

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

Stock Inspector's Report.

STOCK DEPARTMENT,
Stanley,

September 17th 1921.

Sir,

I have the honour to submit the Annual Report of this Department for the season 1920-1921.

Seasons.

2. The late spring and summer were much better than the previous year for stock. The winter has been more severe, with less rain but more snow than usual.

Sheep.

2. I am pleased to be able to report that the general health of the sheep continues to be good.

(a) There has been no infectious or contagious diseases among the animals in the Islands, and the sheep on the East Island are freer from parasitic disease than last year, there being only a few isolated cases of Lice, and this pest bids fair to be shortly stamped out. The West Falklands and the Islands are free from lice.

(b) The total number of sheep in the Islands is now 667,677 showing an increase of 21,939 over last years total, this is partly due to the better lambing season, also to there being no export of sheep, and to the fact that there was no Canning this year, owing to the factory at Goose Green being closed down for the season.

(c) The lambing season was good, some of the stations showing a high rate of increase.

(d) 30 Rams were imported from England, the number would have been larger, but exportation was stopped owing to an outbreak of Foot and Mouth disease.

(e) There were no sheep canned this season, but a larger number were boiled down, the largest percentage being from the East Island.

Cattle.

4. The number of cattle in this years return is 7,674 showing an increase of 307 from last year. On some of the stations new blood is badly needed, and there does not seem sufficient care and thought taken in the production of milk and butter.

Horses.

5. This years return of horses shows the number to be 2,436, showing a decrease of 50 for the year. Last years return was 2,486, a decrease of 235 from the year previous, although 315 were imported in 1919-20. I consider it most important that the farmers should breed their own horses, and not trust too much to importations, as that is both unreliable and also the animals have to become acclimatised, which takes at least a year. If more stallions of useful breed were introduced, and larger and more productive manadas kept, it would certainly make the question of shortage of horses much easier than it is at present.

Exports.

6. No live stock were exported this season owing to there being no boats coming from the Coast.

Cultivation.

7. It is pleasing to note that some stations have been trying new methods of cultivation, and that the cultivation of hay has been persevered with, also that some stations are planting more Tussac, which if planted and protected will give a quantity of valuable feed for the stock.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

The Hon.

The Colonial Secretary,
Stanley.

B. A. BROWN,
Chief Inspector of Stock.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

Comparative Table of Returns of Stock.

	E. Falklands.		W. Falklands.		Islands.	
	1919-20.	1920-21.	1919-20.	1920-21.	1919-20.	1920-21.
Rams	5,778	5,817	2,700	2,977	1,130	913
Wethers	105,012	110,349	53,061	56,965	21,690	22,778
Breeding Ewes	151,256	149,449	81,569	83,338	25,712	24,671
Other Ewes	41,128	42,654	17,222	16,552	4,489	6,113
Lambs, Male	36,445	40,293	17,685	18,285	6,136	6,846
Lambs, Female	43,592	48,258	20,591	23,253	5,504	8,165
Total number of Lambs	80,037	88,561	38,276	41,538	11,640	12,311
Total number of Sheep	383,211	396,820	192,627	201,371	64,965	69,486
Sheep Canned	15,075	Nil	4,576	Nil	5,328	Nil
Sheep boiled down	1,365	21,662	1,437	4,924	1,796	1,829
Sheep exported	9,407	Nil	5,520	Nil	550	Nil
Sheep sold but not exported	624	298	1,400	2,966	9	Nil
Sheep sold and killed for consumption	10,547	15,596	4,576	4,098	1,589	1,781
Horses	1,449	1,453	884	849	170	134
Brood Mares	319	272	122	123	18	13
Foals	147	466	101	115	13	13
Stallions	20	16	10	9	3	4
Cattle	4,658	5,030	1,931	1,917	778	727
Swine	6	16	Nil	5	Nil	3

IMPORTS.

1920	Horses	314
	Stallions	1
	Rams	28
1921	Horses	42
	Rams	30

B. A. BROWN,
Chief Inspector of Stock.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

Annual Stock Return for 1921.

Prepared from information furnished in accordance with Section 13 of
The Live Stock Ordinance, 1901.

EAST FALKLAND.

Owner.	Name of Station.	No. of Sheep.	Ear Mark.
V. Packe Falkland Is. Co., Ltd.	Fitzroy S. & Port Louis S. Darwin Harbour, Walker Creek, and North Arm.	31,363	Double Swallow.
J. J. Felton's Estate	Evelyn	186,250	Diamond.
R. Greenshields Estate	Douglas	28,176	Back Square.
A. M. Pitaluga Estate	Gibraltar	29,451	Fork.
Geo. Bonner & Co. Ltd.	San Carlos South	18,062	Fore P.
W. K. Cameron	San Carlos North	26,582	Front Notch.
Mrs. T. Robson Morrison	Fitzroy North	26,426	Slit.
F. Browning	Bluff Cove	2,020	Front Thistle.
C. Bender	Mullet Creek	2,534	Two Slits.
Mrs. T. Robson	Moody Valley	1,523	Back Bayonet.
Smith Bros.	Port Louis North	2,025	Fore & Back bit, & slit
H. J. Pitaluga	Berkeley Sound	14,977	Front Halfpenny
	Rincon Grande	15,951	Triangle
		11,480	Fore Bit.

WEST FALKLAND.

Holmstead & Blake	Adelaide	31,562	Front Bayonet.
J. L. Waldron, Ltd.	Port Howard	36,067	Fork.
Packe Bros.	Dunnose Head, Fox Bay East, & Port Howard	23,421	Fore Bit.
Bertrand & Felton	Westbourne	15,310	Square Back Bit.
Stickney Bros.	Spring Point	12,911	Back Halfpenny.
Dean & Anson	Chartres	30,425	Double Swallow.
Dean & Co.	Port Stephens & Port Edgar	35,688	Fork.
Baillon & Stickney	Fox Bay West	15,787	Square Back Bit.

ISLANDS.

A. F. Cobb	Bleaker Island	3,403	Punch Hole.
H. & G. Cobb*	Lively Island	7,000	Fork.
S. Williams	Weddell Island	7,832	Back Bit.
Speedwell Is. Co.	Speedwell Island	6,952	Fork.
W. R. Thornhill	Beaver Island	1,444	Fork.
Mrs. Scott	New Island	2,040	Fork.
C. C. Wessel*	Passage Islands	787	Slit.
A. E. Felton	Clifton	2,573	Fore Bit.
Mrs. Hansen	Carcass & Jason Islands	4,427	Fore Bayonet.
W. D. Benney's Estate	Saunders Island	8,608	Hole.
J. H. Dean	Pebble Island	19,988	Back Bayonet.
A. H. Dean	Keppel Island	2,794	Back Bayonet.
Mrs. E. E. Matthews	West Swan Island	514	Fork.
Mrs. Ben Ricketts	Sea Lion Islands	1,124	Fork.

* 1920 Returns.

East Falkland	396,820
West Falkland	201,371
Islands	69,486

Grand Total 667,677

STOCK DEPARTMENT,
Stanley,

5th January, 1923.

Sir,

I have the honour to submit herewith my Annual Report for the year ended 31st December, 1922.

Sheep

The general health of the sheep is good, but in some cases the stamina is not all that could be desired, this can be counteracted by careful culling of young stock and by casting the old ewes. The clip this year was on the whole lighter than last. The lambing on most stations appears to be good, but the percentage counted at lamb marking shows a serious loss. The lambing percentage is decreasing slowly but fairly regularly and in the majority of cases the cause cannot be attributed to climatic conditions. Probably a change of new blood will improve matters greatly. A step has been taken in the right direction by importing a large number of rams and ewes for use next season.

2. One station on the West was unfortunately, found to be affected with lice, but very stringent methods were employed and it is to be hoped that there will be no reappearance of this trouble. There were also several cases of lice reported in the East but there is every reason to believe that these have been dealt with satisfactorily. I am of the opinion that if practicable all flocks would benefit by being dipped twice at dipping time, with an interval of 14 days, and that any loss incurred would be more than compensated by improvement in the sheep and freedom from keds. Investigations were made with a view to discovering if Epizootic Abortion in ewes which was suspected to exist on the West Falklands was prevalent or not, after careful bacteriological examinations had been made this disease was proved to be non existent.

3. On some stations the death rate among ewes appears to be very considerable, I am of the opinion that this can be traced to the impaired vitality to a great extent due to inbreeding, also in some cases the ewes make very bad mothers not looking after their lambs as they should, due probably to the same cause.

4. Unfortunately for some time there has been no outlet for surplus stock, as the canning works have been closed down for the last two years, and there have been no exportations of live sheep. It is hoped that in the coming year there will be an outlet to South America.

Horses

5. There is practically no disease among the horses in the Colony, 284 horses and mares of a useful type were imported this year from Punta Arenas but arrived unfortunately rather late in the season and therefore were not acclimatised before the winter set in, causing a certain amount of loss. A few stallions of the hackney type might advantageously be introduced.

Cattle

6. A shorthorn bull and two heifers have now been obtained by the Colonial Government from England, these come of a good milking strain and it is hoped that the stock of the Colony may be benefited by this new blood. There are 8126 cattle in the Colony, an increase of 452 over last year. The general health appears to be good.

Fowls

7. A number of pedigree fowls were obtained by Government and 120 settings have been supplied to the residents of Stanley and the Camp, 93 to Stanley and 27 to the Camp.

Imports

8. 19 Romney Marsh rams were imported from England, 6 Corriedale rams from New Zealand, also 200 Corriedale rams and 300 Corriedale ewes from the coast, and 497 Romney Marsh rams from Tierra Del Fuego, these have all been quarantined on Great and Ruggles Islands for three months.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

B. A. BROWN,

Chief Inspector of Stock.

The Honourable,
The Colonial Secretary.

Comparative Table of Returns of Stock.

	1219-20.	1920-21.	1921-22.
Rams	9,608	9,707	9,340
Wethers	179,763	190,092	202,686
Breeding Ewes	258,537	257,458	254,409
Other Ewes	62,839	65,319	65,776
Lambs, Male	60,266	65,424	61,580
Lambs, Female	69,687	79,676	72,654
Total number of Lambs	129,953	145,100	134,234
Total number of Sheep	640,803	667,677	667,389
Sheep canned	24,979	Nil	Nil
Sheep boiled down	4,598	28,415	31,954
Sheep exported	15,477	Nil	Nil
Sheep sold but not exported	2,033	3,264	9,540
Sheep sold and killed for consumption	16,712	21,475	14,184
Horses	2,503	2,436	2,539
Brood Mares	459	408	403
Foals	261	594	564
Stallions	33	29	22
Cattle	7,367	7,764	8,126
Swine	6	24	35

IMPORTS.

