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FALKLAND ISLANDS.

Government House, Stanley.

No. 22.

4th February, 1916.

Sir,

With reference to the correspondence noted in the margin, I have the honour to transmit herewith for your information a copy of the Report of Mr. E. R. Minnie, Stipendiary Magistrate, South Georgia, on the whaling operations of that Dependency during the period 1st April to 30th September, 1915.

2. The photographs attached to the report tend to illustrate the severity of winter in the Dependency.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

Douglas Young
Governor.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

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2. The winter hailing Edward Cove, South Georgia winter
part ceased like one on October 25th, 1915. of snow with
Sir, intermittent gales of wind, a considerable amount of damage
I have the honour to forward herewith my report on the
the whaling industry at South Georgia for the period from
the 1st April to 30th September 1915, known as the "Winter
Season".

3. Compared with the same period last year, there
is an increase of 418 whales, and 6155 barrels of Oil, and
a decrease of 2000 bags of Guano, or a total increase in
the value of production 222067; the increase in whales is
as follows 18 Right, 23 Blue, 105 Fin, 184 Humpbacks, no Sei or
Sperm whales were seen during this period.

3. The production of Oil and Guano is not so good
as that of last year, 1914 season, the decrease in Guano may
be accounted for, by the TONSBERG and OCEAN whaling coys,
closing down their stations in May and leaving a consider-
able quantity of the raw material to be worked up at a fut-
ure date. When we consider that the Sandefjord, Ocean, Thorl
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The Colonial Secretary
in May and the Tonsberg coy, practically closed, the season
Palikien Islands.
has been a record, the catch exceeding that of 1911 by 39
whales and 22277 barrels of Oil. The South Georgia
Co, and the Compania Argentina de Pesca continued operations
throughout the winter, though the stormy weather in July and
August often prevented whaling for several days consecutively

4. A considerable increase will be seen in the number
of Humpbacks taken, up to the end of June, and in fact the
whole year through - according to reports from the hunters -
these whales were numerous, but in the summer months, owing
to the keenness in competition after Blue whales, the Hump

Hump back had a somewhat peaceful time.

5. The winter has been very severe, for the greater part seemed like one long continuous fall of snow with intermittent gales of wind, a considerable amount of damage was done to buildings and the large amount of snow impeded the work on the platforms. I attach a few photographs which give one a good idea of a South Georgia winter.

No 1. Dwelling houses Leith Harbour.

No. 2. Whaling Station Leith harbour.

No. 3. General View Leith Harbour.

No. 4. Government Quarters, King Ed. Cove.

I have the honour to be

Sir,

Your obedient servant

Signed Edw. B. Binnie

Stipendiary Magistrate

Honourable

The Colonial Secretary

Falkland Islands.

W I N T E R S E A S O N.

WHALING SOUTH GEORGIA.

Schedule A.

The following statement shows the total number and class of whales taken by the various licensed companies operating in South Georgia, during the period from 1st. April to 30th. Sept. 1913

<u>Name of Co.</u>	<u>Right.</u>	<u>Blue.</u>	<u>Fin.</u>	<u>Musback.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
Sth. Georgia.	1	152	85	46	384
Tonsberg Coy	3	83	88	41	317
Ocean Coy,	1	15	78	8	102
Sandefjord Co,	1	43	31	0	75
Arg. de Peace.	3	84	134	68	359
<u>Floating Factories</u>					
"RESTITUTION"		18	8	1	27
"THOR I"		4	36	1	41
totals	16.	377.	464.	192.	1049.

Whales captured each month.

<u>April</u>	<u>Right.</u>	<u>Blue.</u>	<u>Fin.</u>	<u>Musback.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
	1	142	170	8	319
May.	13	104	143	133	393
June	1	42	100	67	310
July.		8	39		47
August.		14	7		21
September		69	3		72
totals.	16	377	464	192	1049

Stipendiary Magistrate

W I N T E R S E A S O N,

WHALING SOUTH GEORGIA,

Schedule B.

