

C.S.

Reports Whaling.

Diaries.

1920.

No. 361.

Ag. collector of customs.

SUBJECT.

1920.

19th April.

Previous Paper.

370/19.

Report by Mr. S. H. Riches on Whaling Operations South Shetlands and Graham's Land during 1919-20 season.

MINUTES.

20 June 24

(1)

H.E.

Submitted.

C.S.O.

A.J.J. 20.4.20.

I am very much obliged to Mr. Riches for his interesting report. Please arrange for him to come and see me on the subject and put up the file again before he comes.

Wm
22.4.20

Hon. Treasurer,

Will you kindly arrange for Mr. Riches to go up to Govt. House on Monday next at 11. a.m. and return this paper to C.S.O. before then.

Subsequent Paper.

A
33rd/21

A.J.J. 23.4.20.

Hon. Col. Sec.

Mr. Riches informed accordingly.
I expect H.E. will require copies of the
Report for transmission to the S. of S.
these are usually made in your Office.

M. C. H.
23. 4. 20

H.E.S.

If a copy of the report has not been sent to S. of S.
a copy should be sent to complete Mems or C.O.

There is no urgency: copy can be made when
convenient. In meantime Mr. Hamilton may wish to
refer to this + previous reports in connection with
investigations which he is making. This paper was
attached to 337/21 containing Mr. Hamilton report of 19/20/21.

24 April 1920.

Mr. Hamilton,

For your information & guidance. Will you please
return these papers as soon as convenient.

B. Thompson
A. C. S. 25/4/21.

A. C. S.

Contents noted and returned
please.

J. Hamilton
Govt. Naturalist

9-5-21.

Hon: Treasurer,

It would be a convenience to this department if
Mr. Riches can be permitted to make the necessary copies of his
report called for in the Governor's minute of 24/4/21.

B. Thompson
A. C. S. 9/5/21.

Hon. Col. Secty.

I am informed by Mr. A. J. Fleuret that copies of Mr. Riches's report dated April 19th 1920, were made to be forwarded to the S. of S. - perhaps the despatch covering transmission would show.

M. Couper Harkness
Ag. Tread.

May 9th 1921.

H.E. the Governor,

I am informed that a copy of a report was forwarded under cover of F.I.D. No. 62 of the 22nd June 1920 (G.O. 225/20).

A. C. S.

A. C. S. 18/5/21.

H.C.S.

Thank you: report for 1919-20 has been forwarded to Sqs. I agree that I was not able to see the paper when I wrote my note of 24th April.

2. All the recent reports should go to Magistrate S. Skelton with this.

OK
18 May 1921

Mr. Hamilton,

Passed to you with all the recent whaling reports.

A. C. S.

A. C. S. 1/5/21.

Hon. Col. Sec.

Returned please.

Mr. Hamilton. Stipendiary Magistrate

27/6/21

South Shetland



361/20.

MINUTE

Honble Col. Secretary,

I beg to submit herewith the Report of Customs Officer, S.H. Riches (Actg. Deputy Collector, South Shetlands) on the Whale Fishery at the South Shetlands during the Whaling Season 1919-20.

2. Mr. Riches left here for the South Shetlands by the Whaling Factory "Solstreif" on the 10th Novbr., 1919, and returned to Stanley by the same vessel on the 7th inst., I submit for the information of H.E. the Administrator the Diary kept by Mr. Riches during the period in question.

M. Francis Barker

Ag. Collector of Customs.
April 19th 1920.

Stanley,

Falkland Islands.

Sir

April 19th. 1920.

I have the honour to submit the following Report,
together with comparative statements, on the Whale Fishery
in the Dependency of the South Shetlands, Season 1919-20.

I accompanied the first expedition to go South, leaving the
Falklands early in the morning of the 11th. November 1919
on the Factory "Solstreif" :- the particulars of the voyage
will be found elsewhere in my Diary for the season.

