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LAND & SURVEY.  
AGRICULTURAL  
(Miscellaneous.)  
No. 204/38.

19 38.

C.S.O.

SUBJECT.

19 38.

27th September.

Previous Paper.

ESTABLISHMENT OF SCHOOL GARDENS IN  
STANLEY AND ENCOURAGEMENT OF VEGETABLE  
GROWING IN THE CAMPS.

MINUTES.

1-2.

Letter from Chairman, Committee of Agric. & Economics  
of 27. 9. 38.

3.

Minute from Agricultural Adviser of 27. 9. 38.

Meeting of Executive Committee  
of Nutrition Board called for  
4<sup>th</sup> October. met  
3. X. 38

The Executive Committee agreed  
with the proposals of the  
Agricultural Committee and  
decided to ask that Committee  
to give effect to their proposals  
by taking action required. met  
4. X. 38

Subsequent Paper.

S/P. Please see red ②  
para: 1. The Executive Committee

Agreed that the proposal to establish a School garden should be carried out. Some training in Agriculture and Horticulture would be of value to boys reaching the school leaving age.

2. The Agric. Dept. has a piece of ground available for the purpose and will make arrangements to take boys say for half an hour twice a week. Will you kindly consider the matter and if you concur in the proposal put forward your suggestions regarding days and time suitable for such classes.

Messrs  
4. X. 38

Hon. Col. Sec.

I agree. I will see Mr. Weir when submit working arrangements.

Agreed.

5/2

4. X. 38

Mr. Weir. Arrangements will be made to put this scheme into effect.

Messrs  
5. X. 38

Sheet 1

H.C. I am strongly in favour of school gardens and of all measures possible being taken to encourage interest by the children in the growing of vegetables.

11/11/38

Agri. Adviser.  
(Chairman Agricultural and Economic Committee)

To note approval of School Gardens Scheme. S/E will discuss the matter with you.

2. The Executive Committee agreed that your Committee should proceed with the recommendations in res.

1-2. West  
et.  
S. X. 38

Hon. Col. Sec.

I discussed the matter with the S/E on 13/10/38 and he will advise if Mr Robinson is capable of carrying on the work.

B.A.M.  
A.A. 15/10/38

B. U. 31. X. 38  
M.H. 17. X. 38

Agric. Adviser.

How is this matter  
progressing?

M.H.  
31. X. 38

Hon Colonial Secretary,

I made enquiries of the Superintendent of Education this morning. He has informed me that Mr. Robinson is interested and prepared to conduct gardening classes.

The Agricultural Department will be pleased to give Mr. Robinson any advice he may require.

D. S. A. W. E. N.  
Agricultural Adviser.  
1st November, 1938.

Supt. Education

As the season for planting  
is advancing please  
immediate arrangements to  
be made to put this scheme  
into effect. It should be done  
within the week say or so.

M.H.  
C.S.  
1. XI. 38

Hon. Col. Sec.

The work will start on Thurs 3 Nov.

a p. u.

S/E

1 Nov. 38

Agric. Adviser.

To note.

M.H.  
C.S.  
2. XI. 38

Hon Colonial Secretary,

Noted thank you.

Reference my minute of 1st instant, in regard to the School gardening project, I have the honour to advise that on meeting the Superintendent of Education today, he informed me that he has arranged for the school Janitor whom he states is an expert gardener to supervise the gardening operations.

It is presumed that the Agricultural Department will not be required to act further in the matter.

*D. S. A. Weir*  
Agricultural Adviser.  
10 Nov 38

*Agri: Adviser.*

*Thank you. Nothing further except perhaps occasional inspection by your Dept. to see that the work is on right lines.*

*meH*  
*10. XI. 38*

Hon Colonial Secretary,

The whole matter of the School garden has been arranged and put in hand by Mr. Robinson and the school janitor, and the work is now too far advanced to allow of this department making suggestions.

I can at this stage only repeat my offer of advice and assistance if desired.

