

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

SGAWHA/1 # 26

No.

330/16

Date of Receipt.

Governor's Office.

From		SUBJECT.
Secretary of State for the Colonies GOVERNOR.		WHALING, SOUTH GEORGIA. Report on, for period April to Sept., 1916.
No.	Date.	
200	19th Decr., 1916.	

Colonial Secretary's Record No.	MINUTES. Despatch to Sec. of State No. 200 of the 19th Decr., 1916.
Registered Number of last Despatch 385/16	
No. next Despatch	

Governor to Secretary of State.

Sent 19th December, 1916.

ULTIMAS 26 WHALEOIL SOUTH GEORGIA POSTURICA TURFCLAD SAINTISM
WIZEND WHIGGROVEL BARRELS YOUNG.

With reference to your despatch of the 16th February 26
Whaleoil South Georgia production of half year ending 30th
September 87487 barrels

Young.

538
16

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 200.

Government House, Stanley.

19th December, 1916.

Sir,

1152/16

25th October, 1916.

I have the honour to forward herewith for your information a copy of the report of the Magistrate, South Georgia, on the Whaling Operations of the Dependency for the period 1st April to 30th September, 1916, together with the photographs mentioned in the report.

2. The report of the Magistrate for the season October 1915 to 31st March, 1916, was forwarded under cover of my despatch No. 152 of the 4th September, 1916.

3. I have to-day telegraphed to you, "with reference to your despatch of the 16th February 26 Whalcoil South Georgia production of half year ending 30th September 87487 barrels"

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.

&c.,

&c.,

&c.

ENCLOSURE

to

FALKLAND ISLANDS DESPATCH

No,

of the

19th December, 1916.

- Copy -

The Magistrate's Office,
South Georgia,
25th. October 1916.

Sir,

I have the honour to forward herewith my report on the whaling industry of South Georgia for the period from 1st, April to 30th. September 1916, known as the "Winter season" for the information of His Excellency the Governor.

2. Compared with the same period last year, there is an increase of 795 whales and 31304 barrels of oil a decrease is shown in the production of whale Guano on account of the regulations governing the utilization of the whale carcass being relaxed in order to increase the output of oil. The increase in whales as shown in enclosure A. is as follows: 251 BLUE, 428 FIN and 126 Humpbacks, but a decrease of 10 Right whales; the total number of whales captured was 1844 as against 1049 the previous year.

3. The South Geo. Company, Tonsberg whaling coy, and the Compania Argentina de Pesca continued operations throughout the year, with excellent results, South Georgia Coy. producing a total of 96566 barrels.

Tonsberg whaling coy.	"	61541
Cia. Arg. de Pesca	"	46508

the latter company also produced 5337 barrels of Seal Oil making a total of 51845 barrels, These figures for a years catch are unprecedented.

Honourable,
The Colonial
Secretary,
Falkland Islands.

4. The Compania Argentina de Pesca have now added to their reducing plant, 12 pressure boilers size 8ft. x 8ft, and one Rotary Guano Mill, the agreement between this Company and the Rolis company is now terminated and in future the Compania Argentina de Pesca, will use as much as possible of the whale carcass on their station, where there has hitherto been an enormous waste.

The South Georgia company contemplate adding considerably to their already large factory, the fundamental portion of the work has already been commenced and it is hoped will be ready in December of this year.

5. The winter throughout has been severe, and much damage caused through gales of wind accompanied by snow, particularly on the Ocean and Sandefjord whaling cove, stations, four shipping casualties happened among the whale catchers one being a total loss others badly damaged.