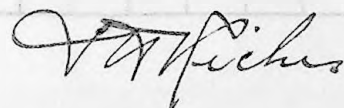
¶ In view of the severe climatic conditions prevailing at
the opening of the season, and which continued more or less
throughout, the number of whales taken and the production of
oil therefrom may be regarded as being very gratifying.
The severity of the weather has no equal since the year
1914, yet upon referring to Schedule E. - enclosed - it will
be seen that this last season exceeds that of 1918-19, this
could ^{not} have been accomplished had not whale been so much more
numerous, for twenty-three days at the opening of the season
nothing could be done, eighteen of which was spent lying
amidst ice fields, pack ice and bergs, which had a very de-
pressing effect upon all onboard, the result of this showed
itself at a later period onboard this factory when two of
the hands were placed under observation for mental trouble,
one of whom made a determined attempt on his life later,
sickness among the men unfortunately exceeds that of any
previous season, in one factory alone thirty cases being re-
ported at one time, amongst which was one case of beri-beri,
No deaths were reported, the season having been unusually
free, as also from accidents, only one case having occurred
and that to the Gunner of the Catcher "Odd 11" who, whilst
in the act,

whilst in the act of taking aim at a whale in heavy weather was washed from his gun and striking a bollard received a fractured thigh, rendering him unfit for further work during the season.

The following floating factories with attendant catchers operated in the Dependency during the season under review :-

Company	Fleet	Arrived	Depart	No. Whales	Brls. Oil
Norge	"Solstreif" (factory) "Bjerk" "Eik" "Commonwealth"	3/12/19	3/4/20	472	24800
BNor	"Bombay" (factory) "Gvas" "Neb 11" "Havorn"	5/12/19	21/3/20	368	18050
Southern	"Svend Foyn" (factory) "Graham" "Selvik" "Scott"	5/12/19	3/4/20	505	25000
Ornen	"Ornl" (factory) "Hauken" "Grib 11" "Klo 11"	4/12/19	19/3/20	506	24498
Salvesen	"Neko" (factory) "Sonja" "Scapa" "Silva"	2/12/19	13/3/20	407	14500
T.H. Dahl	"Thor 1" (factory) "Odd 11" "Edda" Ingeborg	3/1/20	10/4/20	335	17082

I have the honour to be, Sir,
Your obedient Servant



Acting Deputy Collector
South Shetlands.

The Collector of Customs
Stanley,
Falkland Islands,

Schedule A.

The following statement shows the number of whales caught, of the various species, by each Company, during the South Shetlands Whaling Season 1919-20.

Species of Whales							
Company	Right	Sperm	Blue	F.back	H.back	Other	Total
Norge	-	-	171	280	21	-	472
Nor	-	1	160	201	6	-	368
Southern	-	-	189	307	9	-	505
Ornen	-	-	153	326	27	-	506
E.H. Dahl	-	1	111	210	13	-	335
Salvesen	-	-	87	217	103	-	407
Total	-	2	871	1541	179	-	2593

Schedule B.

The following table shows the quantity of the various grades of oil produced, by each Company, at South Shetlands during the Season 1919-20.

Company	Grade of Oil				
	No. 0	No. 1	No. 2	No. 3	Total Barrels
Norge	16100	-	2400	6300	24800
Nor	-	12087	4722	1241	18050
Southern	-	17235	6142	1623	25000
Ormen	-	16614	4483	3401	24498
T.H. Dahl	-	11456	5626	-	17082
Salvesen	-	10476	238	3786	14500
Total	16100	67868	23611	16351	123930

Schedule C.

The total catch per month, of the various species, during the Season 1919-20.

Month	NO. OF WHALES						Total
	Right	Sperm	Blue	F.back	H.back	Other	
November	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
December	-	-	294	104	44	-	442
January	-	2	200	652	87	-	941
February	-	-	228	444	43	-	715
March	-	-	147	325	5	-	477
April	-	-	2	16	-	-	18
Total	-	2	871	1541	179	-	2593

Schedule D.

Number and species of whales caught per catcher during the Season 1919-20.

