grande	28,183	Back bit.
Mrs. T. Robson	Port Louis, North	15,473	Front Halfpenny.
J. Robson	Fitzroy, North	2,600	Two Back bits.
Smith & Sharp	Berkeley Sound Station	14,522	Triangle.
D. Smith	Great, Ruggles & Swan Islands	5,756	Back bit.
J. Smith	Peninsula	420	Fork and Fore bit.
Baillon & Stickney	Fox Bay West	18,367	Two Slits.
Mrs. Benney	Saunders Island	9,270	Punch hole.
Bertrand & Felton	Westbourne Station	15,506	Back square.
Mrs. Cull	New Island	2,152	Fork.
J. H. Dean	Pebble Island	31,350	Back Bayonet.
Dean & Anson	Chartres Station	31,813	Punch hole.
Dean & Co.	Port Stephens & Port Edgar	45,815	Square Punch hole.
A. E. Felton	Clifton Station	1,700	Fore bit.
J. Goodwin	Hummock Island.	150	Punch hole.
Mrs. Hansen	Carcass and Jason Islands	2,100	Front Bayonet.
Holmestead & Blake	Adelaide	33,320	Front Bayonet.
Mrs. E. Matthews	West Swan Island	258	Fork.
Packe Bros., & Co.	{ Dunnose Head	8,195	Fore bit.
	{ Fox Bay (East) Port Howard	16,715	
S. American Mission	Keppel Island	3,000	Diamond.
Stickney Brothers	Spring Point	12,120	Back Halfpenny.
J. L. Waldron	Port Howard	36,617	Fork.
H. Waldron	Beaver Island	2,165	Fork.
C. Wesel	Passage Islands	766	Slit.
Mrs. Williams	Weddell Island	17,000	Back bit.
		700,894	

12th August, 1905.

C.S. 200/05.

JAMES ROBERTSON,

Chief Inspector of Stock.

No. 42.

Annual Report of the Chief Inspector of Stock, for the year 1905.

Stanley,
Falkland Islands,
16th March, 1906.

SIR,

I have the honour to submit my Annual Report for the year ending the 31st December, 1905.

Sheep.—The total number of Sheep in the Colony at the end of May 1905 was 700,894. This represents an increase of 1,450, taking into consideration that one Farm, capable of grazing 3,000 sheep, was not stocked.

Wool.—The clip was in some cases below the average as regards weight, but was good and clean, and realized an appreciable advance on last season's prices.

It is most satisfactory to note that in cases where Farmers have imported Rams, and where attention has been paid to the selection and culling of Ewes, good results have been obtained. For instance, the yield of wool in some flocks within the last few years has risen from 5 to 8½ lbs per sheep. But there is considerable room for further improvement, and Farmers would do well to import more pure blood, or even pay a fair price for locally bred Rams, and so establish their flocks on a better foundation.

There are two pure bred flocks in the Islands, viz.— Romney Marsh, at Darwin, and Lincolns, at Dunnose Head. The Romneys in my opinion are to be preferred as best suited to all the conditions of the camp. The Lincolns do not seem to thrive or increase so well on wet as on dry camp, but are wool producers in suitable places. Several Farmers have imported Merino Rams. I do not think that they will improve their flocks greatly by this cross, if carried to any extent.

Shropshires have also been imported and the progeny from the pure bred are very good. This class of sheep is a fine mutton sheep but not a wool producer.

Lambing.—The results in this respect were satisfactory, for while the percentage in some flocks was as low as 50%, the percentage in the majority of cases was 75% to 88%.

Dipping.—Although the work of dipping the sheep was generally well done, lice-infested sheep were found on several new Stations. I am convinced that if Farmers would only take a little more care when dipping their flocks they would not have much trouble with lice or ticks.

There are four essentials if success in dipping is to be secured.—

1. A thorough muster of all sheep.
2. A properly prepared dip.
3. The sheep must be dry before dipping.
4. The weather must be suitable.

The Live Stock imported during the year were as follows:—

- 5 Romney Marsh Rams from England.
- 52 Horses from Patagonia.

Live Stock exported:—

- 872 to Punta Arenas.
- 157 „ Gallegos.