	1920.	1921.	1922.
Horses	314	42	234
Stallions	1	Nil	Nil
Rams	28	30	722
Ewes	Nil	Nil	198
Bulls	Nil	Nil	1
Heifers	Nil	Nil	2

Annual Stock Return for 1922.

Prepared from information furnished in accordance with Section 13 of
The Live Stock Ordinance, 1901.

EAST FALKLAND.

Owner.	Name of Station.	No. of Sheep.	Ear Mark.
Falkland Is. Co., Ltd.	Fitzroy S. & Port Louis S.	32,397	Double Swallow.
Falkland Is. Co., Ltd.	Darwin Harbour, Walker Creek, and North Arm.	180,965	Diamond.
J. J. Felton's Estate	Evelyn	28,474	Back Square.
R. Greenshields Estate	Douglas	28,111	Fork.
A. H. Pitaluga, Estate	Gibraltar	18,755	Fore P.
Geo. Bonner & Co. Ltd.	San Carlos South	28,682	Front Notch.
W. K. Cameron Estate	San Carlos North	26,193	Slit.
Mrs. T. Robson	Fitzroy North	1,780	Front Thistle.
A. Morrison	Bluff Cove	3,877	Two Slits.
F. Browning	Mullet Creek	1,507	Back Bayonet.
C. Bender	Moody Valley	1,736	Fore & Back bit, & slit
Mrs. T. Robson	Port Louis North	15,434	Front Halfpenny
Smith Bros.	Berkeley Sound	16,001	Triangle
H. J. Pitaluga	Rincon Grande	11,464	Fore Bit.

WEST FALKLAND.

Holmstead & Blake	Adelaide	30,363	Front Bayonet.
J. L. Waldron, Ltd.	Port Howard	35,691	Fork.
Packe Bros.	Dunnose Head, Fox Bay East, & Port Howard	23,053	Fore Slit
Bertrand & Felton	Westbourne	14,721	Square Back Bit.
Stickney Bros.	Spring Point	13,000	Back Halfpenny.
Dean & Anson	Chartres	29,772	Double Swallow.
Dean & Co.	Port Stephens	36,332	Fork.
Baillon & Stickney	Fox Bay West	18,335	Square Back Bit.

ISLANDS.

A. F. Cobb	Bleaker Island	3,413	Punch Hole.
H. & G. Cobb	Lively Island	7,564	Fork.
S. Williams	Weddell Island	8,173	Back Bit.
Speedwell Is. Co.	Speedwell Island	6,883	Fork.
Hamilton	Beaver Island	2,176	Fork.
Mrs. Scott	New Island	2,067	Fork.
C. C. Wessel	Passage Islands	703	Slit.
Mrs. Hansen	Carcass & Jason Islands	4,271	Fore Bayonet.
A. E. Felton	Westpoint Island	2,402	Fore Slit.
W. D. Benney's Estate	Saunders Island	8,201	Hole.
J. H. Dean	Pebble Island	19,294	Back Bayonet.
J. H. Dean	Keppel Island	2,752	Back Bayonet.
Mrs. E. E. Matthews	West Swan Island	490	Fork.
Mrs. H. Ricketts*	Sea Lion Islands	1,124	Fork.

* 1921 Returns.

East Falkland	395,485
West Falkland	201,268
Islands	70,636

Grand Total 667,389

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

ANNUAL STOCK RETURN FOR 1922-1923.

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Prepared from information furnished in accordance with Section 13 of the Live Stock Ordinance, 1901.

OWNER.	NAME OF STATION.	RAMS.	WETHERS.	BREEDING EWES.	OTHER EWES.	HOGGETS	TOTAL.	EAR MARK.
EAST FALKLAND.								
Falkland Islands Co., Ltd.	Fitzroy & Port Louis.	416	8,245	13,472	2,855	7,605	32,593	Double Swallow.
" " " "	Darwin Harbour, &c.	2,182	54,629	64,197	24,177	36,708	181,893	Double Swallow.
Estate, J. J. Felton.	Evelyn.	354	6,628	9,873	3,201	6,331	26,387	Back Square.
Estate, G. Greenshields.	Douglas.	340	6,061	10,864	3,173	5,851	26,289	Fork.
Estate, A. H. Pitaluga.	Gibraltar.	200	5,465	5,540	1,529	3,502	16,236	Fore P.
George Bonner & Co., Ltd.	San Carlos South.	376	6,671	10,341	1,948	5,460	24,796	Front Notch.
Estate, W. K. Cameron.	San Carlos North.	265	7,308	9,376	2,431	4,936	24,316	Slit.
Mrs. T. Robson.	Fitzroy North.	40	350	1,150	—	615	2,155	Front Thistle.
A. Morrison.	Bluff Cove.	63	986	2,125	—	854	4,028	Two Slits.
F. Browning.	Mullet Creek.	15	310	798	—	412	1,535	Back Bayonet.
C. Bender.	Moody Valley.	14	377	1,030	—	454	1,875	Fore & Back- Bit, & Slit.
Mrs. T. Robson,	Port Louis North.	160	3,966	5,486	1,000	2,655	13,267	Front Halfpenny.
Smith Bros.	Berkeley Sound.	195	5,960	7,210	—	3,200	16,565	Triangle.
H. J. Pitaluga.	Rincon Grande.	40	2,826	2,600	2,238	2,108	9,812	Fore Bit.
		4,660	109,782	144,062	42,552	80,691	381,747	
WEST FALKLANDS.								
Holmsted & Blake.	Adelaide.	270	6,225	13,516	3,399	6,648	30,058	Front Bayonet.
J. L. Waldron, Ltd.	Port Howard.	489	10,795	16,120	1,905	5,836	35,145	Fork.
Packe Bros.	Dunnose Head, &c.	384	6,502	10,688	—	4,493	22,067	Fore Slit.
Bertrand & Felton.	Westbourne.	168	3,899	6,786	—	3,642	14,495	Square Back Bit.
Stickney Bros.	Spring Point.	220	4,378	4,800	591	2,569	12,558	Back Halfpenny.
Dean & Anson.	Chartres.	329	9,944	13,006	632	5,182	29,093	Double Swallow.
Dean & Co.	Port Stephens.	428	10,092	13,201	4,396	6,717	34,834	Fork.
Baillon & Stickney.	Fox Bay West.	282	5,420	7,969	—	2,899	16,570	Square Back Bit.
		2,570	57,255	86,086	10,923	37,986	194,820	
ISLANDS.								
A. F. Cobb.	Bleaker.	31	1,191	1,100	198	837	3,357	Punch Hole.
H. & G. Cobb.	Lively.	105	2,753	2,652	1,053	1,564	8,127	Fork.
J. Hamilton.	Weddell.	175	2,352	3,754	100	2,598	8,979	Back Bit.
Falkland Islands Co., Ltd.	Speedwell.	76	1,435	2,248	714	1,855	6,328	Double Swallow.
J. Hamilton.	Beaver.	30	684	698	535	485	2,432	Fork.
Mrs. Scott.	New.	14	645	700	220	550	2,129	Fork.
C. C. Wessel.	Passage.	43	282	344	—	224	893	Slit.
Mrs. Hansen.	Carcass & Jason.	36	1,620	1,895	—	1,076	4,627	Fore Bayonet.
A. E. Felton.	West Point.	23	912	580	390	460	2,365	Fore Slit.
Estate, W. D. Benney.	Saunders.	110	3,559	2,877	787	1,062	8,395	Hole.
J. H. Dean.	Pebble.	390	6,153	6,659	1,340	4,044	18,586	Back Bayonet.
J. H. Dean.	Keppel.	13	750	1,235	—	759	2,757	Back Bayonet.
Mrs. E. E. Matthews.	West Swan.	—	—	—	420	—	420	Fork.
Mrs. H. Ricketts.	Sea Lion.	22	313	374	145	270	1,124	Fork.
		1,068	22,649	25,116	5,902	15,784	70,519	
EAST FALKLAND		4,660	109,782	144,062	42,552	80,691	381,747	
WEST FALKLAND		2,570	57,255	86,086	10,923	37,986	194,820	
ISLANDS		1,068	22,649	25,116	5,902	15,784	70,519	
TOTALS		8,298	189,686	255,264	59,377	134,461	647,086	

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FALKLAND ISLANDS.

LIVE STOCK REPORT, 1923-1924.

STOCK DEPARTMENT,

Stanley,

8th October, 1924.

The Honourable
the Colonial Secretary.

Sir,

I have the honour to submit herewith the Annual Report for the year 1923-1924 :—

A number of Stock Returns having been late in coming to hand, my own report has in consequence been considerably delayed.

Having only arrived in the Colony on 5th April, 1924, I regret that I am not in a position to report more fully upon the stock industry for the past season. My report is, therefore, considerably curtailed.

Mr. Munro, whose valuable services have been kindly lent by the New Zealand Government, is making close investigations into the stock industry of the Colony, and his report as the result of his investigations is being looked forward to with great interest by all connected with the industry.

Sheep.

There has been a considerable decrease in the number of sheep carried for the past season as compared with the number of sheep carried in the three previous seasons. This fact is naturally causing a good deal of anxiety to the farmers and those interested in the sheep industry of the Colony. The Hogget returns, especially, show 114,920 as against 134,461 for the previous season, making a drop of 19,541. It is to be hoped, however, that this unfortunate decrease will be a temporary one only.

The winter has been rather a severe one, and on some stations sheep have suffered considerably. Bad weather interfered a good deal with the clipping operations on some places, and a good number of weakly hoggets died from the effects of the cold weather following the dipping.

Cattle.

As with sheep, there is a decrease in numbers as compared with the previous year's returns. The cattle generally are of poor quality and could, without doubt, be improved a great deal. On one or two stations only are efforts being made to introduce bulls of better quality and thereby produce a better class of cattle.

Horses.

According to the returns for the past season the numbers of horses have increased, but even so there is still a great demand in the Colony for horses of a good type. Quite a number of horses suffering from colic have been reported and dealt with. This complaint, although a fairly common and sometimes serious one, is not often attended by serious results if proper and immediate attention is given to the animal affected.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

R. W. CARTER,

Chief Inspector of Stock.

IMPORTS.

		IMPORTED FROM :	
Rams	500	...	... Tierra del Fuego.
"	25	...	... Tierra del Fuego.
"	30	...	... Australia.
"	4	...	... United Kingdom.
Ewes	2	...	... United Kingdom.
Horses	124	...	... Punta Arenas.
Bulls	2	...	... Tierra del Fuego.

Return showing Stock on Stanley Common, 8th October, 1924.

Cows	131
Yearlings	17
Calves	10
Ox	1
Horses	60
TOTAL STOCK	219

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Cows	2
Heifers	1
Calves	2
Bulls	2
TOTAL GOVERNMENT STOCK	7

Comparative Table shewing Summary of Stock Returns for Years 1919-1920 to 1923-1924.
SHEEP.

