

Whaling
Salvesen & Co
No. 590

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SUBJECT.

1917

20th April

Arrangements proposed by Messrs Salvesen & Co. for whaling operations during 1917-18 season.

Previous Paper.

10/6/16

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MINUTES.

Extract from Messrs Salvesen's letter of 20.4.17.
Original in M.P. 208a/17.

H. S. / It certainly seems to me that Messrs. Salvesen are trying to create for themselves with regard to the whaling &c. industries a position, in this Colony, similar to that which Mr. Lafone and his successors the F. I. C. managed to create with regard to the ^{first} cattle ~~first~~ and then ^{to the} sheep industries on land, and that if care be not taken we shall find Messrs. Salvesen shortly in a very strong position. The S/S has, I know, stated that this point of view had been noted at the C.O., but at the same time the war and the British nationality of the firm seem to me to be carrying things very far. I am strongly of opinion that other

Subsequent Paper.

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British

British firms should be given licenses and
that the activities of Mess. Salvesen should
not be unduly encouraged.

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15.6.17.

Past correspondence re: the F. I. C. shows
the danger of an imperium in imperio;
we don't want another. C.S.G.

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18.6.17

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EXTRACT FROM A LETTER BY MESSRS CHR. SALVESEN & CO.

TO THE COLONIAL SECRETARY, DATED 20.4.17.

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4. With regard to the season 1917-1918, we have been instructed by the Colonial Office to use every endeavour to increase the production of whale oil, and the facilities as regards whale catchers which were offered us for the present season, have been renewed for the coming season, in addition to which we are informed that additional licences will be granted the South Georgia Company Limited and us provided that we consider that additional whale catchers can be usefully employed. We are endeavouring to meet the wishes of the Secretary of State to the utmost of our power, and are hopeful that we shall have more whale catchers employed next season than in the present one, as the plant by then will be very considerably increased.

5. As regards the South Shetlands, we have proposed to the Colonial Office that it would be in the interests of the country that we employ the floating factory steamer "Neko" in the South Shetlands and Graham Land whaling grounds next season, with the largest number of whale catchers which we consider will be adequately employed, and have reason to believe that the Colonial Office will wish to accept our proposal. We can only hope that our endeavours may be crowned with success, but if present conditions continue in regard to the submarine menace, we may suffer further loss of vessels. Our S.S. "Coronda", which you know well, was sunk outward bound for South Georgia by an enemy submarine on the 18th March in addition to which we have lost other six steamers since the commencement of the war. These, however, have been replaced by larger and better vessels, and as soon as conditions resume the normal after peace has been restored, we

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we are hopeful of working 2 additional licences for the South Shetlands, for which application has ~~been~~ duly been made, one of which being to replace the Chilean Company of Punta Arenas rendered vacant by the withdrawal of that Company from the whaling industry, and the other the combined companies of the Odd and Normanna, which have lost their floating factory steamers. If opportunity occurs to further increase our whaling interests, of those of the South Georgia Company Limited, we are willing and ready to do so, and we know that we can count upon Government support, as they are wishful to promote British interests to the utmost extent.

We have, etc.

(sd) Chr. Salvesen & Co.