The following shows the quantity and value of Oil and Guano etc, obtained from the seasons catch, by the individual companies operating.

Name of Co.	Oil. Brls.	value. \$.	None. tons.	value. \$.	Guano. bags.	Value. \$.	Total, \$.
Sth, Georgia.	15000.	48000.	1	150.	12400.	6990.	51370
Tonsberg coy	11461	50100	14	325	6723.	4706.	55331.
Ocean Coy.	5000	12500	1	125	3000.	1200.	13225.
Sandefjord.	5880	17380	1	125			17705.
Arg. de Pesca	13368	39000	18	320			39280.
<u>Floating Factories.</u>							
"RESTITUTION"	2362	5920			500	120.	6100.
" THOR I "	3464	7362					7362
" EMS "	632	1070			570	225	1255.
totals,	52133.	170162.	20.	1145.	33322.	12921.	183208

"EMS" Floating Factory employed by the Compania Argentina de Pesca to work up Carcasses, the above production 632 barrels of Oil and 570 bags Guano is taken from about 60 carcasses.

Comparative statement for the two whole seasons 1914 & 1915.

period.	Oil. barrels	Guano. bags	Value. \$.
1st. October 1914			
1st, October 1915.	270507.	25323.	770717.
1st. Oct. 1915 to			
1st. Oct, 1914.	176427	23267	511833.
Increase.	94080	1296	258884

Signed Edw. B. Binnie
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WHALING SOUTH GEORGIA

Enc. C.

The following shows the number and variety of whales captured with the production of Oil etc, during the past 3 winter season as compared with the season under review.

<u>Year.</u>	<u>Right.</u>	<u>Sperm.</u>	<u>Blue.</u>	<u>Fin.</u>	<u>Mumpck.</u>	<u>Sei.</u>	<u>Total</u>
1913.	4	2	105	433	100	0	644
1914.	3	0	220	200	38	4	465
1915.	10	.	577	434	100	.	1041

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PRODUCTION

<u>Year.</u>	<u>OIL.</u>	<u>Whalebone.</u>	<u>Guano.</u>
1913	51140	107	25332
1914	50050	234	25000
1915.	56133	50	25332

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AVERAGE PER WHALE.

<u>YEAR.</u>	<u>OIL</u>	<u>GUANO.</u>
1913	73.3	36.5
1914	70.2	40.0
1915	56.5	22.0

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Signed Edw. B. Binnie

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W H A L I N G

1915

South Georgia.

W i n t e r S e a s o n
From 1st, April to 30th, Sept, 1915.

The following shows the number and class of whales captured by the ~~South Georgia Coy.~~ with the quantity of oil and Guano etc, obtained therefrom, during the above period.

No and class of whales

	<u>Blue.</u>	<u>Fin.</u>	<u>Right.</u>	<u>H'Back.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
April	46	8	0	0	54
May	45	34	1	23	101
June	17	31		21	69
July	3	19			22
August	6	2			8
September	37	1			38
<u>totals</u>	<u>152</u>	<u>95</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>44</u>	<u>292</u>

PRODUCTION.

<u>Oil</u>	<u>value.</u>	<u>Guano.</u>	<u>value.</u>	<u>Bone, value.</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>brls.</u>	<u>£.</u>	<u>bags.</u>	<u>£.</u>	<u>tons</u>	<u>£.</u>
15000	45000	12439	6220	1	51370

Whale catchers employed. Tons. Registry. Ind. Horsepower

Saima	70	Leith	560
Sedna	70	"	"
Sitka	"	"	"
Symra	"	"	"

I solemnly declare that the foregoing particulars are to the best of my knowledge accurate.

sgd. L.H.Hansen
Manager.

1915

W H A L I N G

South Georgia.

Winter Season
From 1st, April to 30th, Sept, 1915.