*D. S. A. Weir*  
Agricultural Adviser.  
21/11/38. *Perkins*

*S/E.*

*To note.*

*meH*  
*23. XI. 38*

Hon. Col. Sec.

When the proposal about school gardening was made I understood from para 2 of your minute of 4 ec. that the Agric. Dept. were going to teach the subject. The A. A. informed me later that this was not so.

2. I then arranged that Mr. P. Robinson, Certificated Assistant Master, should take the classes. Mr. Robinson has no paper qualifications as a teacher of gardening but he has done a lot of it and is keenly interested.

3. As Mr. Robinson is a newcomer and unacquainted with local conditions I asked the school cleaner, W. Pauloni, who is an experienced gardener, to attend the first few lessons.

4. It appears that (1) the Agric. Dept. was not prepared to teach school gardening (2) the Educ. Dept. undertook it and has started the classes (3) the A. A. is not satisfied.

5. If the A. A. will say what he considers is wrong and what he thinks should be done I will try to make arrangements accordingly.

am.

5/2

24 Nov. 38

Agric. Adviser.

Accordingly please. Perhaps  
next season arrangements could  
be made for Mr. Evans, Govt. Gardens  
who has been trained at Kew  
to give some instructions.

WCH  
Ed.

24. 11. 38

Hon Colonial Secretary,

I have the honour to advise that I have discussed the question of policy in connection with the future of the School gardening with the Hon. A.R.Hoare, Superintendent of Education, and a slight misunderstanding which had arisen has been satisfactorily cleared up. It is the expressed wish of the Superintendent of Education that the A.A. should control the gardening operations and the A.A. is pleased to co-operate in this way. The ~~School~~ Janitor will not be required to act further.

*D. A. Weir*  
Agricultural Adviser.

16/1/39. Per *E.W.S.*

*D/E.*

To see and confirm.

*M.H.*  
16. 1. 39.

Hon. Col. Sec.

Seen & confirmed

*amr*

*ofr*

*H.*

Submitted for information. 16 Jan 39

*M.H.*  
17. 1. 39.

Seen. I am much interested

in this scheme and am glad to see  
the cooperation between the Education  
and Agricultural Departments.

2. On Mr. Evans' resumed  
duty as S. H. Gardener he will doubtless  
be able & qualified to take over the instruction  
or as deputy by the C.A.

18/1/39

Ag. Adviser

D/E.

To note.

18/1/39

WCH

18.1.39.

Mr. Col. Sec.

noted

WCH

19/1/39

Minutes from Ag. Adviser of 4/7/39.

18/1/39  
20/1/39  
(4)

Submitted. Officers whose  
quarters have no garden are the  
S.M.O. (house formerly occupied by D.P.W.)  
and the Executive Engineer (Dockyard  
house). As the garden at the  
old Marine Barracks is comparatively  
large perhaps some benefit



could be extended to the  
officers mentioned.

Wrest  
C.S.

4.7.39.

I know the garden of course well  
(you I think made it) and I have  
no doubt that it would be admirable  
for the purpose but if it is to be  
a school garden (in place of the  
present makeshift) it will have  
to be entirely dissociated from  
the quarters though the M.D. might  
buy vegetable for it at say 1 1/2  
or 2 0 a lb.

It is quite possible that a  
future S.M.D. might like D. Chester  
wish for the garden and he could  
make out a strong case for the  
return of the garden to the  
~~quarters~~ of the quarters. This should  
be considered. ~~Wrest~~

~~Wrest~~ 5/7/39

Medical Officer.

To see H.E.'s minutes. Do you  
still agree please to the garden  
being handed over to the  
Agric. Dept. for the School. If  
you are not interested or do not  
wish to bother with a garden  
this appears the best course.  
Some future tenant may however  
wish to use it.

W.H.  
C.S.

57. 59.

Hon. Col. Sec.