Year.	Rams.	Wethers.	Breeding Ewes.	Other Ewes.	Hoggets.	% of Hoggets to Breeding Ewes.	Total number of Sheep.
1919-1920	9,613	179,857	259,058	58,980	133,294	51.45	640,802
1920-1921	9,697	190,092	257,972	64,806	145,110	56.25	667,677
1921-1922	9,340	204,746	250,529	67,236	134,324	53.61	666,175
1922-1923	8,298	189,686	255,264	59,377	134,461	52.67	647,086
1923-1924	9,039	198,646	258,137	54,116	114,920	44.51	634,858

SHEEP DISPOSED OF.

Year.	Sold locally for breeding.	Exported.	Canned or sold for canning.	Boiled down or sold for boiling down.	Slaughtered for consumption.	Total.
1919-1920	2,033	15,477	24,979	4,598	16,712	63,799
1920-1921	3,264	—	—	28,415	21,475	53,154
1921-1922	9,540	—	—	31,954	14,184	55,678
1922-1923	4,746	36,585	—	9,301	†27,872	78,504
1923-1924	5,747	—	—	15,181	†20,022	34,349

OTHER STOCK.

Year.	Horses.	Stallions.	Brood Mares.	Foals.	Cattle.	Swine.
1919-1920	2,503	33	459	261	7,367	6
1920-1921	2,436	29	417	278	7,764	24
1921-1922	2,539	22	403	263	8,126	35
1922-1923	2,517	25	365	246	8,279	46
1923-1924	2,847	30	334	178	8,108	49

† Includes 9,590 killed for skins.

‡ Includes 6,601 killed for skins.

ANNUAL STOCK RETURN FOR 1923-1924.

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Prepared from information furnished in accordance with Section 13 of the Live Stock Ordinance, 1901.

OWNER.	NAME OF STATION.	RAMS.	WETHERS.	BREEDING EWES.	OTHER EWES.	HOGGETS.	TOTAL.	EAR MARK.
EAST FALKLAND.								
Falkland Islands Co., Ltd.	Fitzroy & Port Louis.	434	8,432	12,513	3,317	6,252	30,948	Double Swallow.
	Darwin Harbour, &c.	2,298	56,950	68,427	18,832	33,313	179,820	Double Swallow.
Estate, J. J. Felton.	Evelyn.	479	7,230	11,230	2,795	4,927	26,661	Back Square.
Estate, G. Greenshields.	Douglas.	344	6,821	12,002	2,430	4,792	26,389	Fork.
Estate, A. H. Pitaluga.	Gibraltar.	209	5,953	6,092	1,686	1,992	15,932	Fore P.
George Bonner & Co., Ltd.	San Carlos South.	382	7,652	8,987	2,432	5,168	24,621	Front Notch.
Estate, W. K. Cameron.	San Carlos North.	406	7,421	9,587	2,607	5,149	25,170	Slit.
Mrs. T. Robson.	Fitzroy North.	35	500	1,449	—	419	2,403	Front Thistle.
A. Morrison.	Bluff Cove.	72	776	2,008	—	566	3,422	Two Slits.
F. Browning.	Mullet Creek.	20	254	865	—	404	1,543	Back Bayonet.
C. Bender.	Moody Valley.	22	398	1,606	—	335	2,361	Fore & Back- Bit, & Slit.
Mrs. T. Robson.	Port Louis North.	155	4,000	4,400	1,200	1,860	11,615	Front Halfpenny.
Smith Bros.	Berkeley Sound.	205	5,972	5,600	1,234	2,134	15,145	Triangle.
H. J. Pitaluga.	Rincon Grande.	40	3,514	2,665	1,563	1,225	9,007	Fore Bit.
		5,101	115,873	147,431	38,096	68,536	375,037	
WEST FALKLAND.								
Holmested & Blake.	Adelaide.	332	7,035	13,500	3,584	5,792	30,243	Front Bayonet.
J. L. Waldron, Ltd.	Port Howard.	425	11,176	16,037	1,700	6,284	35,622	Fork.
Packe Bros.	Dunnose Head, &c.	377	7,214	9,871	—	3,677	21,139	Fore Slit.
Bertrand & Felton.	Westbourne.	292	3,683	6,470	—	3,427	13,872	Square Back Bit.
Stickney Bros.	Spring Point.	290	4,545	4,995	519	1,790	12,139	Back Halfpenny.
Dean & Anson.	Chartres.	292	9,727	12,583	793	4,856	28,251	Double Swallow.
Dean & Co.	Port Stephens.	590	9,288	13,685	3,506	5,089	32,158	Fork.
Baillon & Stickney.	Fox Bay West.	240	5,544	7,913	—	2,528	16,225	Square Back Bit.
		2,838	58,212	85,054	10,102	33,443	189,649	
ISLANDS.								
A. F. Cobb.	Bleaker.	31	1,418	1,150	318	655	3,572	Punch Hole.
H. & G. Cobb.	Lively.	170	2,795	2,714	810	1,274	7,763	Fork.
Falkland Islands Co., Ltd.	Speedwell.	85	2,504	3,464	525	1,240	7,818	Double Swallow.
J. Hamilton.	Beaver.	34	625	836	346	308	2,149	Back Bit.
J. Hamilton.	Weddell.	64	2,246	3,646	106	1,475	7,537	Fork.
Mrs. Scott.	New.	19	703	700	230	360	2,012	Fork.
C. C. Wessel.	Passage.	40	204	367	—	141	752	Slit.
Mrs. Hansen.	Carcass & Jason.	34	1,600	1,484	187	858	4,163	Fore Bayonet.
A. E. Felton.	West Point.	22	789	580	360	539	2,290	Fore Slit.
Estate, W. D. Benney.	Saunders.	142	3,722	2,700	655	917	8,136	Hole.
J. H. Dean.	Pebble.	417	6,389	6,758	1,741	4,374	19,679	Back Bayonet.
J. H. Dean.	Keppel.	32	1,103	761	50	517	2,463	Back Bayonet.
Mrs. E. E. Matthews.	West Swan.	—	—	—	400	—	400	Fork.
Mrs. H. Ricketts.	Sea Lion.	10	463	492	190	283	1,438	Fork.
		1,100	24,561	25,652	5,918	12,941	70,172	
EAST FALKLAND		5,101	115,873	147,431	38,096	68,536	375,037	
WEST FALKLAND		2,838	58,212	85,054	10,102	33,443	189,649	
ISLANDS		1,100	24,561	25,652	5,918	12,941	70,172	
TOTALS		9,039	198,646	258,137	54,116	114,920	634,858	

R. W. CARTER,

Chief Inspector of Stock.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS.

LIVE STOCK REPORT, 1924-1925.

STOCK DEPARTMENT,

Stanley,

1st January, 1926.

The Honourable
the Colonial Secretary.

Sir,

I beg to submit for the information of His Excellency the Governor my report for the year 1924—1925 :—

I regret that I should have to report that a number of Stock returns were very late in coming to hand this year.

Mr. Hugh Munro in his report on his investigations into the sheep farming industry of the Falkland Islands dealt fully with all important matters in connection with the industry. So well has his report been appreciated by all those who are interested that I will not call attention to any matters mentioned therein more than is necessary. Managers are already endeavouring to carry out many of the suggestions put forward by Mr. Munro.

Very valuable and important analytical work has been done by the Rowett Institute of Aberdeen, and the results obtained from the investigations made by the Institute will enable owners and managers to be guided to a great extent in their system of farming.

It is to be regretted that the stock carrying capacity of the Colony has been steadily on the decrease for a great many years, but I am sure all Falkland Islands farm owners and managers realize that the time has arrived when a united effort will have to be made to improve farming conditions generally.

The experimental farm which the Government has decided to establish at Anson will provide the means by which owners and managers can follow experiments carried out under a variety of conditions and can note the results acquired on land similar to the particular land in which they are interested.

Sheep.

The season has not been a favourable one for sheep and the heavy snow storms and frosts have accounted for quite a number. Considering the bad weather conditions with which the sheep have had to contend, their health and condition are fairly good.

Sheep have been imported from Tierra del Feugo into the Colony and these sheep should help considerably in beneficially changing the blood in the flock on the station for which they were imported. The imported sheep appear to be doing very well and although down a little in condition they are more robust than the sheep bred in the Falkland Islands on the same station.

The introduction of changes of blood into the flocks from one or two of the stations in Tierra del Fuego would be beneficial on a number of stations here but unfortunately there are extremely few stations in South America which grow a suitable class of wool and are entirely free from sheep scab, and the importations from most of the stations there would be attended with grave risks of importing sheep scab into the Colony. It is essential that a better type of sheep should be introduced into the Colony but the greatest difficulty with which a manager has to contend is the cost of importation. When ways and means are found by which a better class of sheep can be established the class and weight of wool and also the carcass here will be considerably improved.*

Lambing percentages have been very low for a great many years and no doubt this may be attributed to one or more of the causes referred to by Mr. Munro on page 18 of his report.

On a number of the stations owners and managers have cut down the number of sheep. This is no doubt a very wise move and the results gained by this move will be appreciated in the course of a few years.

* Arrangements have been made for the importation of 353 rams and ewes from New Zealand in April, 1926.

Disease.

There was an outbreak of scab on one of the smaller islands early last year. Every precaution was taken to eradicate and stop the disease spreading to the mainland. Although there is every reason to believe that the disease is eradicated care is being taken to ensure the safety of the flocks on the mainland. A certain amount of blindness has been reported this year but the disease has not been attended by serious results to the flocks.

Cattle.

There has been very little change in the quality or numbers of cattle carried for the past season. The general health of the cattle is good but a great many of them have suffered considerably on account of the bad season. A few of the station owners and managers intend importing a number of cattle from the United Kingdom and the imported stock should do a lot towards improving the breed of cattle on those particular stations.

Horses.

The numbers of horses in the Colony have increased from 2847 to 3188. 524 horses were imported from South America. The majority of these horses were of fairly good type for camp work and since arriving in the Colony they have remained in fairly good health and condition. It is unfortunate that large numbers of horses have to be imported periodically, but as it is difficult under the present conditions to breed horses in the Colony satisfactorily, the importations are necessary.

An attempt should be made on all stations to grow a certain amount of food for winter use for horses; there is no doubt that this can be done. If horses can be fed properly for a month or two in winter fewer horses will be necessary for the working of the stations.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

R. W. CARTER,

Chief Inspector of Stock.

IMPORTS.

SHEEP.	HORSES.	SEX.	IMPORTED FROM.
3	—	Rams	United Kingdom.
5131	—	Ewes	Tierra del Feugo.
—	164	Horses	" " "
—	360	Mares	" " "
—	5	Mares	Scotland.
—	1	Stallion	"

EXPORTS.