6. I attach hereto several photographs which I have had the opportunity of taking from time to time, which may be of interest:

- No. 1. Bigging out barrels of oil from the snow.
- No. 2. do do. (Leith hbr.)
- No. 3. Discharging coal and loading oil. s. s. ALBUERRA
- No. 4. s. s. ALBUERRA loading oil, month of August.
- No. 5. Husvik harbour after snowfall (Managers house)
- No. 6. Whale catcher going on Slip. Leith hbr.
- No. 7. Bigging out buildings at Govt. Quarters
- No. 8./9. King Ed. Cove, Winter and Summer.
- No. 10. Pumping air into a Blue whale after capture.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Sgt. E. B. Bennett

Stipendiary Magistrate.

Honourable,

The Colonial Secretary.

W H A L I N G,

South Georgia.

"Winter Season" 1916. (enc. A)

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

Company.	No and kind of whales				total.
	Right.	Blue.	Fin.	H'back.	
Sth. Geo. Coy.	2	286	290	54	632
Tonsberg Co.	1	129	201	66	397
Ocean Coy.	1	14	49	8	72
Sandefjord Coy.	0	83	116	70	269
Arg. de Pesca	1	79	130	68	278
Bryde & Dahl.	1	37	106	52	196
totals	6	628	892	318	1844
same period 1915.16.		377	464	192	1049
	-10.	+ 251	+ 428	+ 126	+ 795

WHALES CAPTURED EACH MONTH:

April	5	314	317	68	704
May	0	135	272	178	585
June	0	38	182	68	288
July	1	30	54	3	88
August	0	76	36	0	112
September	0	35	31	1	67
totals	6	628	892	318	1844

Sgt. *E. B. Binn*
Magistrate.

W H A L I N G.

Enc. B.

South Georgia. "Winter season" 1916.
.....

The following statement shows the quantity and value of oil Guano etc, obtained from the season's catch by the various companies operating, from 1st. April to 30th. September 1916.

P R O D U C T I O N.

Company.	Oil. barrels.	value. £.	Bone. tons.	value. £.	Guano. bags.	value. £.	total. £.
Sth. Geo. Co.	29066.	87198.			2900.	1160.	88358.
Tonsberg Co.	18216	54648.			8559.	2568.	57216.
* Arg. Pesca.	12990.	38695.					38695.
Sanderjord.	13573.	40719.					40719.
Ocean Coy.	4403	13209.	$\frac{1}{4}$	125.	1529.	784.	14098.
Bryde & Dahl	9239.	27717.					27717.
<hr/>							
totals.							
same period 1915.	87487.	262186.	$\frac{1}{4}$	125.	12988.	4512.	266803.
increase	<u>56183</u>	<u>170162</u>					
	51304.	92024					

* With the above is included 1100 barrels produced from the carcasses by the F.F. "BMS".

Comparative statement for the past 3 seasons.

1914.	OIL.	Value.	Guano.	Value.	total.
1914.	50030.	143718.	25690.	12637.	161231.
1915.	56183.	170162.	25352.	12591.	183125.
1916.	87487.	262186.	12988.	4512.	266803.

As above for the whole year 1st. October to 1st. October.

	<i>Oil Barrels</i>	<i>Guano.</i>	<i>Value.</i>
1913-14.	176487.	83967.	511835.
1914-15.	270507.	85393.	770717.
1915.16.	346269.	83651.	1126147.

(Signed). *Ernest B. Binnie*
Stipendiary Magistrate

WHALING.

South Georgia.

"Winter season" 1916.

The total of 37487 barrels of oil produced from the seasons catch is made up as follows:

<u>No.0.</u>	<u>No.1.</u>	<u>No. 2.</u>	<u>No.3/4.</u>
35625.	15794.	18806.	17262
total		87487.	

total amount of oil exported during the period. 160929.

Amount estimated awaiting shipment on 30.9.16. 67966.

The following shows the number of barrels (average) extracted from each whale, by the various companies:

South Georgia Coy.ltd.	46
Tonsberg whaling co.	46
Cia.Arg.de Pesca	46
Sandefjord whaling.co.	50
Ocean whaling coy.	61
Thor 1 .(Bryde & Dahl.	47. Floating factory.

.....
Average for the past 4 seasons.