An Ordinance amending the Live Stock Ordinance, 1901, and making provision for the diminishing of Geese came into force on 1st October. The number of beaks to be purchased for the year for the East and West Falklands, respectively, were :—

East Falklands, 25,000.
West Falklands, 25,000.

The number purchased on the—

East Falklands was 24,530.
West Falklands ,, 248.

The grass seed sowing experiment is not being followed up as energetically as it should be. The few Farmers who have sown seed have had very fair results. I am persuaded, from what I have seen, that if the sowing was carried on systematically on the good camp, in sheltered places, &c., and not in peaty land, results would be obtained which would considerably improve the carrying capacity of the land. The experiments at Darwin, Hill Cove, and Lively Island, have been eminently successful.

I have, etc.,

J. ROBERTSON,
Chief Inspector of Stock.

The Honourable
The Colonial Secretary.

No. 43.

Notice.

His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to grant to the Hon. W. A. Harding leave of absence from his duties as a Member of the Legislative Council from the 28th instant to the 24th October next.

By Command,

H. E. W. GRANT,
Colonial Secretary.

31st March, 1906.

Notice.

Unclaimed Deposits in the Government Savings Bank.

The following unclaimed deposits in the Government Savings Bank are standing to the credit of the persons hereinafter mentioned :—

Date	No. Deposit Book.	Name	Amount.
			£ s. d.
30th Sept. 1889	72	Georgina W. Swankie	0 0 3
" " 1891	183	William Wallace	0 5 0
December, 1892	266	Sarah Ann Millett	0 3 2
March, 1894	293	Joseph Clein	0 14 4
November, 1895	459	Edward M. LeGrange	0 0 5
September, 1897	549	Pedro Gallifo	0 17 4
" 1898	524	J. Coward	0 15 7
" "	619	Harry Jagger	0 1 2
December, "	377	George Enzinaner	0 4 9
September, 1899	659	George Pattison	0 4 2
" "	692	A. E. Smith	0 5 6
" "	806	George Harris	0 6 4
" 1901	752	Lilian Gladys Bertrand	0 0 2
" 1902	1150	James H. T. Humble	0 11 0
October, 1903	1180	Edward Holt	0 2 3
January, 1905			

G. HURST,
Manager, Savings Bank.

Stanley, 9th February, 1906.

No. 87.

Annual Return for 1906.

Prepared under (Form 5) Section 13 of the Live Stock Ordinance.

Owner.	Name of Station.	No. of Sheep.	Ear Mark.
			Ewes, in near ear; Rams & Wethers, ditto off ear.
C. Bender	Moody Valley Farm	1,116 ✓	Fork and Back bit.
Mrs. J. Bonner	San Carlos, South	27,251 ✓	Front Notch.
F. Browning	Mullet Creek Farm	1,805 ✓	Back Bayonet.
W. K. Cameron	San Carlos	22,168 ✓	Slit.
H. & G. Cobb	Lively Island	8,765 ✓	Slit.
H. V. Cobb	Speedwell, George & Barren Is.	11,422 ✓	Fork.
F. I. Company	Darwin, Walker Creek & N. Arm	187,349	Diamond.
W. Fell	Bleaker Island	4,776 ✓	Punch hole.
J. J. Felton	Evelyn Station	29,300 ✓	Back square.
J. Greenshields	Douglas Station	29,091 ✓	Fork.
J. B. Luchtenberg	Sea Lion Islands	213 ✓	Slit.
Morrison & Grant	Bluff Cove	3,590 ✓	Two Slits.
V. Packe	Fitzroy & Port Louis	26,915 ✓	Double Swallow.
A. Pitaluga	Salvador & Rincon Grande	27,837 ✓	Front P.
Mrs. T. Robson	Port Louis, North	14,783 ✓	Front Halfpenny.
J. Robson	Fitzroy, North	2,400 ✓	Front Thistle.
Smith & Sharp	Berkeley Sound Station	14,760 ✓	Triangle.
D. Smith	Great, Ruggles & Swan Islands	5,832 ✓	Back bit.
J. Smith	Peninsula	402 ✓	Fork and Fore bit.
Baillon & Stickney	Fox Bay West	17,889 ✓	Two Slits.
Mrs. Benney	Saunders Island	9,320 ✓	Punch hole.
Bertrand & Felton	Westbourne Station	15,915 ✓	Back square.
Mrs. Cull	New Island	2,152 ✓	Fork.
J. H. Dean	Pebble Island	33,574 ✓	Back Bayonet.
Dean & Anson	Chartres Station	27,323 ✓	Punch hole.
Dean & Co.	Port Stephens & Port Edgar	41,074 ✓	Square Punch hole.
A. E. Felton	Clifton Station	2,365 ✓	Fore bit.
J. Goodwin	Hummock Island.	150 ✓	Punch hole.
Mrs. Hansen	Carcass & Jason Islands	2,898 ✓	Front Bayonet.
Holmestead & Blake	Adelaide	33,786 ✓	Front Bayonet.
Mrs. E. Mathews	West Swan Island	258 ✓	Fork.
Packe Bros., & Co.	{ Dunnose Head { Fox Bay (East) Port Howard }	23,665 ✓	Fore bit.
S. American Mission	Keppel Island	2,943 ✓	Diamond.
Stickney Brothers	Spring Point	11,591 ✓	Back Halfpenny.
J. L. Waldron	Port Howard	36,738 ✓	Fork.
H. Waldron	Beaver Island	2,795 ✓	Fork.
C. C. Wesel	Passage Islands	885 ✓	Slit.
Mrs. Williams	Weddell Island	17,600 ✓	Back bit.
		702,696	