SHEEP.	SEX.	EXPORTED TO.
12467	Wethers	Punta Arenas.
2063	Ewes	" "
350	Wethers	South Georgia.
60	Ewes	" "
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Comparative Table shewing Summary of Stock Returns for Years 1920-1921 to 1924-1925.

SHEEP.

Year.	Rams.	Wethers.	Breeding Ewes.	Other Ewes.	Hoggets.	% of Hoggets to Breeding Ewes.	Total number of Sheep.
1920-1921	9,697	190,092	257,972	64,806	145,110	56.25	667,677
1921-1922	9,340	204,746	250,529	67,236	134,324	53.61	666,175
1922-1923	8,298	189,686	255,264	59,377	134,461	52.67	647,086
1923-1924	9,039	198,646	258,137	54,116	114,920	44.51	634,858
1924-1925	8,789	177,730	253,825	47,500	143,516	56.54	631,360

SHEEP DISPOSED OF.

Year.	Sold locally for breeding.	Exported.	Slaughtered.			Totals.
			For Mutton.	For Tallow.	For Skins.	
1920-1921	3,264	—	21,475	28,415	—	53,154
1921-1922	9,540	—	14,184	31,954	—	55,678
1922-1923	4,746	36,585	18,282	9,301	9,590	78,504
1923-1924	5,747	—	13,421	15,181	6,601	40,950
1924-1925	6,497	14,940	20,135	31,158	8,139	80,869

OTHER STOCK.

Year.	Horses.	Stallions.	Brood Mares.	Foals.	Cattle.	Swine.
1920-1921	2,436	29	417	278	7,764	24
1921-1922	2,539	22	403	263	8,126	35
1922-1923	2,517	25	365	246	8,279	46
1923-1924	2,847	30	334	178	8,108	49
1924-1925	3,188	32	346	189	8,778	69

Approximate death rate for the season 1924-25—12.25%

ANNUAL STOCK RETURN FOR 1924-1925.

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Prepared from information furnished in accordance with Section 13 of the Live Stock Ordinance, 1901.

OWNER.	NAME OF STATION.	RAMS.	WETHERS.	BREEDING EWES.	OTHER EWES.	HOGGETS.	TOTAL.	EAR MARK.
EAST FALKLAND.								
Falkland Islands Co., Ltd.	Fitzroy & Port Louis.	349	7,760	9,420	2,469	7,597	27,595	Double Swallow.
" " " "	Darwin Harbour, &c.	2,150	54,013	68,869	17,304	39,858	182,194	Double Swallow.
Estate, J. J. Felton.	Evelyn.	521	6,739	10,791	2,018	6,408	26,477	Back Square.
G. Greenshields Bros.	Douglas.	330	7,632	10,250	2,156	6,345	26,713	Fork.
Pitaluga Bros.	Gibraltar.	183	4,814	6,214	572	3,309	15,092	Fore P.
G. Bonner	San Carlos South.	728	7,002	9,764	1,369	5,567	24,430	Front Notch.
Estate, W. K. Cameron.	San Carlos North.	333	7,423	9,541	3,015	7,076	27,388	Slit.
Estate Mrs. T. Robson.	Fitzroy North.	30	250	1,334	—	396	2,010	Front Thistle.
A. Morrison.	Bluff Cove.	70	762	1,760	—	740	3,332	Two Slits.
F. Browning.	Mullet Creek.	12	210	460	—	320	1,002	Back Bayonet.
C. Bender.	Moody Valley.	28	260	1,502	—	594	2,384	Fore & Back- Bit, & Slit.
Estate Mrs. T. Robson,	Port Louis North.	160	4,425	5,953	—	2,339	12,877	Front Halfpenny.
Smith & Sons	Berkeley Sound.	191	5,510	5,810	890	3,000	15,401	Triangle.
Estate H. J. Pitaluga.	Rincon Grande.	40	2,309	2,500	1,506	1,765	8,120	Slit & Back Bit.
		5,125	109,109	144,168	31,299	85,314	375,015	
WEST FALKLAND.								
Holmested, Blake & Co. Ltd.	Adelaide.	328	4,528	12,144	2,800	7,315	27,115	Front Bayonet.
J. L. Waldron, Ltd.	Port Howard.	389	5,813	18,371	2,474	8,645	35,692	Fork.
Packe Bros. & Co. Ltd.	Dunnose Head, &c.	403	5,787	10,256	1,081	4,089	21,616	Fore Slit.
Bertrand & Felton.	Westbourne.	227	3,426	6,724	—	4,106	14,483	Square Back Bit.
Stickney Bros.	Spring Point.	200	4,150	4,965	150	2,500	11,965	Back Halfpenny.
Luxton & Anson.	Chartres.	270	8,355	10,674	2,507	6,284	28,090	Double Swallow.
Dean & Co.	Port Stephens.	454	9,230	13,673	3,014	5,873	32,244	Fork.
Baillon & Stickney.	Fox Bay West.	346	5,157	7,484	—	2,951	15,938	Square Back Bit.
		2,617	46,446	84,291	12,026	41,763	187,143	
ISLANDS.								
A. F. Cobb.	Bleaker.	30	1,482	950	435	750	3,647	Punch Hole.
H. & G. Cobb.	Lively.	170	2,420	2,940	519	1,861	7,910	Fork.
Falkland Islands Co., Ltd.	Speedwell.	114	1,245	4,286	220	1,857	7,722	Double Swallow.
J. Hamilton.	Beaver.	37	597	840	394	500	2,368	Fork.
J. Hamilton.	Weddell.	76	1,752	2,502	—	1,754	6,084	Back Bit.
Mrs. Scott.	New.	19	703	750	230	360	2,062	Fork.
C. C. Wessel.	Passage.	40	216	368	—	216	840	Slit.
Mrs. Hansen.	Carcass & Jason.	30	1,331	1,355	197	1,014	3,927	Fore Bayonet.
A. E. Felton.	West Point.	19	884	572	270	518	2,263	Fore Slit.
Estate, W. D. Benney.	Saunders.	135	3,226	2,706	430	1,589	8,086	Hole.
G. T. Dean & Bros.	Pebble.	333	6,524	6,562	1,093	5,079	19,591	Back Bayonet.
G. T. Dean & Bros.	Keppel.	32	1,099	914	47	622	2,714	Back Bayonet.
Mrs. E. E. Matthews.	West Swan.	3	—	229	—	—	232	Fork.
Mrs. H. Ricketts.	Sea Lion.	9	696	392	340	319	1,756	Slit
		1,047	22,175	25,366	4,175	16,439	69,202	
EAST FALKLAND		5,125	109,109	144,168	31,299	85,314	375,015	
WEST FALKLAND		2,617	46,446	84,291	12,026	41,763	187,143	
ISLANDS		1,047	22,175	25,366	4,175	16,439	69,202	
TOTALS		8,789	177,730	253,825	47,500	143,516	631,360	

R. W. CARTER,

Chief Inspector of Stock.

LIVE STOCK REPORT, 1925-1926.

STOCK DEPARTMENT,

Stanley,

23rd November, 1926.

The Honourable,
the Colonial Secretary.

Sir,

I beg to submit, for His Excellency the Acting Governor's information, my report for the year 1925-1926.

I find that it will be necessary to notify farmers and managers that Stock returns should if possible be sent into this office not later than 30th June in each year. It is I know difficult in some cases for farmers or managers to do this, but an accurate return of all stock cannot be submitted by me at the proper time unless I receive the individual returns not later than the 30th June.

The past season has not been a very good one for stock and on a number of stations the losses among stock, especially lambs, have been fairly considerable.

There was a fair amount of feed for stock at the beginning of the year but the growth of grass was checked by frost a good time before the winter set in. It is claimed, and I believe rightly, by many that the grass throughout the Falklands has not the feeding qualities nor the abundance that it had a few years back and for this reason the carrying capacity of the land has been affected to a great extent. Owing to the large size and the small number of paddocks on the stations in the Colony, it is difficult to carry out a satisfactory system of spelling land. It is necessary that land should be spelled periodically or it will, especially if heavily stocked, become "sheep sick." The cutting down of the number of sheep on a section helps a great deal towards improving the pasture on that section, but the full benefits to be derived by doing so are not obtained unless sheep are well shepherded and not allowed to graze as they naturally will upon the best pasture only. I am firmly convinced that on large portions of land on a number of stations in the Colony sheep are being carried a good deal in excess of the number that the land will at present carry satisfactorily.

It is in a good many cases for this reason that farmers have had to deplete their flocks very considerably of late years, and unless the position is realized and flocks cut down where required to the actual carrying capacity of the land, farmers will be obliged by force of circumstances to do so if they wish to keep their sheep in good condition and breed lambs of stronger constitution. In 1898 the number of sheep carried in the Colony was 807,000 and the number carried this year is 605,675. This means a decrease in 28 years of 201,325 sheep. It is understood that the sheep carried in the Colony in the past years were a good deal stronger than those carried at the present time.

The majority of farmers complain of the low lambing percentages and maintain that they find great difficulty in keeping up the numbers of their flocks. I have taken particular notice of newly born lambs and I have found large numbers of them in the Colony exceptionally weak in constitution. These weakly lambs I am sure would not be able to withstand a great deal of cold wet weather and as at about lambing time the weather is often very unsettled many of these weakly lambs must perish. I have also noticed that a good many lambs of weak constitution do not live even in fine weather for any length of time after they are born. Here again in the opinion of old residents the lambs bred in the past years were on the whole of decidedly stronger constitution than those bred at the present time. The reason for the loss of constitution has already been comprehensively dealt with by Mr. H. Munro in his report on the sheep farming industry of the Falkland Islands. Copies of this report have, I understand, been issued to all station owners and managers.

Although there is at the present time only a small percentage of the sheep in the Falklands suitable for freezing purposes, I am of the opinion that if a moderate sized freezing plant were established in a central position in the Colony it would help considerably towards improving the stock industry generally. This plant could treat cull sheep, fat sheep and cattle. In all progressive sheep breeding countries freezing works have contributed largely towards the progress of sheep farming in those countries. Where works are available farmers are able to obtain full value for their sheep and they can if they wish sell to the works unprofitable cull sheep after they have been shorn, instead of having to graze these sheep for another season to obtain only a portion of the full value of the sheep. When old ewes and wethers are shifted off the station in this way there remains on that station more

food for younger and more profitable sheep and it also gives a farmer an opportunity to increase his ewe flock. I am of the opinion that the question of establishing freezing works in the Colony is one which has not been given sufficient consideration by farmers.

Imported Sheep.