1913.	78.3
1914.	78.2
1915.	53.5
1916.	47.4

sqf *Gov. B. Binn*
Stipendiary Magistrate.

- copy -

C.

W H A L I N G.

South Georgia. "Winter season" 1916.

The following statement shows the number and kind of whale captured, with the amount of oil of various grades, Guano &c obtained therefrom by the South Georgia Co. Ltd. during the period from 1st. April to the 30th. September 1916.

Month.	No & Kind of whale:				
	RIGHT.	BLUE.	FIN.	H'BACK.	TOTAL.
April	1	143.	76.	2.	222
May	-	69.	75	26	170
June		18	86	23	127
July	1	24	43	3	71
August		14	5	0	19
September.	-	18	5	0	23
<u>totals</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>286.</u>	<u>290.</u>	<u>54</u>	<u>632</u>

P R O D U C T I O N,

O I L etc.

OIL barrels.	Value.	Bone.	value.	Guano.	value.	total.
no.	£.	tons.	£.	bags.	£.	£.
No. 0. <u>12833</u>						
No. 1. <u>7482</u>						
No. 2. <u>8662</u>	87198	-	-	2900	1160.	88368
No. 3. <u>89</u>						
No. 4. <u>✓</u>						

Total output of oil during the period 29066 barrels.

Amount of oil exported -"- 68567 barrels.

Amount awaiting shipment on 30th. Sep. 4400 barrels.

No of whale catchers employed. 9.

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

10 Oct. 1916 date.

sgd.

C. H. Hawson

Manager.

- copy -

W H & L I N G.

South Georgia. "Winter season" 1916.

The following statement shows the number and kind of whale captured, with the amount of all of various grades, Guano &c obtained therefrom by the Louberg Hvalfangeri during the period from 1st. April to the 30th. September 1916.

Month.	No & Kind of whale:				TOTAL.
	BIGHT.	BLUB.	MIN.	H'BACK.	
April	1	35	61	16	113
May		19	54	35	108
June		6	37	14	57
July					
August		54	26		80
September.		15	23	1	39
<u>totals</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>129.</u>	<u>201</u>	<u>66.</u>	<u>397</u>

PRODUCTION,

OIL etc.

OIL barrels.	Value.	Bone.	value.	Guano.	value.	total.
no.	£.	tons.	£.	bars.	£.	£.
No. C. <u>7394</u>	} 54648			8559.	2568	57216
No. 1. <u>1010</u>						
No. 2. <u>2020</u>						
No. 3. <u>7792</u>						
No. 4. <u>-</u>						

Total output of oil during the period 19216 barrels.

Amount of oil exported -" 25193 barrels.

Amount awaiting shipment on 30th. Sep. 25692 barrels.

No of whale catchers employed. 4.

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

10th Oct 16 date.

sgd. Soren Berntsen
Manager.

W H A L I N G

South Georgia.

"Winter season" 1916.

The following statement shews the number and kind of whale captured with the amount of Oil of various grades, Guano etc. obtained by the Compañia Argentina de Pesca S.A. during the period from April to 30th September 1916.

	<u>WHALES N°/ and Kind:</u>				<u>Total.</u>
	<u>Right.</u>	<u>Blue.</u>	<u>Fin.</u>	<u>H'back.</u>	
April	1	44	45	16	106
May	0	10	43	32	85
June	0	9	23	20	52
July	0	6	11	0	17
August	0	8	5	0	13
September	0	2	3	0	5
<u>Totals:</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>79</u>	<u>130</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>278</u>

<u>N°.</u>	<u>O I L</u>	
	<u>Barrels</u>	<u>Value</u>
0.	2217	£ 6651
1.	5112	" 15336
2.	3349	" 10047
3 & 4.	1212	" 3636
		<u>£ 35670</u>

Total output of Oil during the period: 11890 barrels.
 Amount of Oil exported -de- 20110 barrels.
 Amount awaiting shipment on 30th Sept. 19880 barrels.
 N°. of Whale catchers employed: 4 -four-

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

COMPAÑIA ARGENTINA DE PESCA
 SOCIEDAD ANONIMA

A. Pivovarov
 Manager.

Grytviken, October 1st 1916.