As I understand I am not likely to occupy these quarters  
after another five months, I am mainly concerned for the  
interests of any medical officer who may follow me  
there, and whose stay there may be of considerably longer  
duration. If the garden must be completely dissociated  
from the quarters then I ~~do~~ <sup>should</sup> not feel justified in  
agreeing to such a thing unless a clause ~~was~~ agreed to  
whereby ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> medical officer could give the Agricultural  
Department one month's notice to quit should he so desire.  
Should the ~~garden~~ <sup>house</sup> come to be occupied again by an S.M.O.  
there would be even more point to such a clause.

In fact as I am only a temporary occupier I am  
not particularly anxious to enter into an agreement of any  
sort, and think the matter should be left over. Had  
this been an urgent matter the S.M.O.'s views could  
have been ascertained prior to his departure four  
weeks ago. The cost of vegetable garden is what I understand  
I am in the habit of paying at present, and I prefer  
to continue in at present rather than commit myself  
to anything that may well prove totally undesirable.

W. Dunlop

O.G.C. Med. Dept.

6/7/29.

H.  
Submitted. It is undesirable that the forthcoming Season should be lost. Dr. Dunlop has pointed out that he expects to reside in the quarters for a few months only, but as he originally agreed with the U.A.'s proposals I think the garden should be handed over for the training of boys. This might be done on the understanding that should a future tenant require the garden it should be handed over. If the chancing of M.O's between Stanley and Ice Bay is continued in future it is hardly likely that any of them will want the garden.

MCH  
C.S.

8.7.39  
The Agric. Adviser discussed this in the field with you and myself this morning. It was agreed that an area in the field should be delimited for a school garden being sufficient for the needs of the school.

MCH 20/7/39

Agrie. Adviser.

To proceed please as arranged on the site by H.R. this morning.

MCH  
es

20.7.39.

Would you kindly point out to the O.I.C. Medical Dept. what is proposed.

MCH

Hon. Col. Sec.

I have the honour to advise that the O.I.C. Medical Dept has been shown the area to be converted into a permanent School Garden.

Mr. Evans, Headmaster of the Government School was also shown over the area on the 22nd instant when he expressed approval of the arrangement being made.

Darbi  
Agricultural Adviser.  
25/7/39.

D/E

To see correspondence.

MCH  
es

25.7.39.

Hon. Col. Sec.

seen a.m.

D/E

26 July 39

SA  
21/7/39

Circulars from Director of Education 14/8/39 (5)

*Agric. Adviser.*

*Replied please.*

*MCH*  
*cl*

*15.8.59*

Hon. Col. Sec.

I fail to understand the change of attitude of the Headmaster who, when accompanying me on inspections of proposed School garden sites at the Public-pound and Marine House, was in complete agreement that some instruction in trenching would form a valuable part of the boys' training. It is absurd to suggest that this initial work, providing <sup>as</sup> it does the foundation upon which depends the ultimate success of a garden, "would detract from any natural interest they had in the subject", if the boys are given suitable tuition and encouragement.

Anything which may be asked of the senior boys during the one hour each week, is in no way calculated to injure their health.

The heavy work of fencing, manuring, and general improvement of the site has already been carried out at considerable expense, by the Agricultural Department.

Mr H. Evans, (Head Gardener Government House Gardens) is definitely of the opinion that some, if not all of the trenching should be done by the senior boys as part of their training. I wish you to know Sir, that in order to assure the success of last Thursday's lesson, an employee of my Department, who is thoroughly competent at trenching, was detailed by me to assist

the Head Gardener with the boys, and those who were not required for digging, were usefully employed clearing away stones.

Since the Headmaster's arrival in the Colony I have maintained regular personal contact with him in matters connected with school gardening, and, had he been at all reciprocal it would have been explained that it was intended to complete the trenching with Agricultural Department's men, when the time arrives for the boys to begin preparations for planting.

In regard to Policy may I refer you to my minute of 16/1/39.