The importation of 372 sheep from the United Kingdom and New Zealand will it is hoped have a beneficial effect upon some of the flocks here. The quality of the imported sheep is with the exception of a few fairly good. It would be to the benefit of all sheep breeders in the Colony if a separate flock of pure stud sheep could be maintained. On all stations a separate flock is kept to breed rams for use with the general flock but unfortunately the ewes used in this separate flock are in most cases related and in some cases closely related to the general flock. This means of course a good deal of inbreeding which can only be carried on with grave risk to the constitution of the general flock. The importation of pure bred sheep will where ewes and rams have been imported for the same station give the owner of that station an opportunity to establish a stud flock unrelated to the general flock. It is hoped that within a few years more pure bred stud flocks will be established in the Colony and the present custom of inbreeding as practised on a number of the stations done away with.

Tussock.

Farmers who have realized the immense value of tussock have carried out a certain amount of planting of this grass on old tussock ground where the tussock had been destroyed in past years. There are, however, still thousands of acres of old tussock ground still available for planting. It is generally understood by farmers that sheep do a good deal of damage to tussock plantations, but I can find no record of any investigations having been carried out to discover why sheep cause the destruction of this grass. I might add that the opinions of the farmers here vary a good deal upon this point.

Cattle.

There were 8,421 cattle carried this year as against 8,778 carried last year. Bulls of different breeds have been imported within the last few years and these bulls have considerably improved the progeny of the herds of their importers. All stations would carry a great many more head of cattle than they do at present without doing damage to the sheep pastures. In fact on rough camp cattle would improve the sheep feed to a great extent although the opinion of many of the farmers is to the contrary. In the absence of cattle a certain amount of burning is necessary but the burning of camp indiscriminately as is practised on one or two of the stations is only another step towards lowering the sheep carrying capacity of the land in future years.

Horses.

The number of horses carried is a little less than last year.

On one or two stations a few acres of ground were cultivated and planted with oats and the resulting crops helped greatly towards keeping working horses on the stations in fair condition through the winter. More ground on each station however could be utilized successfully for the production of oats for winter feed for horses.

Imports.

SHEEP.	CATTLE.	HORSES.	SEX.	IMPORTED FROM.
20	—	—	Male	United Kingdom.
352	—	—	Mixed	New Zealand.
—	3	—	Male	United Kingdom.
—	6	—	Male	" "
—	—	100	Mixed	Punta Arenas.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

R. W. CARTER,

Chief Inspector of Stock.

Comparative Table shewing Summary of Stock Returns for Years 1921-1922 to 1925-1926.
SHEEP.

Year.	Rams.	Wethers.	Breeding Ewes.	Other Ewes.	Hoggets.	% of Hoggets to Breeding Ewes at beginning of season	Total number of Sheep.
1922-1923	8,298	189,686	255,264	59,377	134,461	53.67	647,086
1923-1924	9,039	198,646	258,137	54,116	114,920	45.02	634,858
1924-1925	8,789	177,730	253,825	47,500	143,516	55.59	631,360
1925-1926	8,467	189,902	231,837	58,112	117,357	46.24	605,675

SHEEP DISPOSED OF.

Year.	Sold locally for breeding.	Exported.	Slaughtered			Totals.
			For mutton.	For Tallow.	For Skins,	
1921-1922	9,540	—	14,184	31,954	—	55,678
1922-1923	4,746	36,585	18,282	9,301	9,590	78,504
1923-1924	5,747	—	13,421	15,181	6,601	40,950
1924-1925	6,497	14,940	20,135	31,158	8,139	80,869
1925-1926	6,005	6,673	14,025	28,396	8,280	62,379

OTHER STOCK.

Year.	Horses.	Stallions.	Brood Mares	Foals.	Cattle.	Swine.
1922-1923	2,517	25	365	246	8,279	46
1923-1924	2,847	30	334	178	8,108	49
1924-1925	3,188	32	346	189	8,778	69
1925-1926	3,067	25	349	220	8,421	60

M.P. 514/26.

Approximate death rate for season 1925-1926. ... 14%

ANNUAL STOCK RETURN FOR 1925-1926.

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Prepared from information furnished in accordance with Section 13 of the Live Stock Ordinance, 1901.

OWNER.	NAME OF STATION.	RAMS.	WETHERS.	BREEDING EWES.	OTHER EWES.	HOGGETS.	TOTAL.	EAR MARK.
EAST FALKLAND.								
Falkland Islands Co., Ltd.	Fitzroy & Port Louis.	302	6,952	9,240	4,176	5,245	25,915	Double Swallow.
Estate, J. J. Felton.	Darwin Harbour, &c.	2,186	63,082	53,409	18,535	37,667	174,879	Double Swallow.
G. Greenshields Bros.	Evelyn.	347	6,944	10,380	2,776	5,122	25,569	Back Square.
Pitaluga Bros.	Douglas.	343	6,881	10,883	2,795	4,805	25,707	Fork.
G. Bonner & Co.	Gibraltar.	200	4,698	6,063	2,915	3,488	17,364	Fore P.
Estate, W. K. Cameron.	San Carlos South.	448	5,104	11,772	—	4,713	22,037	Front Notch.
Estate Mrs. T. Robson	San Carlos North.	332	7,763	9,719	2,207	5,216	25,237	Slit.
A. Morrison.	Fitzroy North.	30	420	1,271	—	361	2,082	Front Thistle.
B. Browning.	Bluff Cove.	64	819	1,624	—	440	2,947	Two Slits.
C. Bender.	Mullet Creek.	18	210	570	—	203	1,001	Back Bayonet.
	Moody Valley.	28	358	830	224	357	1,797	Fore & Back- Bit, & Slit.
Estate Mrs. T. Robson	Port Louis North.	170	4,272	5,031	1,061	2,239	12,773	Front Halfpenny.
Smith, & Sons	Berkeley Sound.	210	5,864	5,884	986	2,351	15,295	Triangle.
Mrs. H. J. Pitaluga.	Rincon Grande.	45	2,900	2,700	900	1,600	8,145	Slit & Back Bit.
		4,723	116,267	129,376	36,575	73,807	360,748	
WEST FALKLAND.								
Holmested, Blake & Co. Ltd.	Adelaide.	425	6,895	11,724	3,115	5,612	27,771	Front Bayonet.
J. L. Waldron, Ltd.	Port Howard.	391	7,267	16,591	1,163	7,920	33,332	Fork.
Packe Bros. & Co. Ltd.	Dunnose Head, &c.	419	4,481	11,417	2,081	2,510	20,908	Fore Slit.
Bertrand & Felton.	Westbourne.	158	3,769	4,640	2,268	2,810	13,645	Square Back Bit.
Stickney Bros.	Spring Point.	120	3,789	4,000	785	1,407	10,101	Back Halfpenny.
Luxton & Anson.	Chartres.	274	8,439	10,099	2,973	4,835	26,620	Double Swallow.
Dean & Co.	Port Stephens.	426	8,947	13,270	2,804	5,428	30,875	Fork.
Baillon & Stickney.	Fox Bay West.	360	5,025	7,466	—	2,462	15,313	Two Slits.
		2,573	48,612	79,207	15,189	32,984	178,565	
ISLANDS.								
A. F. Cobb.	Bleaker.	60	1,469	1,232	129	191	3,081	Punch Hole.
H. & G. Cobb.	Lively.	200	2,641	2,845	639	1,371	7,696	Fork.
Falkland Islands Co., Ltd.	Speedwell.	300	2,018	2,656	1,099	1,183	7,256	Double Swallow.
J. Hamilton.	Beaver.	27	720	589	300	119	1,755	Fork.
J. Hamilton.	Weddell.	62	1,775	3,143	—	1,263	6,243	Back Bit.
Mrs. Scott.	New.	14	654	625	270	300	1,863	Fork.
C. C. Wessel.	Passage.	45	226	400	—	152	823	Slit.
J. Hansen	Carcass & Jason.	30	1,603	1,948	—	519	4,100	Fore Bayonet.
A. E. Felton.	West Point.	14	774	578	242	376	1,984	Fore Slit.
Estate, W. D. Benney.	Saunders.	130	3,729	2,285	800	554	7,498	Hole.
G. T. Dean & Bros.	Pebble & Keppel.	277	8,718	6,384	2,529	4,114	22,022	Back Bayonet.
Mrs. E. E. Matthews.	West Swan.	3	—	177	—	105	285	Fork.
Mrs. H. Ricketts.	Sea Lion.	9	696	392	340	319	1,756	Slit
		1,171	25,023	23,254	6,348	10,566	66,362	
EAST FALKLAND		4,723	116,267	129,376	36,575	73,807	360,748	
WEST FALKLAND		2,573	48,612	79,207	15,189	32,984	178,565	
ISLANDS		1,171	25,023	23,254	6,348	10,566	66,362	
TOTALS		8,467	189,902	231,837	58,112	117,357	605,675	

R. W. CARTER,

Chief Inspector of Stock.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS.

LIVE STOCK REPORT, 1926-27.

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Stock Department,
Stanley,
29th August, 1927.

The Hon. Colonial Secretary.

Sir,

I beg to submit for the information of His Excellency the Governor, my report for the year 1926-1927.

At the beginning of the season a certain amount of bad weather accounted for a good number of lambs and weak sheep. The latter part of the season turned out to be good and the stock on the majority of stations improved and kept their condition well for the remainder of the season.

It has also been a good season for grass growth and the grass did not receive anything much in the way of a setback until towards the end of May. This will give all stock a chance to winter out well.

Sheep.

On one or two stations, farmers have realized that they have been carrying sheep in excess of the number which their land was capable of doing and they have wisely cut down the number of their sheep. There is an appreciable difference noticeable on these stations in the increased quantity of grass and improved condition of the sheep.

On the majority of stations the carrying capacity of the land has been considerably reduced by overstocking for a period extending over a number of years.

Nearly all farmers owning land in the Colony have given more consideration to the quantity of wool produced on their stations than they have done to the nursing of the land itself and it is therefore only natural that they should become very much inclined to overstock their land to increase the quantity of wool. Farmers here should give their land more consideration than has been done or it is only to be expected that the land will give them bad returns and decrease in value also.

One has only to refer to the returns from sheep farming since 1898 to realize the gradual reduction in the carrying capacity of the land. Lambing percentages have decreased to a great extent on nearly all stations. This has been brought about by consistent overstocking and in-and-in breeding, which has been, and still is, practised extensively throughout the Colony.

Farmers here are not required to pay a tax upon their land, the only tax imposed being a small one on wool exported it is quite natural for a farmer to be inclined to lose sight of the actual land valuation in his efforts to produce more wool.

The value of the reduction in the numbers of sheep was brought to my notice on a station in the West Falklands where overstocking had been carried out to a great extent. Within the last 2 years the numbers of sheep on this station were considerably reduced and I observed at the end of this period a very large increase in the quantity of grass and the much improved condition of the sheep.

I am strongly of the opinion that the reduction of the numbers of sheep and the erection of more subdivisional fences on all stations is the only possible way of improving the present condition of the land.