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

13th. October 1916... M. Anderson Manager.

W H A L I N G.

South Georgia. "Winter season" 1916.

The following statement shews the number and kind of whales captured, with the amount of oil of various grades Guano etc, obtained therefrom by the SANDEFJORD WHALING COMPANY, during the period from 1st. April to 30th. September.

Month.	No and kind of whale:				TOTAL.
	<u>RIGHT</u>	<u>BLUE.</u>	<u>FIN.</u>	<u>H'BACK.</u>	
April		67	34	10	111
May		11	51	49	111
June		5	31	11	47
Operations ceased on 30th. June.		83	116	70	269

P R O D U C T I O N

O I L etc.

<u>OIL barrels.</u>	<u>Value.£.</u>	<u>Total value.</u>
No.0. 6216		
No.1. 140		
No.2. 1271	40719	£40719.
No.3. 5946.		

Total output of oil during the period 13573 barrels.

Amount of oil exported do. 19659 "

Amount awaiting shipment on 30th. Sept 16994.

No of whale catchers employed. 4.

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

13th. October 1916...

sgd. M. Andersen Manager.

W H A L I N G.

South Georgia. "Winter season" 1916.

The following shows the number and kind of whale captured with the amount of oil of various grades, Guano etc, obtained therefrom by the OCEAN WHALING CO, from 1st. April to 16th. May when operations ceased.

.....
No and Kind of whale:

Month.	Right.	Blue.	Fin.	H'back	Total
April	1	2	33	3	45
May		6	16	5	27
<hr/>					
totals.	1	14	49	8	72

O. E. L. etc.

Oil, Barrels.	Value.	Bone.	Value.	Guano.	Value.	Total value.
	£	tons	£	bags	£	£
No. 0. 1000						
No. 1. 2050	13208	2	125.	1529	764.	14098.
No. 2. 230						
No. 3. 1123.						

Total output of oil during the period. 4403 barrels.

Amount of oil exported. 17077 "

Amount awaiting shipment on 30th. Sept. (est.) 1000 bars.

No of whale catchers employed 2.

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

23rd. October 1916.

sq. W. E. Johnson

WHALING,
South Georgia.

WINTER SEASON, period
31st. March to 30th. ^{May} 1916.

FLOATING FACTORY.

Number and kind of whales captured with the quantity of the various grades of oil, also Guano and whale bone obtained therefrom by the "S.S. Thor 1" Bryde & Bakis coy. during the period from 31st. March to 30th. May 1916.

Month.	Kind of whale				total.
	number:				
	Right.	Bluc.	Fin.	M'Back.	
April.	1	17	68	21	107
May		20	33	31	84
June			5	0	5
total	1	37	106	52	196

P. I. L. etc.

Oil barrels.	value.	Whale bone.	value.	total value.
No. 0. 5965				
No. 1.				
No. 2. 3274				
No. 3/4.				
			2777	

Lieutenant E. H. Catchers. "Ingeborg" "Enorre" "Eden".

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

A. Mikoy

Manager.

31st. June 1916.

W H A L I N G.

South Georgia.

"Winter Season"

Floating Factory "RMS"
employed in conjunction with the Compania Arg.de Pesca .
..... 0.....

The following statement shows the number of whale carcasses utilized and the quantity and quality of oil obtained therefrom during the period from 31st.March to 30th.April. when operations were in progress.

<u>OIL barrels.</u>	<u>No of carcasses.</u>	<u>Value.</u>
No.3. 841		
No.4. 259	131	£3025.

1100		

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

3th.May 1916.

sgd. Henrik Klaveness

Master.

All oil exported.