New Island—approximate, omitted to forward return.

Sea Lion Islands, Hummock Island and West Swan Island—approximate.

The owners of the above Islands were unable to visit them.

JAMES ROBERTSON,

Chief Inspector of Stock.

17th July, 1906.

M.P. 252/1906.

No. 41.

Annual Report of the Chief Inspector of Stock for the Year 1906.

THE CHIEF INSPECTOR OF STOCK to the COLONIAL SECRETARY.

STANLEY,

9th March, 1907.

SIR,

I have the honour to submit herewith my Annual Report for the year ended the 31st December, 1906.

The season, though variable, has, on the whole, been very favourable for stock and grass.

Sheep.—The total number of sheep in the Colony at the end of May, 1906, was 702,696. This shows an increase of 1,802, as compared with the number for the year ended on the 31st May, 1905.

Wool.—The clip was good, and realized advanced prices.

Lambing.—The results were satisfactory, averaging about 75%.

Dipping.—A fair amount of attention was bestowed on the flocks in this respect, and sheep, generally, are very free from parasites. If Farmers only took the trouble to consider the financial gain to be derived by keeping their sheep clean, they would probably be more careful in their mode of dipping. In some cases, mustering is evidently not so close as is necessary to secure the best results.

The Live Stock imported during the year were as follows :—

- 22 Romney Marsh Rams, from England.
- 10 " " " " New Zealand.
- 2 Devon Bulls, from England.
- 2 Devon Heifers, from England.
- 154 Horses from Patagonia.

Unfortunately, the best Romney Marsh Ram died while being driven to its destination.

Live Stock exported :—

- 250 Rams to Patagonia.

Geese.—A decrease is noticeable in some parts, while in others very little diminution is apparent. The number of beaks to be purchased for the year for the East and West Falklands, respectively, were :—

- East Falklands, 50,000.
- West Falklands, 50,000.

The number purchased on the East Falklands was 23,260, West Falklands 21,700.

Grass Seed.—During 1906 several Farmers experimented with various grass seeds, but not to any great extent. I am convinced, from personal observation, that cocksfoot grass seed, if sown in the early spring in sheltered places, such as valleys, and in soil other than peat, would grow well, and my experience is that it is one of the best artificial grasses to suit all purposes. If Farmers followed up this sowing systematically, the carrying capacity of their land would be greatly increased and they would be amply repaid.

Owing to a dry summer and high winds, sand has been breaking out in several places, especially in the dry camp, and where there is a tendency to overstock—also in localities where there has been burning at the wrong time of the year. His Excellency the Governor has kindly distributed sand binding grass seeds to check this breaking away.

I am pleased to report that a few of the Farmers on the West Falklands are draining all their swamps and cutting out all their ditches. This will certainly improve the land, and result in a large saving in the death rate among the sheep.

I have, &c.,

J. ROBERTSON,

Chief Stock Inspector.

The Honourable
The Colonial Secretary,
Port Stanley.

No. 93.

Annual Return for 1907.