I have noticed on a large number of stations too many useless old sheep are still being carried. These sheep produce very little wool and do not pay for their keep as they deprive more profitable sheep of a good deal of food. Farmers who are running useless old sheep of this kind should not hesitate to cull them out from their flocks.

Imported Sheep.

There were 274 sheep imported from the United Kingdom and New Zealand during the past season and most of these sheep arrived in the Colony in time to become more or less used to the climate and food before the winter set in.

I am of the opinion that farmers would be well advised to take more care of imported pedigree sheep than it is customary to do in the Colony. Most of the importers do not provide sufficient food nor shelter for their imported sheep. Pedigree sheep are generally imported from countries where the climate and conditions for stock generally are very much better than they are here and these sheep require more attention when they arrive than locally bred sheep. I have heard it said by several of the farmers here that if sheep imported cannot hold their own, (meaning keeping in as good condition) with the sheep bred locally they will not be of much use as they are in all probability inferior to the local sheep in constitution. All imported animals are likely to lose condition unless they receive proper attention for the first year or two after their arrival. As imported pedigree sheep are really the foundation of the flocks which are bred later, it is most important that these pedigree sheep should when first imported receive every possible attention.

It is often necessary to treat imported sheep with medicines from time to time and farmers would be well advised to keep a supply always on hand.

Agriculture.

I am pleased to report that more efforts are being made by a number of farmers to extend their agricultural operations. From my observations of the work carried out and the results obtained I am firmly of the opinion that the cultivation and the growing of valuable stock food crops such as turnips, oats, hay, etc., can be satisfactorily carried out on a great many farms in the Colony.

On one station I happened to be present at the time when ground was being prepared for oats and although the methods of cultivation used were rather crude, the resulting crop was one which would have astonished many who are of the opinion that agricultural farming in the Colony is unprofitable. The crop on the station to which I refer was so satisfactory that it is intended that double the amount of agricultural work will be carried out this coming season.

Cattle.

The number of cattle carried in the Colony during the season was 101 more than last year. Taken on an average the cattle are better in condition than last year.

Horses.

Light and half draught horses were imported during the year and these horses were mostly of good type. The horses throughout the Colony have kept in very good condition and fewer cases of sickness among them have been reported. A Clydesdale stallion was imported for the Government Experimental Farm. This is an exceptionally good horse and of a type which should be most useful for the breeding of horses for team or any really heavy draught work.

Diseases.

A number of islands and a section on the East Falklands which were placed in quarantine on account of sheep scab were inspected and on being passed as being no longer infected places, they were released from quarantine.

Sheep lice were reported on the East Falklands and requisite action was taken to check the spread of these parasites. Station managers in the neighbourhood were instructed to muster and dip all sheep in the vicinity of the area where the outbreak occurred. The mustering and dipping was carried out thoroughly.

Sheep lice have made their appearance periodically in the Colony for a good number of years and it will be extremely difficult if not impossible to clean them out definitely. To minimize the risk of an outbreak it is essential that the annual mustering for dipping and the dipping itself should be carried out in a conscientious manner.

It is to be regretted that tuberculosis has been found to exist among the cattle in the Colony to exactly what extent I am not yet aware. If cattle owners throughout the Colony would make it their business to report any suspected animals a good deal could be done to keep the disease in check.

Stanley Common.

An effort is being made to improve the milk supply in Stanley. A subdivisional fence is being erected along a line from the eastern end of the town to Eliza Cove on the south coast thus dividing the common into 3 sections the centre of which is intended for milking cows only. It is to be hoped that by arranging the sections in this way more food will be available on the common for milk cows and the milk supply in Stanley will be increased. For the convenience of riders arriving and departing from Stanley and also owners of horses running on the Common it is intended that an effort will be made to provide two small holding or catching paddocks one at the east and the other at the western end of the Town. The establishment of these paddocks for horsemen will I believe supply a long felt want.

Imports.

SHEEP.	CATTLE.	HORSES.	SEX.	IMPORTED FROM.
12	—	—	Male	United Kingdom.
262	—	—	Mixed	New Zealand.
—	2	—	Male	United Kingdom.
—	—	23	Mixed	Chile.

I have the honour to be,

Sir.

Your obedient servant,

R. W. CARTER,

Chief Inspector of Stock.

Comparative Table showing Summary of Stock Returns for Years 1923-1924 to 1926-1927.
SHEEP.

Year.	Rams.	Wethers.	Breeding Ewes.	Other Ewes.	Hoggets.	% of Hoggets to Breeding Ewes at beginning of season	Total number of Sheep.
1923-1924	9,039	198,646	258,137	54,116	114,920	45.02	634,858
1924-1925	8,789	177,730	253,825	47,500	143,516	55.59	631,360
1925-1926	8,467	189,902	231,837	58,112	117,357	46.24	605,675
1926-1927	8,087	179,034	239,819	61,585	117,996	50.89	606,521

SHEEP DISPOSED OF.

Year.	Sold locally for Breeding	Exported.	Slaughtered.				Totals.
			For Mutton.	For Tallow.	For Skins.		
1922-1923	4,746	36,585	18,282	9,301	9,590	78,504	
1923-1924	5,747	—	13,421	15,181	6,601	40,950	
1924-1925	6,497	14,940	20,135	31,158	8,139	80,869	
1925-1926	6,005	6,673	14,025	28,396	8,280	63,379	
1926-1927	5,331	1,587	13,443	14,405	6,036	40,802	

OTHER STOCK.

Year.	Horses.	Stallions.	Brood Mares.	Foals.	Cattle.	Swine.
1923-1924	2,847	30	334	178	8,108	49
1924-1925	3,188	32	346	189	8,778	69
1925-1926	3,067	25	349	220	8,421	60
1926-1927	3,063	28	295	184	8,522	43

ANNUAL STOCK RETURN FOR 1926-1927.

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Prepared from information furnished in accordance with Section 13 of the Live Stock Ordinance, 1901.

OWNER.	NAME OF STATION.	RAMS.	WETHERS.	BREEDING EWES.	OTHER EWES.	LAMBS.	TOTAL.	EAR MARK.
EAST FALKLAND.								
Falkland Islands Co., Ltd.	Fitzroy & Port Louis.	321	6,538	9,920	3,618	4,710	25,107	Double Swallow.
" "	Darwin Harbour, &c.	2,169	54,275	63,089	18,034	34,830	172,397	Double Swallow.
Estate, J. J. Felton.	Evelyn.	370	7,095	11,093	2,182	5,260	26,000	Back Square.
G. Greenshields Bros.	Douglas.	314	7,604	10,149	3,355	4,992	26,414	Fork.
Pitaluga Bros.	Gibraltar.	205	4,154	6,464	3,612	3,262	17,697	Fore P.
G. Bonner & Co.	San Carlos South.	342	5,426	9,449	2,935	5,412	23,564	Front Notch.
Estate W. K. Cameron.	San Carlos North.	257	9,152	10,293	2,385	4,948	27,035	Slit.
Estate Mrs. T. Robson	Fitzroy North.	30	500	1,150	—	380	2,060	Halfpenny.
A. Morrison.	Bluff Cove.	61	738	1,473	—	680	2,952	Two Slits.
B. Browning.	Mullet Creek.	14	247	533	—	220	1,014	Back Bayonet.
C. Bender.	Moody Valley.	22	314	1,112	246	332	2,026	Fore & Back- Bit, & Slit.
Estate Mrs. T. Robson	Port Louis North.	166	3,921	4,776	1,242	2,255	12,360	Halfpenny.
Smith, & Sons	Berkeley Sound.	208	5,882	6,542	—	2,486	15,118	Triangle.
Mrs. H. J. Pitaluga.	Rincon Grande.	60	2,632	3,204	1,000	1,271	8,167	Slit & Back Bit.
		4,539	108,478	139,247	38,609	71,038	361,911	
WEST FALKLAND.								
Holmested, Blake & Co. Ltd.	Adelaide.	274	7,810	11,812	4,167	4,990	29,053	Front Bayonet.
J. L. Waldron, Ltd.	Port Howard.	323	7,690	13,900	3,934	7,773	33,620	Fork.
Bertrand & Felton.	Westbourne.	151	3,797	4,807	1,692	2,505	12,952	Square Back Bit.
Packe Bros. & Co. Ltd.	Dunnose Head, &c.	419	4,481	11,417	2,081	2,510	20,908	Fore Slit.
Stickney Bros.	Spring Point.	140	3,340	4,000	600	1,920	10,000	Back Halfpenny.
Luxton & Anson.	Chartres.	271	8,442	10,355	3,494	4,653	27,215	Double Swallow.
Dean & Co.	Port Stephens.	473	8,472	12,550	2,831	5,535	29,861	Fork.
Baillon & Stickney.	Fox Bay West.	331	5,327	7,177	—	2,912	15,747	Two Slits.
		2,382	49,359	76,018	18,799	32,798	179,356	
ISLANDS.								
A. F. Cobb.	Bleaker.	46	1,277	1,151	146	780	3,400	Fork.
H. & G. Cobb.	Lively.	120	2,800	2,742	789	1,081	7,541	Fork.
Falkland Islands Co., Ltd.	Speedwell.	339	1,442	2,996	1,058	1,691	7,526	Double Swallow.
J. Hamilton.	Beaver.	—	—	—	—	171	171	Fork.
J. Hamilton.	Weddell.	3	1,000	2,396	—	1,491	4,890	Back Bit.
Mrs. Scott.	New.	15	661	654	190	433	1,953	Fork.
C. C. Wessel.	Passage.	65	253	664	—	213	1,195	Slit.
J. Hansen	Carcass & Jason.	30	1,603	1,948	—	519	4,100	Fore Bayonet.
A. E. Felton.	West Point.	20	654	500	264	424	1,862	Fore Slit.
Estate, W. D. Benney.	Saunders.	140	3,058	2,810	250	1,259	7,508	Punch Hole.
G. T. Dean & Bros.	Pebble & Keppel.	365	7,623	7,476	1,140	5,701	22,305	Back Bayonet.
Mrs. E. E. Matthews.	West Swan.	2	30	184	—	78	294	Fork.
Mrs. H. Ricketts.	Sea Lion.	9	696	392	340	319	1,756	Slit
		1,154	21,097	23,913	4,177	14,160	64,501	
EAST FALKLAND		4,539	108,478	139,247	38,609	71,038	361,911	
WEST FALKLAND		2,382	49,359	76,018	18,799	32,798	179,356	
ISLANDS		1,154	21,097	23,913	4,177	14,160	64,501	
EXPERIMENTAL FARM		12	100	641	—	—	753	
TOTALS		8,087	179,034	239,819	61,585	117,936	606,521	

R. W. CARTER,

Chief Inspector of Stock.

ANNUAL STOCK RETURN FOR 1927-1928.

