

C.S.

INDUSTRIES.

Freezing.

19 40.

No. 10/1940.

AGR/AJG/1 # 10

Mr. W. Fookes.

SUBJECT.

1940.

9th February.

Previous Paper.

POSSIBILITY OF INTRODUCING A FREEZING  
WORKS IN THE PALMLAND ISLANDS.

MINUTES.

Letter from Mr. W. Fookes, dated 9th February, 1940.

*H.*  
Submitted. A somewhat  
similar enquiry was made by  
Estate Williams in 1931, file  
put up. More recently the  
Sheep Owners Association were  
asked to consider the establishment  
of freezing works in the Colony -  
file put up. Refer to Agricultural  
Adviser? *WCH*  
*C.S.*

9. 2. 40

Subsequent Paper.

*Ask him please whether he suggests  
that anything more should be said than  
that the Government is advised that there*



is every reason to be confident  
that a freezing factory could be  
established with success in the  
Colony and that the Government  
would be gladly to consider any concrete  
~~practical~~ scheme for the establishment  
of such a factory and the grant of  
financial aid. It should however be  
understood that it is in general principle  
not desirable that public funds should  
be used for a commercial venture and  
it is hoped that private interests may  
be able to find the ~~money~~ <sup>capital</sup> required

*W.H.* 9/2/40

Agree: Adviser.

Referred please.

W.H.

10, 2, 40

Hon. Col. Sec.

I have the honour to advise that I have from the beginning been confident that the establishment of a freezing works in the Colony is not only a necessity but it would revolutionise the whole of the sheep farming industry and would, coupled with a re-distribution of land, bring about a new era of prosperity. One of the many and important desirable features would be the culling of young sheep which would go at once to the freezer instead of being retained until culled for age as at present.

I have no doubt sufficient sheep as well as cattle would be available to make the venture a financial success from the beginning.

Mr. Weir seems  
to be a good  
deal more  
confident than

D. Gibbs q.v.

at 16-17 in 114/39

MC. 20/X

*D. Weir*  
AGRICULTURAL ADVISER.  
19/2/40.



Y.

Submitted.

MCH  
CS.

20. 2. 40

The reply is in my minute

Httt 20/2

② Letter to Wm. G. Fookes, Esq. of 22. 2. 40.

Agric. Adviser.

To note letter.

MCH  
CS.

22. 2. 40

Hon. Col. Sec.

Noted.

B. S. 1. 22. 2. 40

P. A.

MCH  
CS.

③ Letter from Wm. G. Fookes, Esq. of 23. 2. 40.

MCH  
CS.

P. H.  
26/2/40

~~4 Letter from Sec. D. O. A. of 15/~~  
~~Removed to 114/39~~

by H. H. H.  
Disc. on 10. 2.  
W. G.

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STANLEY,  
9th February, 1940.

The Honourable  
The Colonial Secretary,  
Falkland Islands.

Dear Sir,

I am taking the liberty of approaching you on behalf of the South American Export Syndicate Ltd., to ask you to be good enough to give me your view's as to the possibilities of introducing a Freezing Works in these Islands. It would be of invaluable help if you could give me an idea as to whether you think the proposition feasible, also if we might expect financial aid from the Government.

It appears to me that with a permanent market, such as a freezer, once established a sufficient number of fat lambs and fat stock generally could and would be produced. On this and several other points such as the most advantageous site, labour available, etc., your views would be highly valued.

I beg to remain,  
Your obedient servant,

*W.H. Foster*

Representative of the South  
American Export Syndicate Ltd.  
Punta Arenas, Chile.



10/40.

22nd February, 40.

Sir,

*Red!*  
With reference to your letter of the 9th of February, 1940, I am directed by the Governor to inform you that the Government is advised that there is every reason to be confident that a freezing factory could be established with success in the Colony.

2. I am to add that the Government would be glad to consider any concrete scheme for the establishment of such a factory and the grant of financial aid. It should however be understood that it is on general grounds not desirable that public funds should be used for a commercial venture and it is hoped that private interests may be able to find the capital required.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

*WGH*

Colonial Secretary.

Wm. G. Fookes, Esq.,  
STANLEY.

Stanley

Falkland Islands.

23rd. February, 1940.

Dear Sir,

I beg to acknowledge with many thanks, receipt of your letter No. 10/40 of yesterday's date.

It is hoped that, should we be able to put before the farmers a concrete proposition many will come forward and take a financial interest which will undoubtedly help in the success of the scheme.

I beg to remain,

Your obedient servant,

*W. H. Fooks*

The Hon.

The Colonial Secretary

The Falkland Islands.

*Red 2.*