The following shows the number and class of whales captured by the Tonsbergs Hvalfangst with the quantity of oil and Guano etc, obtained therefrom, during the above period.

No and class of whales

	<u>Blue.</u>	<u>Fin.</u>	<u>Right.</u>	<u>H'Back.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
April	18	26			44
May	31	23	4	20	83
June	16	34	1	21	72
July					
August	1				1
September	17				17
totals	83	83	5	41	217

PRODUCTION.

	<u>Oil value.</u>	<u>Guano.</u>	<u>value.</u>	<u>Bone, value.</u>	<u>Total</u>	
<u>brls.</u>	<u>£.</u>	<u>bags.</u>	<u>£.</u>	<u>tons</u>	<u>£.</u>	
11461	50100	6723	4706	14	525	55331

Whale catchers employed. Tons. Registry. Ind. Horsepower

<u>K N O L</u>	<u>60</u>	<u>Tonsberg.</u>	<u>450</u>
<u>R U G G E N</u>	<u>60</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>450</u>
<u>V I K I N G 2"</u>	<u>75</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>600</u>

I solemnly declare that the foregoing particulars are to the best of my knowledge accurate.

sgd, Lars Larssen
Manager.

1915

W H A L I N G

Winter Season
From 1st, April to 30th, Sept.

South Georgia.

The following shows the Number and class of whales captured by the Ocean whaling Company with the quantity of Oil and Guano etc, obtained therefrom during the above period.

	<u>No and class of whales</u>				Total
	<u>Blue.</u>	<u>Fin.</u>	<u>Right.</u>	<u>H'Back</u>	
April	15	31			36
May	10	41	1	9	61
June					
July					
August					
September					
total	15	72	1	9	97

PRODUCTION

<u>Oil</u>	<u>value.</u>	<u>Guano.</u>	<u>Bone.</u>	<u>Bone.</u>	<u>Value.</u>	<u>total</u>
<u>brls.</u>	<u>£.</u>	<u>bags.</u>	<u>£.</u>	<u>tons.</u>	<u>£.</u>	<u>£.</u>
5000	12500	3000	1200	1/4	125	13825

<u>Whale catchers employed.</u>	<u>Tons.</u>	<u>Registry.</u>	<u>Ind.Horsepower</u>
<u>NAME.</u>			
M O N T E B E L L O ⁿ	?	Larvik	69 nominal
P A G O D R O M A ⁿ	?	"	"

I solemnly declare that the foregoing particulars are to the best of my knowledge accurate.

sgd, W.Esbensen
Manager,

1915

W H A L I N G
South Georgia.

Winter Season
From 1st, April to 30th, Sept.

The following shows the Number and class of whales captured by the Sandefjord whaling Coy. with the quantity of Oil and Guano etc, obtained therefrom during the above period.

<u>No and class of whales</u>					
	<u>Blue.</u>	<u>Fin.</u>	<u>Right.</u>	<u>H'Back</u>	<u>Total</u>
April	43	31	1		75
May					
June					
July					
August					
September					
total	43	31	1		75

PRODUCTION

<u>Oil</u>	<u>value.</u>	<u>Guano.</u>	<u>Bone.</u>	<u>Bone.</u>	<u>Value.</u>	<u>total</u>
<u>brls.</u>	<u>£.</u>	<u>bags.</u>	<u>£.</u>	<u>tons.</u>	<u>£.</u>	<u>£.</u>
5860	17580			1/4	125	17705

<u>Whale catchers</u>	<u>employed.</u>	<u>Tons.</u>	<u>Registry.</u>	<u>Ind.Horsepower</u>
<u>name.</u>				
N O R R O N A I.		<u>gross.</u> 145	Sandefjord	475
N O R R O N A II.		?	"	475
S A M S O N		154	"	450

I solemnly declare that the foregoing particulars are to the best of my knowledge accurate.

sgd, Thv. Sorlle
Manager,

W H A L I N G

South Georgia

1915
Winter Season
 From 1st. April to 30th. Sept 1915,

The following shows the number and class of whales captured by the Comp. Arg. de Pesca with the quantity of Oil and Guano etc, obtained therefrom, during the above period.