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OWNER.	NAME OF STATION.	RAMS.	WETHERS.	BREEDING EWES.	OTHER EWES.	HOGGETS.	TOTAL.	EAR MARK.
EAST FALKLAND.								
Falkland Islands Co., Ltd.	Fitzroy & Port Louis.	357	6,458	9,836	3,160	5,617	25,428	Double Swallow.
"	Darwin Harbour, &c.	3,301	61,626	75,587	21,344	43,950	205,808	Double Swallow.
Estate, J. J. Felton.	Evelyn.	357	6,982	11,130	2,169	5,447	26,085	Back Square.
G. Greenshields Bros.	Douglas.	309	7,803	10,478	1,890	4,794	25,274	Fork.
Pitaluga Bros.	Gibraltar.	228	4,619	6,779	3,292	3,109	18,027	Fore P.
G. Bonner & Co.	San Carlos South.	348	5,808	8,132	2,541	3,185	20,014	Front Notch.
Estate W. K. Cameron.	San Carlos North.	261	7,161	10,150	2,454	6,477	26,503	Slit.
Estate Mrs. T. Robson	Fitzroy North.	30	500	1,150	—	380	2,060	Front Halfpenny.
A. Morrison.	Bluff Cove.	78	823	1,347	—	671	2,919	Two Slits.
B. Browning.	Mullet Creek.	12	232	527	—	214	985	Back Bayonet.
C. Bender.	Moody Valley.	33	300	1,300	251	340	2,224	Fork & Back Bit.
Estate Mrs. T. Robson	Port Louis North.	220	4,141	5,286	900	2,112	12,659	Halfpenny.
Smith, & Sons	Berkeley Sound.	194	5,742	6,460	—	2,556	14,952	Triangle.
Mrs. H. J. Pitaluga.	Rincon Grande.	73	2,438	3,073	900	1,850	8,334	Slit & Back Bit.
		5,801	114,633	151,235	38,901	80,702	391,272	
WEST FALKLAND.								
Holmested, Blake & Co. Ltd.	Adelaide.	334	7,960	11,527	2,890	5,376	28,087	Front Bayonet.
J. L. Waldron, Ltd.	Port Howard.	349	8,215	14,280	3,960	6,989	33,793	Fork.
Bertrand & Felton.	Westbourne.	107	3,261	4,706	1,218	3,513	12,805	Square Back Bit.
Packe Bros. & Co. Ltd.	Dunnose Head, &c.	419	4,481	11,417	2,081	2,510	20,908	Fore Slit.
Stickney Bros.	Spring Point.	200	3,200	4,000	747	1,853	10,000	Back Halfpenny.
Luxton & Anson.	Chartres.	277	8,185	9,841	3,032	5,165	26,500	Double Swallow.
Dean & Co.	Port Stephens.	376	9,304	13,167	3,209	6,200	32,256	Fork.
Baillon & Stickney.	Fox Bay West.	331	5,578	7,412	—	3,090	16,411	Two Slits.
		2,393	50,184	76,350	17,137	34,696	180,760	
ISLANDS.								
A. F. Cobb.	Bleaker.	35	1,077	1,130	356	820	3,418	Fork.
H. & G. Cobb.	Lively.	143	2,403	2,384	1,116	1,542	7,588	Fork.
Falkland Islands Co., Ltd.	Speedwell.	534	1,452	2,985	565	3,478	9,014	Double Swallow.
J. Hamilton.	Beaver.	—	—	—	—	344	344	Fork.
J. Hamilton.	Weddell.	15	975	2,267	—	106	3,363	Back Bit.
Mrs. Scott.	New.	14	776	566	212	493	2,061	Fork.
C. C. Wessel.	Passage.	—	—	—	—	Estimated 800	800	Slit.
J. Hansen	Carcass	33	1,065	1,308	388	727	3,521	Fore Bayonet.
A. E. Felton.	West Point.	16	770	525	270	482	2,063	Fore Slit.
Estate, W. D. Benney.	Saunders.	134	3,396	2,323	640	648	7,141	Punch Hole.
G. T. Dean & Bros.	Pebble & Keppel.	130	6,471	5,117	2,905	4,241	18,864	Back Bayonet.
Mrs. E. E. Matthews.	West Swan.	2	65	128	—	45	240	Fork.
Mrs. H. Ricketts.	Sea Lion.	9	696	392	340	319	1,756	Slit
		1,065	19,146	19,125	6,792	13,245	59,373	
EAST FALKLAND		5,801	114,633	151,235	38,901	80,702	391,272	
WEST FALKLAND		2,393	50,184	76,350	17,137	34,696	180,760	
ISLANDS		1,065	19,146	19,125	6,792	13,245	59,373	
TOTALS		9,259	183,963	246,710	62,830	128,643	631,405	

W. FAITHFUL,

Inspector of Stock and Agriculture.

Comparative Table shewing Summary of Stock Returns for Years 1924-1925 to 1927-1928.

SHEEP.

Year.	Rams.	Wethers.	Breeding Ewes.	Other Ewes.	Hoggets.	% of Hoggets to Breeding Ewes at beginning of season	Total number of Sheep.
1924-1925	8,789	177,730	253,825	47,500	143,516	55.59	631,360
1925-1926	8,467	189,902	231,837	58,112	117,357	46.24	605,675
1926-1927	8,087	179,034	239,819	61,585	117,996	50.89	606,521
1927-1928	9,259	183,963	246,710	62,830	128,643	53.64	631,405

SHEEP DISPOSED OF.

Year.	Sold locally for Breeding	Exported.	Slaughtered.			Totals.
			For Mutton.	For Tallow.	For Skins.	
1924-1925	6,497	14,941	20,135	31,158	8,139	80,869
1925-1926	6,005	6,673	14,025	28,396	8,280	63,379
1926-1927	5,331	1,587	13,443	14,405	6,036	40,802
1927-1928	7,892	4,363	18,454	26,139	10,638	67,486

OTHER STOCK.

Year.	Horses.	Stallions.	Brood Mares.	Foals.	Cattle.	Swine.
1924-1925	3,188	32	346	189	8,778	69
1925-1926	3,067	25	349	220	8,421	60
1926-1927	3,063	28	295	184	8,522	43
1927-1928	3,099	30	367	199	9,231	71

Live Stock Report, 1928-29.

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Stock Department,
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

The Honourable,
The Colonial Secretary.

Sir,

I have the honour to submit the following report for the year 1928-1929.

The weather was good at the beginning of lambing; some rough weather was experienced during lamb-marking and many stations were held up during shearing owing to exceptionally bad weather at that time.

The season has been good as regards growth of grass, and where it has been given a chance, the grass has seeded well. As I have stated in a previous report (1st February, 1929) I consider that there is too much burning being done. I admit that the immediate result of burning is a good growth of tender green grass, for a short time, but the eventual result is general deterioration of the pasture. Much could also be done in the matter of fencing; if the runs were sub-divided into smaller paddocks the grazing could be systematically arranged, thereby giving the pasture a better chance to recover, and incidentally the shepherding could be done more easily and efficiently.

The Live Stock Ordinance 1901, makes necessary the dipping of all sheep *once* a year. I am of opinion that this dipping is insufficient. Four stations have, during this year been placed in quarantine for lice, the necessary instructions for dipping etc. have been given, and it will be necessary that these stations be again visited and the sheep examined in the coming spring. Most of the flocks, particularly on the East Falkland, are very "ticky". Sheep in this condition cannot be expected to thrive, and as the one dip does not seem to keep the flocks even passably clean I would suggest that dipping off the shears in addition to the one already enforced should be made compulsory as I feel sure that the farmers would benefit thereby.

On some stations quite a large number of old sheep are being carried, far better I think to cull these out and make room for younger and more vigorous sheep giving a greater return for their keep. Lambs should also be culled, and more frequent importations of rams would assist greatly in improving the type of sheep being run on many places.

The stock, implements, seed etc. on the Experimental Farm were disposed of by auction on 1st June 1928. The farmers availed themselves of this opportunity to acquire Pedigree Stock and modern farm implements. Some of the seed purchased at this sale was sown under my supervision and the results have so far been satisfactory. I have also been round to the different stations and instructed them in the use of the implements. It is gratifying to see that more land is being broken up.

The mustering of the Wickham Heights on the East, seems to have been a stumbling block for many years. Owing to the very rugged nature of the country it is practically impossible to take out and erect fencing on the boundary lines shown on the chart. The farmers holding sections running into these mountains are naturally unwilling to fence them off, as a sort of "no man's land". I would therefore suggest that co-operation at mustering would help in obtaining better and cleaner musters.

Stanley Common.

The position as regards grazing of the Common has become acute. A special report and recommendations regarding this matter has previously been submitted by me.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

W. FAITHFUL.

Inspector of Stock & Agriculture.

IMPORTS.

Horses.	Rams.	Goats.	Dogs.	Sex.	Imported from.
198	—	—	—	Mixed.	Punta Arenas.
—	6	—	—	Male.	United Kingdom.
—	10	—	—	Male.	New Zealand.
—	—	—	12	Mixed.	United Kingdom.
—	—	—	10	Mixed.	Punta Arenas.
—	—	2	—	Female.	Norway.

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ANNUAL STOCK RETURN FOR 1928-1929.