Prepared under (Form 5) Section 13 of the Live Stock Ordinance.

Owner.	Name of Station.	No. of Sheep.	Ear Mark. Ewes, in near ear; Rams & Wethers, ditto off ear.
C. Bender	Moody Valley Farm	1,538	Fork and Back bit.
Mrs. J. Bonner	San Carlos, South	27,895	Front Notch.
F. Browning	Mullet Creek Farm	1,447	Back Bayonet.
W. K. Cameron	San Carlos	24,963	Slit.
H. & G. Cobb	Lively Island	8,812	Slit.
H. V. Cobb	Speedwell, George & Barren Is.	10,369	Fork.
F. I. Company	Darwin, Walker Creek & N. Arm	190,836	Diamond.
W. Fell	Bleaker Island	3,406	Punch hole.
J. J. Felton	Evelyn Station	25,648	Back square.
J. Greenshields	Douglas Station	28,845	Fork.
J. B. Luchtenberg	Sea Lion Islands	179	Slit.
Morrison & Grant	Bluff Cove	4,430	Two Slits.
V. Packe	Fitzroy & Port Louis	29,011	Double Swallow.
A. Pitaluga	Salvador & Rincon Grande	24,550	Front P.
Mrs. T. Robson	Port Louis, North	15,376	Front Halfpenny.
J. Robson	Fitzroy, North	2,501	Front Thistle.
Smith & Sharp	Berkeley Sound Station	15,200	Triangle.
D. Smith	Great, Ruggles & Swan Islands	5,618	Back bit.
J. Smith	Peninsula	382	Fork and Fore bit.
Baillon & Stickney	Fox Bay West	19,069	Two Slits.
Mrs. Benney	Saunders Island	9,150	Punch hole.
Bertrand & Felton	Westbourne Station	14,482	Back square.
Mrs. Cull	New Island	2,227	Fork.
J. H. Dean	Pebble Island	28,009	Back Bayonet.
Dean & Anson	Chartres Station	29,208	Punch hole.
Dean & Co.	Port Stephens & Port Edgar	39,805	Square Punch hole.
A. E. Felton	Clifton Station	2,522	Fore bit.
J. Goodwin	Hummock Island.		Punch hole.
Mrs. Hansen	Carcass & Jason Islands	3,708	Front Bayonet.
Holmestead & Blake	Adelaide	32,044	Front Bayonet.
Mrs. E. Mathews	West Swan Island		Fork.
Packe Bros., & Co.	{ Dunnose Head { Fox Bay (East) Port Howard }	23,959	Fore bit.
S. American Mission	Keppel Island	2,955	Diamond.
Stickney Brothers	Spring Point	11,551	Back Halfpenny.
J. L. Waldron	Port Howard	36,706	Fork.
H. Waldron	Beaver Island	2,795	Fork.
C. C. Wesel	Passage Islands	549	Slit.
Mrs. Williams	Weddell Island	16,002	Back bit.
		695,747	

Beaver Island—approximate, omitted to forward return.

Hummock Island and West Swan Island not stocked.

16th August, 1907.

M.P. 271/1907.

JAMES ROBERTSON,
Chief Inspector of Stock.

No. 43

Annual Report of the Chief Inspector of Stock for the year 1907.

Stanley,
10th March, 1908.

SIR,

I have the honour to submit herewith my Annual Report for the year ended the 31st December, 1907.

Seasons.—The Summer and Autumn were exceptionally dry, and, in consequence of the excessive dryness, the hard camp and small Islands suffered greatly. The Winter was open, and there was but little snow. The Spring has been the wettest that has been experienced for some years past.

Sheep.—The total number of sheep in the Colony at the end of May 1907, was 695,747. This shows a decrease of 6,949, as compared with the previous year. This decrease is mainly due to the exportation of culled ewes to Patagonia. The total number exported was 12,203, all from Port Salvador. An experiment was tried by a Hamburg firm for the exportation of salt mutton to Europe, which has not proved a success.

Wool.—The clip was somewhat light, but sound, and realised a good price.

Lambing.—The result in this respect was about 75%.