No and class of whalr's					
	Blue.	Fin.	Right,	H'Back.	Total.
April	10	32	1		43
May	20	40	7	71	138
June	9	35	0	25	69
July	3	20			23
Augt.	7	5			12
Sept.	15	2			17
total	64	134	8	96	302

PRODUCTION.

Oil brls.	value. £	Guano. bags	value. £	Bone. tons	value. £	total. £
13362	30000	800	180	18	220	30220

Whale catchers employed. Tons. Registry. Ind.Horespower.

F O R T U N A	43	B. Aires	300
R O S I T A	43	" Shields	"
K A R L	43	" Cape Town	" 300
" D O N E R N E S T O "	84	"	650

I solemnly declare that the foregoing particulars are to the best of my knowledge accurate.

sgd, N. Jondahl Hammer
 Manager

W H A L I N G

South Georgia

1915
Winter Season
 From 1st. April to 30th. Sept 1915,

The following shows the number and class of whales captured by the Southern whaling & S. with the quantity of Oil and Guano etc, obtained therefrom, during the above period.

No and class of whale

	<u>Blue.</u>	<u>Fin.</u>	<u>Right.</u>	<u>H'Back.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
April	16	8		1	25
May					
June					
July					
Augt.					
Sept.					
<u>total</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>8</u>		<u>1</u>	<u>25</u>

PRODUCTION.

<u>Oil</u>	<u>value.</u>	<u>Guano.</u>	<u>value.</u>	<u>Bone.</u>	<u>value.</u>	<u>total.</u>
<u>brls.</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>bags</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>tons</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
2368	5920	600	180			6100

<u>Whale catchers employed.</u>	<u>Tons.</u>	<u>Registry.</u>	<u>Ind.Horespower.</u>
<u>S O U T H E R N I S E A "</u>	<u>85</u>	<u>North</u>	<u>750</u>
		<u>Shields</u>	
<u>S O U T H E R N S K Y "</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>
<u>S O U T H E R N C R O S S "</u>	<u>64</u>	<u>Cape Town</u>	<u>500</u>

I solemnly declare that the foregoing particulars are to the best of my knowledge accurate.

sgd. N.A.Andersen
 Manager

W H A L I N G

South Georgia

1915
Winter Season
 From 1st. April to 30th. Sept 1915,

The following shows the number and class of whales captured by the Bryde & Dahl Coy. with the quantity of Oil and Guano etc, obtained therefrom, during the above period.

	No and class of whale				Total.
	Blue.	Fin.	Right.	H'Back.	
April	4	36		I	41
May					
June					
July					
Augt.					
Sept.					
total	4	36		I	41

PRODUCTION.

Oil	value.	Guano.	value.	Bone.	value.	total.
brls.	£	bags	£	tons	£	£
2464	7392					7392

Whale catchers employed.	Tons.	Registry.	Ind.Horespower.
S N O R R E	45	Sandefjord	415
E D D A	45	"	385
I N G E B O R G 2"	56	"	532

I solemnly declare that the foregoing particulars are to the best of my knowledge accurate.

sgd, H.A.Christensen
 Manager

WHALING

1915

South Georgia.

Winter Season

FLOATING FACTORY "EMS"

The following shows the number of whale carcasses utilised, and the quantity and value of oil and Guano obtained therefrom during the period from 1st April to 1st May 1915.

Licensed Coy. By whom employed.	No of Whale Carcasses Used.
Comp ñia Argentina de Pesca.	60

OIL etc.				
<u>Oil Barrels.</u>	<u>Value.</u>	<u>Guano</u>	<u>value.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
668	1670	570	235	1955

The above figures are taken from Export Entries and Ships Outward Manifest.

sgd. Edw. B. Binnie.