Name of Catcher	Right	Sperm	Blue	F.back	H.back	Other	Total
Graham	-	-	60	109	4	-	173
Scott	-	-	69	103	1	-	173
Grib I	-	-	62	102	8	-	172
Hauken II	-	-	50	115	6	-	171
Bjerk	-	-	63	94	13	-	170
Commonwealth	-	-	62	100	3	-	165
Klo II	-	-	41	109	13	-	163
Selvik	-	-	60	95	4	-	159
Sonja	-	-	33	71	35	-	139
Silva	-	-	26	84	28	-	138
Eik	-	-	46	86	5	-	137
Ingeborg	-	-	52	75	5	-	132
Scapa	-	-	28	62	40	-	130
Neb II	-	-	51	73	3	-	127
Gvas	-	-	60	61	2	-	123
Havorn	-	1	49	67	1	-	118
Edda	-	1	27	73	4	-	105
Odd II	-	-	32	62	4	-	98
Total	-	2	871	1541	179	-	2593

Schedule E.

A comparative statement showing the number of Whales caught by each Company, and the quantity of oil produced therefrom, during the South Shetlands Whaling Seasons 1918-19--1919-20

Company	No. of Whales		Quantity of Oil	
	1918-19	1919-20	1918/19	1919/20
Norge	447	472	20580	24800
Nor	280	368	13401	18050
Southern	331	505	15802	25000
Ornen	301	506	14970	24498
T.H.Dahl	404	335	19703	17082
Salvesen	-	407	-	14500
Total	1763	2593	84456	123930

Note:- Catch of "Weko" for 1918-19 Season not included.

Schedule F.

A comparative statement showing the number of each species of Whales caught by the various Companies operating at the South Shetlands during the Seasons 1918-19--1919-20.

Company	Right		Sperm		Blue		Finback		Humpback		Other		Total	
	1918-19	1919-20	1918-19	1919-20	1918-19	1919-20	1918-19	1919-20	1918-19	1919-20	1918-19	1919-20	1918-19	1919-20
Norge	1	-	-	-	172	171	273	280	1	21	-	-	447	472
Nor	-	-	-	1	111	160	160	201	9	6	-	-	280	368
Southern	-	-	-	-	99	189	228	307	1	9	3	-	331	505
Ornen	-	-	-	-	97	153	199	326	5	27	-	-	301	506
T.H.Dahl	-	-	-	1	156	111	239	210	9	13	-	-	404	335
Salvesen	-	-	-	-	-	87	-	217	-	103	-	-	-	407
Total	1	-	-	2	635	871	1099	1541	25	179	3	-	1763	2593

Note:- Catch of "Neko" for Season 1918-19 not included.

Schedule G.

A comparative statement showing the number of each species of Whales, caught per Month, at South Shetlands during the Seasons 1918-19--1919-20.

Month	Right		Sperm		Blue		Finback		Humpback		Other		Total	
	1918-19	1919-20	1918-19	1919-20	1918-19	1919-20	1918-19	1919-20	1918-19	1919-20	1918-19	1919-20	1918-19	1919-20
November	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
December	-	-	-	-	218	294	16	104	2	44	1	-	237	442
January	1	-	-	2	241	200	253	652	19	87	-	-	514	941
February	-	-	-	-	104	228	564	444	3	43	-	-	671	715
March	-	-	-	-	66	147	225	325	1	5	2	-	294	477
April	-	-	-	-	6	2	41	16	-	-	-	-	47	18
Total	1	-	-	2	635	871	1099	1541	25	179	3	-	1763	2593

Note:- Catch of "Neko" for Season 1918-19 not included.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

WHALING SEASON, 1920.....

SOUTH SHETLANDS AND
GRAHAM'S LAND.

COMPANY Bryde & Dahl, Sandefjord FACTORY "Thor 1".