Dipping.—This important work has been more carefully attended to than in previous years, and I am pleased to say sheep were never more free from parasites. An Ordinance to make provision for preventing the spread of lice in sheep was passed in January, but was not enforced during 1907, in order that Farmers might have ample time to take steps to comply with the requirement of compulsory dipping. To protect careful flock-owners from their negligent neighbours, every effort is made, but several of the Farmers do not seem to realise the advantage to be gained by compulsory dipping, and have petitioned against this Ordinance.

The Live Stock imported during the year were as follows:—

16 Romney Marsh Rams from England.
5 Lincoln " " "
268 Horses from Patagonia.

The Rams were quarantined for 28 days. With the exception of a few cases of foot-rot they were all perfectly healthy. The Quarantine Shed has been thoroughly renovated and there is every convenience now for placing imported stud sheep under temporary supervision.

Geese—The Ordinance for effecting a diminution in the number of geese has been extended until the 31st December, 1912. It was found necessary to increase the number of beaks authorised to be purchased in the East Falklands from 37,500 to 50,000. There is a marked reduction in the number of geese in some parts, while in others very little attention is being paid to the arrest of their increase. The number of beaks authorised to be purchased for the year for the East and West Falklands respectively were:—

East Falklands,	50,000.
West Falklands,	37,500.

The number purchased were:—

East Falklands,	46,840.
West Falklands,	28,185.

Grass seed sowing.—There has been very little done in this respect during the year. Those, however, who have sown seed are quite satisfied with the result and are convinced that it will grow in suitable places, consequently they are sending away large orders for 1908.

Ditching & Draining.—Several of the Farmers are paying more attention than hitherto to this important matter, and they are being amply repaid by the results.

I have, etc.,

J. ROBERTSON.

Chief Inspector of Stock.

The Honourable
The Colonial Secretary.

No. 44.

VITAL STATISTICS, 1907.

Births.			Deaths.			Marriages.						
	M.	F.	Total		M.	F.	Total	A.	R.C.	O.	Total	
Stanley	14	22	36	Stanley	9	8	17	Stanley	5	2	1	8
Darwin	3	4	7	Darwin	2	2	4	Darwin	1	-	-	1
West Falklands	6	4	10	West Falklands	-	-	-	West Falklands	1	-	-	1
Total Births, 1907			53	Total Deaths, 1907			21	Total Marriages, 1907				10

Summary.

	M.	F.	Total.
Estimated population, 1st January, 1907. ...	1186	879	2065
Arrivals, 1907 ...	186	107	293
	1372	986	2358
Departures, 1907 ...	76	48	124
	1296	938	2234
Births, 1907 ...	23	30	53
	1319	968	2287
Deaths, 1907 ...	11	10	21
	1308	958	2266

Birth rate per 1,000 ... 23.38.

Death „ „ ... 9.26.

M. Males. F. Females. A. Anglican. R.C. Roman Catholics. O. Others married by Registrar.

Stanley,
2nd March, 1908.
M.P. 49/1907.

G. HURST,
Registrar-General.

No. 96.

Annual Return for 1908.

Prepared under (Form 5) Section 13 of the Live Stock Ordinance.