SGA - 0056-A1 Dwelling houses, Leith Harbour - Winter 1915 © SCSA



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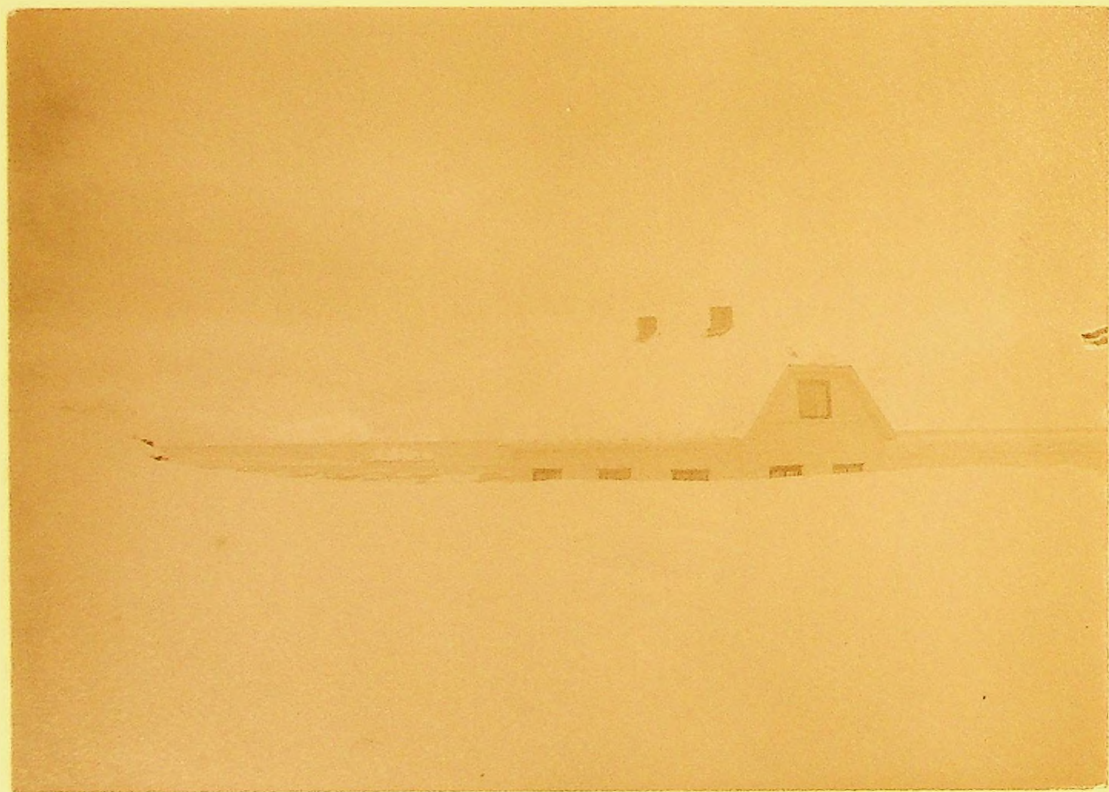
56 - 0054-A1 Whaling station, Leith Harbour - Winter 1915 © J.C.N.A.



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Gout Quarters - King Edward Cove - Winter 1915 © JCNDA





FALKLAND ISLANDS

Downing Street,

NO: 132.

^{AR}
14 December, 1915.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch No. 130 of the 12th October forwarding a copy of a Report by the Magistrate of South Georgia on the Whaling Operations of that Dependency during the season 1st October 1914 to 31st March 1915.

2. I desire to place on record my appreciation of Mr. Binnie's interesting and detailed Report.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble Servant,

A. Bonar Law

GOVERNOR

W.D. YOUNG, ESQ., C.M.G.

&c. &c. &c.