WHALES.	RIGHT.	SPERM.	BLUE.	FIN.	H'BACK.	OTHER.	TOTAL.
December							
January		(1)	37	83	(11)		132 / 2 /
February			36	70	(2)		108 / 0 / 6
March			37	44	--		81
April			1	13	--		14
TOTAL		1	111	210	13		335

OIL PRODUCTION (Shewn in number of barrels).

QUALITIES.	No. 1.	No. 2.	No. 3.	No. 4.	TOTAL.
December					
January	3810	1594			5404
February	3247 3875	1501-25 1814			5061 5689
March	3022	1039			4061
April	740	579			1319
TOTAL	11450	3620			15070

WHALES CAUGHT PER CATCHER.

NAME OF CATCHER.	RIGHT.	SPERM.	BLUE.	FIN.	H'BACK.	OTHER.	TOTAL.
"Ingeborg"			52	75	5		132
"Tegge"		1	27	73	4		105
"Odd 2"			32	62	4		98
TOTAL		1	111	210	13		335

Anders Hanssen Værnø
Manager.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

WHALING SEASON, 1919-1920

SOUTH SHETLANDS AND GRAHAM'S LAND.

COMPANY

H. H. Skapet, Inc.

FACTORY

"Bombay"

WHALES.	RIGHT.	SPERM.	BLUE.	FIN.	H'BACK.	OTHER.	TOTAL.
December			60	17			77
January		(7)	35	94	(5)		135-130
February			42	57	(7)		10093
March			33	33			56
April							
TOTAL		1	160	201	6		368.

OIL PRODUCTION (Shewn in number of barrels).

QUALITIES.	No. 1.	No. 2.	No. 3.	No. 4.	TOTAL.
December	3344	786	593	1399	4701
January	³⁸⁶³ 3759	1493	407	¹⁶⁵³ 1960	5659
February	^{2016.6} 3030	1352	146	^{1491.4} 1898	4528
March	1976	1091	95		3162
April					
TOTAL	12087	4722	1241		18050

WHALES CAUGHT PER CATCHER.

NAME OF CATCHER.	RIGHT.	SPERM.	BLUE.	FIN.	H'BACK.	OTHER.	TOTAL.
<i>"Heb"</i>			57	73	3		127
<i>"Gnas"</i>			60	61	2		123
<i>"Hararu"</i>		1	49	67	1		118
TOTAL		1	160	201	6		368

John Johannesen
Manager.

It is important that this form should be properly filled in and returned to the Whaling Officer at South Shetlands at the end of the season.

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WHALING SEASON, 1919-20

SOUTH SHETLANDS AND GRAHAM'S LAND.

COMPANY *Salvason*

FACTORY *"Neko"*

WHALES.	RIGHT.	SPERM.	BLUE.	FIN.	H'BACK.	OTHER.	TOTAL.
December			40	14	(24)		78 54
January			15	102	(55)		172 117
February			25	47	(24)		96 72
March			7	54	-		61
April							
TOTAL			87	217	103		407

OIL PRODUCTION (Shewn in number of barrels).

QUALITIES.	No. 1.	No. 2.	No. 3.	No. 4.	TOTAL.
December	2470	-	694	-	3164
January	3520	136	1156	-	4812
February	2504	102	1136	-	3742
March	1982	-	800	-	2782
April	5				
TOTAL	10476	238	3786	-	14,500

WHALES CAUGHT PER CATCHER.

NAME OF CATCHER.	RIGHT.	SPERM.	BLUE.	FIN.	H'BACK.	OTHER.	TOTAL.
<i>Sonja</i>			33	71	35	-	139
<i>Silva</i>			26	84	28	-	138
<i>Scapa</i>			28	62	40	-	130
TOTAL			87	217	103		407

(Signed) *Thos. Sinclair.*
 Manager.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

WHALING SEASON, 1919-1920

SOUTH SHETLANDS AND GRAHAM'S LAND.