Owner.	Name of Station.	No. of Sheep.	Ear Mark. Ewes, in near ear; Rams & Wethers, ditto off ear.
C. Bender	Moody Valley Farm	1,362	Fork and Back bit.
Mrs. J. Bonner	San Carlos, South	28,365	Front Notch.
B. Browning	Mullet Creek Farm	1,273	Back Bayonet.
W. K. Cameron	San Carlos	24,280	Slit.
H. & G. Cobb	Lively Island	8,671	Slit.
H. V. Cobb	Speedwell, George, & Barren Is.	8,677	Fork.
Falkland Islands Company, Ltd.	Darwin Harbour, Walker Creek, & North Arm	190,836	Diamond.
W. Fell	Bleaker Island	3,074	Punch hole.
J. J. Felton	Evelyn Station	28,234	Back square.
J. Greenshields	Douglas Station	28,014	Fork.
J. B. Luchtenborg	Sea Lion Islands	296	Slit.
Morrison & Grant	Bluff Cove	3,443	Two Slits.
V. Paeke	Fitzroy & Port Louis	30,011	Double Swallow.
A. Pitaluga	Salvador & Rincon Grande	21,429	Front P.
Mrs. T. Robson	Port Louis, North	13,092	Front Halfpenny.
J. Robson	Fitzroy, North	2,500	Front Thistle.
Smith & Sharp	Berkeley Sound Station	15,334	Triangle.
D. Smith	Great, Ruggles, & Swan Islands	5,579	Back bit.
J. Smith	Peninsula	378	Fork and Fore bit.
Baillon & Stickney	Fox Bay, West	19,091	Two Slits.
W. D. Benney's Est.	Saunders Island	8,934	Punch hole.
Bertrand & Felton	Westbourne Station	15,026	Back square.
Mrs. Cull	New Island	2,227	Fork.
J. H. Dean	Pebble Island	26,078	Back Bayonet.
Dean & Anson	Chartres Station	30,055	Punch hole.
Dean & Co.	Port Stephens & Port Edgar	39,744	Square Punch hole.
A. E. Felton	Clifton Station	2,099	Fore bit.
Mrs. Hansen	Carcass & Jason Islands	4,440	Front Bayonet.
Holmested & Blake	Adelaide Station	31,560	Front Bayonet.
Mrs. E. Mathews	West Swan Island	170	Fork.
Paeke Bros. & Co.	{ Dunnose Head, Fox Bay { (East), and Port Howard	} 24,080	Fore bit.
S. American Mission	Keppel Island	2,992	Diamond.
Stickney Brothers	Spring Point	12,000	Back Halfpenny.
J. L. Waldron	Port Howard	36,517	Fork.
H. Waldron	Beaver Island	2,529	Fork.
C. C. Wesell	Passage Islands	724	Slit.
Mrs. C. H. Williams	Weddell Island	15,591	Back bit.
		688,705	

New Island—approximate, return not received.

30th June, 1908.

M.P. 276/1908.

JAMES ROBERTSON,
Chief Inspector of Stock.

Geese.—The diminution in this respect is very noticeable in most parts of the Colony, but there are still a few districts in which the advantage to be gained in reducing the number of geese is not realised. The number of beaks authorised to be purchased for for the year for the East and West Falklands, respectively, were:—

East Falklands, 37,500

West Falklands, 37,500

The number of beaks purchased were:—

East Falklands, 37,525.

West Falklands, 14,455.

Grass seed sowing.—The value of this experiment is distinctly apparent, especially where seed has been sown in quantity; and those who have experimented are thoroughly satisfied with the results. The best time for sowing is the latter part of the autumn or in the winter.

Ditching and Draining.—This important work is now undertaken annually by most of the Farmers on the West Falklands; and several on the East are paying attention to it. By carrying on the work systematically, pasturage is improved and the death rate of stock is lowered.

I have etc.,

J. ROBERTSON,

Chief Inspector of Stock.

The Honourable,
The Colonial Secretary.

No. 32.

The Quarantine Ordinance, 1908.

Regulation amending the Quarantine Regulations, 1908.

The Quarantine Regulations, 1908, are hereby amended by inserting the word “knowingly” before the word “conveying” in the first line of the last paragraph of Regulation 31.

Made in Executive Council, at Government House, Stanley, this 15th day of February, 1909.

H. E. W. GRANT,

Colonial Secretary.

M.P. 26/1909.

No. 100.

Annual Return for 1909.

Prepared under (Form 5) Section 13 of the Live Stock Ordinance.