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OWNER.	NAME OF STATION.	RAMS.	WETHERS.	BREEDING EWES.	OTHER EWES.	HOGGETS.	TOTAL.	EAR MARK.
EAST FALKLAND.								
Falkland Islands Co., Ltd.	Fitzroy & Port Louis.	312	7,491	10,170	4,245	6,174	28,392	Double Swallow.
"	Darwin Harbour, &c.	3,310	52,728	61,835	18,494	37,468	172,835	Double Swallow.
Estate, J. J. Felton.	Evelyn.	344	7,124	11,017	2,176	6,639	27,300	Back Square.
G. Greenshields Bros.	Douglas.	389	7,061	10,287	2,213	5,553	25,503	Fork.
Pitaluga Bros.	Gibraltar.	250	4,720	7,199	2,614	3,693	18,476	Fore P.
G. Bonner & Co.	San Carlos South.	390	6,594	8,889	2,728	5,216	23,817	Front Notch.
Estate W. K. Cameron.	San Carlos North.	255	7,197	9,263	3,252	6,552	26,519	Slit.
Estate Mrs. T. Robson	Fitzroy North.	20	547	1,055	—	400	2,022	Front Halfpenny.
A. Morrison.	Bluff Cove.	75	830	1,356	—	680	2,941	Two Slits.
B. Browning.	Mullet Creek.	14	219	545	—	216	994	Back Bayonet.
C. Bender.	Moody Valley.	30	332	1,252	182	429	2,225	Fork & Back Bit.
Estate Mrs. T. Robson	Port Louis North.	152	3,588	4,674	980	2,369	11,763	Halfpenny.
Smith, & Sons	Berkeley Sound.	210	5,400	6,560	—	3,466	15,636	Triangle.
Mrs. H. J. Pitaluga.	Rincon Grande.	85	2,710	3,267	1101	1,782	8,945	Slit & Back Bit.
		4,836	106,541	137,369	37,985	80,637	367,368	
WEST FALKLAND.								
Holmested, Blake & Co. Ltd.	Adelaide.	390	5,657	12,258	2,495	6,750	27,550	Front Bayonet.
J. L. Waldron, Ltd.	Port Howard.	367	8,197	13,650	2,993	8,761	33,968	Fork.
Bertrand & Felton.	Westbourne.	100	3,648	4,690	1,762	3,155	13,355	Square Back Bit.
Stickney Bros.	Spring Point.	200	3,189	4,000	102	2,609	10,100	Back Halfpenny.
Luxton & Anson.	Chartres.	317	7,769	9,852	3,250	5,712	26,900	Double Swallow.
Dean & Co.	Port Stephens.	442	9,590	12,375	3,176	6,775	32,358	Fork.
Baillon & Stickney.	Fox Bay West.	280	4,960	7,565	—	3,591	16,396	Two Slits.
Packe Bros. & Co. Ltd.	Dunnose Head, &c.	413	4,224	11,236	2,074	5,734	23,681	Fore Bit.
		2,509	47,234	75,626	15,852	43,087	184,308	
ISLANDS.								
A. F. Cobb.	Bleaker.	28	967	1,088	373	751	3,207	Fork.
H. & G. Cobb.	Lively.	203	2,370	2,906	624	1,340	7,443	Fork.
Falkland Islands Co., Ltd.	Speedwell.	623	2,978	2,611	85	1,543	7,840	Double Swallow.
J. Hamilton	Beaver.	14	376	474	186	224	1,274	Fork.
J. Hamilton.	Weddell.	33	770	2,395	—	636	3,834	Back Bit.
Mrs. Scott.	New.	15	731	620	200	485	2,051	Fork.
C. C. Wessel.	Passage.	—	—	—	—	Estimated 800	800	Slit.
J. Hansen	Carcass	23	544	550	250	472	1,839	Fore Bayonet.
J. Hansen	Jason	32	690	736	231	469	2,158	Back Bayonet.
A. E. Felton.	West Point.	20	617	440	225	467	1,769	Fore Bit.
Estate, W. D. Benney.	Saunders.	131	3,191	2,494	457	1,472	7,745	Punch Hole.
G. T. Dean & Bros.	Pebble & Keppel.	147	6,858	5,145	3,399	3,835	19,384	Back Bayonet.
Mrs. E. E. Matthews.	West Swan.	—	78	130	—	68	276	Fork.
Mrs. H. Ricketts.	Sea Lion.	9	696	392	340	319	1,756	Slit
		1,278	20,866	19,981	6,370	12,081	61,376	
EAST FALKLAND		4,836	106,541	137,369	37,985	80,637	367,368	
WEST FALKLAND		2,509	47,234	75,626	15,852	43,087	184,308	
ISLANDS		1,278	20,866	19,981	6,370	12,081	61,376	
TOTALS		8,623	174,641	232,976	60,207	135,805	613,052	

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Comparative Table shewing Summary of Stock Returns for Years 1925-1926 to 1928-1929.
SHEEP.

Year.	Rams.	Wethers.	Breeding Ewes.	Other Ewes.	Hoggets.	% of Hoggets to Breeding Ewes at beginning of season	Total number of Sheep.
1925-1926	8,467	189,902	231,837	58,112	117,357	46.24	605,675
1926-1927	8,087	179,034	239,819	61,585	117,996	50.89	606,521
1927-1928	9,259	183,963	246,710	62,830	128,643	53.64	631,405
1928-1929	8,623	174,641	232,976	60,207	135,805	58.29	613,052

SHEEP DISPOSED OF.

Year.	Sold locally for Breeding	Exported.	Slaughtered.			Totals.
			For Mutton.	For Tallow.	For Skins.	
1925-1926	6,005	6,673	14,025	28,396	8,280	63,379
1926-1927	5,331	1,587	13,443	14,405	6,036	40,802
1927-1928	7,892	4,363	18,454	26,139	10,638	67,486
1928-1929	2,931	834	11,434	34,279	101,35	59,613

OTHER STOCK.

Year.	Horses.	Stallions.	Brood Mares.	Foals.	Cattle.	Swine.
1925-1926	3,067	25	349	220	8,421	60
1926-1927	3,063	28	295	184	8,522	43
1927-1928	3,099	30	367	199	9,231	71
1928-1929	2,832	24	349	195	8,818	26

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

ANNUAL STOCK RETURN FOR 1929-1930.

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Prepared from information furnished in accordance with Section 13 of the Live Stock Ordinance, 1901.

OWNER.	NAME OF STATION.	RAMS.	WETHERS.	BREEDING EWES.	OTHER EWES.	HOGGETS.	TOTAL.	EAR MARK.
EAST FALKLAND.								
Falkland Islands Co., Ltd.	Fitzroy & Port Louis.	382	9,085	9,270	3,738	6,331	28,806	Double Swallow.
	Darwin Harbour, &c.	2,056	51,860	62,065	18,109	33,822	167,912	Double Swallow.
Estate, J. J. Felton. "	Evelyn.	441	6,586	11,337	1,959	5,776	26,099	Back Square.
G. Greenshields Bros.	Douglas.	340	6,695	10,528	2,347	4,991	24,901	Fork.
Pitaluga Bros.	Gibraltar.	331	4,852	6,665	3,256	3,272	18,376	Fore P.
G. Bonner & Co.	San Carlos South.	434	6,544	8,791	2,392	5,391	23,552	Front Notch.
Estate W. K. Cameron.	Port San Carlos.	344	6,868	10,891	3,225	6,312	27,640	Slit.
Estate Mrs. T. Robson	Fitzroy North.	30	542	850	140	373	1,935	Front Halfpenny
A. Morrison.	Bluff Cove.	45	805	1,200	—	475	2,525	Two Slits.
B. Browning.	Mullet Creek.	14	212	556	—	216	998	Back Bayonet.
C. Bender.	Moody Valley.	33	401	1,304	192	251	2,181	Fork & Back Bit.
Estate Mrs. T. Robson	Port Louis North.	139	2,758	4,026	1,185	2,300	10,408	Halfpenny.
Smith, & Sons	Berkeley Sound.	190	5,510	6,500	—	2,855	15,055	Triangle.
Mrs. H. J. Pitaluga.	Rincon Grande.	74	3,035	3,534	1,294	2,150	10,087	Slit & Back Bit.
		4,853	105,753	137,517	37,837	74,515	360,475	
WEST FALKLAND.								
Holmested, Blake & Co. Ltd.	Adelaide.	325	6,450	12,000	3,459	6,449	28,683	Front Bayonet.
J. L. Waldron, Ltd.	Port Howard.	388	8,320	13,640	3,798	8,261	34,407	Fork.
Bertrand & Felton.	Westbourne.	184	3,100	4,962	1,784	3,224	13,254	Square Back Bit.
Stickney Bros.	Spring Point.	200	3,452	4,000	343	2,105	10,100	Back Halfpenny.
Luxton & Anson.	Chartres.	313	7,955	9,908	3,530	5,203	26,909	Double Swallow.
Dean & Co.	Port Stephens.	448	10,202	11,132	3,431	5,038	30,251	Fork.
Baillon & Stickney.	Fox Bay West.	284	5,441	7,895	—	3,166	16,786	Two Slits.
Packe Bros. & Co. Ltd.	Dunnose Head, &c.	366	5,831	10,069	3,608	5,068	24,942	Fore Bit.
		2,508	50,751	73,606	19,953	38,514	185,332	
ISLANDS.								
A. F. Cobb.	Bleaker.	26	1,050	905	600	753	3,334	Fork.
H. & G. Cobb.	Lively.	170	2,212	2,487	970	1,506	7,345	Fork.
Falkland Islands Co., Ltd.	Speedwell.	116	2,654	3,706	513	1,943	8,932	Double Swallow.
J. Hamilton.	Weddell.	46	600	1,660	—	1,168	3,474	Fork.
Mrs. Scott.	New.	13	690	653	302	469	2,127	Fork.
J. Hansen	Carcass	—	—	—	—	Estimated 2,000	—	Fore Bayonet.
A. E. Felton.	West Point.	—	—	—	—	Estimated 1,769	—	Fore Bit.
Estate, W. D. Benney.	Saunders.	78	3,084	2,692	738	1,448	8,040	Punch Hole.
G. T. Dean & Bros.	Pebble & Keppel.	174	8,292	5,929	2,960	4,670	22,025	Back Bayonet.
Mrs. E. E. Matthews.	West Swan.	—	—	—	157	116	273	Fork.
Mrs. H. Ricketts.	Sea Lion.	—	—	—	—	Estimated 1,756	—	Slit
		623	18,582	18,032	6,240	12,073	61,075	
EAST FALKLAND		4,853	105,753	137,517	37,837	74,515	360,475	
WEST FALKLAND		2,508	50,751	73,606	19,953	38,514	185,332	
ISLANDS		623	18,582	18,032	6,240	12,073	61,075	
TOTALS		7,984	175,086	229,155	64,030	125,102	606,882	

SUMMARY OF STOCK RETURNS 1926-1930.

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SHEEP.

YEAR.	RAMS.	WETHERS.	BREEDING EWES.	OTHER EWES.	HOGGETS.	% HOGGETS TO BREEDING EWES.	TOTAL.
1926-1927.	8,087	179,034	239,819	61,585	117,996	50.89	606,521
1927-1928.	9,259	183,963	246,710	62,830	128,643	53.64	631,405
1928-1929.	8,623	174,641	232,976	60,207	135,805	58.29	613,052
1929-1930.	7,984	175,086	229,155	64,030	125,102	53.70	606,882

SHEEP DISPOSED OF.

YEAR.	SOLD LOCALLY FOR BREEDING.	EXPORTED.	SLAUGHTERED.			TOTAL.
			MUTTON.	TALLOW.	SKINS.	
1926-1927.	5,331	1,587	13,443	14,405	6,036	40,802
1927-1928.	7,891	4,363	18,454	26,139	10,638	67,486
1928-1929.	2,931	834	11,434	34,279	10,135	59,613
1929-1930.	4,052	4,179	10,278	22,225	10,416	51,150

OTHER STOCK.

YEAR.	HORSES.	CATTLE.	SWINE.
1926-1927.	3,570	8,522	43
1927-1928.	3,695	9,231	71
1928-1929.	3,400	8,818	26
1929-1930.	3,545	9,445	26

IMPORTS.

HORSES	101	South America
CATTLE	6	United Kingdom
RAMS	30	United Kingdom
DOGS	2	United Kingdom