COMPANY "Sydhovet" FACTORY S/Svend Feyl

WHALES:	RIGHT.	SPERM.	BLUE.	FIN.	H'BACK.	OTHER.	TOTAL.
December	"	"	67	39	4	"	110 106
January	"	"	48	118	3	"	169 168
February	"	"	41	93	2	"	136 134
March	"	"	32	54	"	"	86
April	"	"	1	3	"	"	4
TOTAL			189	307	9	"	505

OIL PRODUCTION (Shewn in number of barrels).

QUALITIES.	No. 1.	No. 2.	No. 3.	No. 4.	TOTAL.
December	4510	1088	600	"	6198
January	5495	1432	1000	"	7927
February	4150	2000	23	"	6173
March	3080	1622	"	"	4702
April					
TOTAL	17235	6142	1623		25000

WHALES CAUGHT PER CATCHER.

NAME OF CATCHER.	RIGHT.	SPERM.	BLUE.	FIN.	H'BACK.	OTHER.	TOTAL.
"Graham"	"	"	60	109	4	"	173
"Scott"	"	"	69	103	1	"	173
"Selvik"	"	"	60	95	4	"	159
TOTAL			189	307	9		505

P. Andersen

Manager.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

WHALING SEASON, 1919-1920

SOUTH SHETLANDS AND GRAHAM'S LAND.

COMPANY *% Ginner Sandford* FACTORY *s/s Ginn II*

WHALES.	RIGHT.	SPERM.	BLUE.	FIN.	H'BACK.	OTHER.	TOTAL.
December			57	18	8		83 75
January			36	130	8		174 166
February			39	111	7		157 150
March			21	67	4		92 88
April							
TOTAL			153	326	27		506

OIL PRODUCTION (Shewn in number of barrels).

QUALITIES.	No. 1.	No. 2.	No. 3.	No. 4.	TOTAL.
December	3980	1364	509		5853
January	5160	1193	1093		7446
February	4405	1094	1369		6868
March	3069	832	430		4331
April					
TOTAL	16614	4483	3401		24498

WHALES CAUGHT PER CATCHER.

NAME OF CATCHER.	RIGHT.	SPERM.	BLUE.	FIN.	H'BACK.	OTHER.	TOTAL.
<i>Hankin II</i>			50	115	6		171
<i>Grib II</i>			62	102	8		172
<i>Klo II</i>			41	109	13		163
TOTAL			153	326	27		506

Geo. Larsen

Manager.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

WHALING SEASON, 1919-20.

SOUTH SHETLANDS AND
GRAHAM'S LAND.

COMPANY *W. Norge* FACTORY *W. Solbreif*

WHALES.	RIGHT.	SPERM.	BLUE.	FIN.	H'BACK.	OTHER.	TOTAL.
December			20	16	8		94 86
January			29	125	5		159 154
February			45	66	7		118 111
March			27	73	1		101 100
April							
TOTAL			171	280	21		472

OIL PRODUCTION (Shewn in number of barrels).

QUALITIES.	No. 1.	No. 2.	No. 3.	No. 4.	TOTAL.
December	4451	200	1700		6851
January	4389	500	1600		6489
February	3690	700	1500		5890
March	3570	500	1500		5570
April					
TOTAL	16100	2400	6300		24800

WHALES CAUGHT PER CATCHER.

NAME OF CATCHER.	RIGHT.	SPERM.	BLUE.	FIN.	H'BACK.	OTHER.	TOTAL.
"Byrne"			63	94	13		170
"Commonwealth"			62	100	3		165
"Eik"			46	86	5		137
TOTAL			171	280	21		472

A. Johnson
Manager-master

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

WHALING SEASON, 1919-1920

SOUTH SHETLANDS AND
GRAHAM'S LAND.

COMPANY Chr. Salvesen & Co., Leith

FACTORY S/S Neko

WHALES.	RIGHT.	SPERM.	BLUE.	FIN.	H'BACK.	OTHER.	TOTAL.
December			40	14	24		78
January			15	102	53		170
February			25	47	22		94
March			7	54	4		65
April							
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Scapa	-	-	28	62	40	-	130
TOTAL	-	-	87	217	103	-	407

J. P. Senclau
Manager.

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