Owner.	Name of Station.	No. of Sheep.	Ear Mark. Ewes, in near ear; Rams & Wethers, ditto off ear.
C. Bender	Moody Valley Farm	1,500	Fork and Back bit.
George Bonner & Co. Ltd.	San Carlos, South	27,646	Front Notch.
B. Browning	Mullet Creek Farm	1,270	Back Bayonet.
W. K. Cameron	San Carlos	25,019	Slit.
H. & G. Cobb	Lively Island	9,527	Slit.
Falkland Islands Company, Ltd.	Darwin Harbour, Walker Creek, & North Arm	192,938	Diamond.
Fell Bros.	Bleaker Island	3,534	Punch hole.
J. J. Felton	Evelyn Station	27,925	Back square.
J. Greenshields	Douglas Station	30,406	Fork.
J. B. Luchtenborg	Sea Lion Islands	405	Slit.
Morrison & Grant	Bluff Cove	5,000	Two Slits.
V. Packe	Fitzroy & Port Louis	32,250	Double Swallow.
Pitaluga Bros.	Gibraltar Stn. & Rincon Grande	25,199	Front P.
Mrs. T. Robson	Port Louis, North	16,060	Front Halfpenny.
J. Robson	Fitzroy, North	2,600	Front Thistle.
Smith & Sharp	Berkeley Sound Station	15,530	Triangle.
D. Smith	Great, Ruggles, & Swan Islands	5,821	Back bit.
J. Smith	Peninsula	365	Fork and Fore bit.
Speedwell Is. Co.	Speedwell, George, & Barren Is.	8,973	Fork.
Baillon & Stickney	Fox Bay, West	19,194	Two Slits.
W. D. Benney's Est.	Saunders Island	10,004	Punch hole.
Bertrand & Felton	Westbourne Station	15,310	Back square.
Mrs. Cull	New Island	2,451	Fork.
J. H. Dean	Pebble Island	30,838	Back Bayonet.
Dean & Anson	Chartres Station	30,171	Punch hole.
Dean & Co.	Port Stephens & Port Edgar	39,744	Square Punch hole.
A. E. Felton	Clifton Station	2,509	Fore bit.
Mrs. Hansen	Carcass & Jason Islands	3,396	Front Bayonet.
Holmsted & Blake	Adelaide Station	31,223	Front Bayonet.
Mrs. E. J. Mathews	West Swan Island	373	Fork.
Packe Bros. & Co.	{ Dunnose Head, Fox Bay { (East), and Port Howard	} 26,608	Fore bit.
S. American Mission	Keppel Island	3,000	Diamond.
Stickney Brothers	Spring Point	12,129	Back Halfpenny.
J. L. Waldron Ltd.	Port Howard	37,055	Fork.
H. Waldron	Beaver Island	3,330	Fork.
C. C. Wesell	Passage Islands	647	Slit.
Mrs. C. H. Williams	Weddell Island	15,701	Back bit.
		715,651	

Port Stephens—approximate, return not received.

14th July, 1909.

M.P. 286/1909.

JAMES ROBERTSON,
Chief Inspector of Stock.

No. 72.

Annual Report of the Chief Inspector of Stock for the year 1909.

Stanley,
25th April, 1910.

Sir,

I have the honour to submit to you my first Annual Report for the year, 1909.

Owing to to my having been in the Colony but a few weeks, I am unfortunately not able to give as detailed a report as I should have liked to do.

Sheep—The number of sheep as shown by the Annual Return is 715,651, showing an increase on last years number 688,705, of 26,946. The total is made up as follows, and for comparison it will be as well to show the 1908 figures also.

	1908.		1909.		
Rams	11,534	...	11,851	Increase of	317
Wethers	275,188	...	274,161	Decrease of	1,027
Ewes	401,983	...	429,639	Increase of	27,656

The number of sheep returned for the year ending May 31st, 1909, as being sold, boiled down and slaughtered for consumption was:—

	Sold.		Boiled down.		Slaughtered for consumption.
Rams	608	...	1,648	...	1,390
Wethers	5,892	...	26,101	...	4,554
Ewes	4,741	...	28,922	...	5,129
	11,241		56,671		11,073

Wool.—Prices were about a fair average and the clip was quite up to the usual standard, averaging about $8\frac{3}{4}$ lbs.

Imports & Exports.—The importation of horses and sheep is below that of 1908.

From Punta Arenas 70 horses were landed compared with 109 from the same port in 1908. Twenty-two Rams were imported in all, 19 Romney Marsh from England and 3 Merinos from France. Corresponding returns for 1908 are 33. Four hundred and seventy-nine Romney Marsh Rams were exported, being 179 above last years figures. The general health of imported stock was good.

Beaks.—The total number received during the year was 89,480 which is 37,500 above the 1908 return. The increase is from the West Falkland, which returned 51,955 beaks, while last year the number was 14,455.

Cultivation.—The sowing of grass seed is evidently becoming more popular and doubtless those who have gone to this trouble and expense will be well repaid by the results.

General Health.—The health of the sheep is on the whole very good.

The disease thought to be Malignant Oedema is still existant in the Colony, but I hope to be able to thoroughly investigate it during the coming spring.

I have, etc.,

(Signed) H. E. TOWNSON, M.R.C.V.S., London,

Chief Inspector of Stock.

The Hon.

The Colonial Secretary.