In future the Director of Education will be kept informed as far as possible in advance, of the number of boys required each week, until sufficient progress has been made to permit of the utilisation of the full complement.

I would be pleased if His Excellency the Governor would, at his convenience, make an inspection of the work carried out by the Agricultural Department at the School garden.

*H. S. A. M. V. E. R.*  
Agricultural Adviser.  
17/8/39.

C.A.F.

*D/E. To see and for reference to the Headmaster.*  
*MCH.*  
*17.8.39.*

*Am. Col. Sec.*

*Minute attached*

*(6.)*

*am.*

*D/E*

*18 Aug 39*

M.  
Submitted. There appears to be some misunderstanding in this matter.

2. It would appear from para (6) that all that is required from the Agric. Dept. is a piece of ground and the services of the Gardener for one hour a week. The ground has been provided and made ready by the Agric. Dept.

3. I gather that the D/E wishes the matter to be under the sole control of the Headmaster who will do everything necessary if the Gardener can be loaned.

MCH  
18.8.59

A wretched and unnecessary squabble

D/E should rather expect than suspect differences. Please write to him that any difficulties that arise in connection with the School Garden must in future be

settled by direct conversation between A. A.  
and Headmaster.

I am visiting the garden at 12.30 p.m.  
on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> inst. A.A. sh<sup>d</sup> be  
warned and the Headmaster asked to  
attend there then.

(Para 2 of D/E. which is all  
wrong. Neither the H.M. nor he know  
anything about the teaching of gardening.  
The log, sh<sup>d</sup> be handed over to the Agric.  
Dept. for the training.)

~~WCH~~ 19/5/39

Memorandum to D/Education of 19. 8. 39.

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Agric. Adviser

To note. H.M. will visit  
the garden on Tuesday the  
22<sup>nd</sup> inst. at 12.30 p.m.

WCH  
19. 8. 39.

Hon. Col. Sec.

Reference our telephone  
conversation of today - H.E.'s visit postponed  
until conditions are more suitable for  
inspection - I will advise you when the  
snow has cleared away.

~~WCH~~  
A.A. 22/8/39



B. U. 28. 8. 59  
for CH 24. 8. 59

Agre: Adviser

You will inform me  
in due course when a  
suitable day offers?

MCH

CS

28-8-59.

Mon. Col. Sec.

yes

Darr

A.A. 28/8/39

P.P.  
29/8/39.

⑧ Complaint from Agricultural Adviser of 9/2/40.

Ex. Engineer.

Referred please. This was  
due to an oversight? When  
a proposed road was discussed  
and approved by H.E. its  
escape position was not  
settled as this was a matter  
for your Dept.

MCH

CS

12. 2. 40

Honourable Colonial Secretary.

Will you please convey my humble apologies  
to the A.A. for what appeared discourteous but which  
was in fact, as you suggest, a pure oversight.

W.S. E. 13.2.40

Agric. Adviser.

To note.

WCH

C.S.  
13.2.40

Gen. Col. Sec.

noted

WCH

14/2/40

P.H.  
14/2/40.

Agricultural Department,  
Stanley.

27th September, 1938.

The Honourable

M. C. Craigie Halkett, O.B.E.,  
Chairman Executive Committee,  
Nutrition Board,  
Stanley.

Sir,

I have the honour to advise that the following resolutions were carried unanimously at a meeting of the Nutrition Boards Committee of Agriculture and Economics, held in the office of the Agricultural Department on the 12th July, 1938:-

1. The Committee recommends that the question of Establishing School Gardens at the Stanley Schools be given consideration with a view to stimulating the childrens interest <sup>the</sup> in growing of vegetables and flowers, and as opportunity offers this movement should be extended to the Camp.
2. Recommended that the Executive Committee be asked to consider the question of circularising Farm Owners and Managers, asking that they take a special interest in encouraging their employees to grow better gardens - This Committee suggests the institution of gardening competitions.

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3. Recommended that the Executive Committee consider circularising everyone pointing out the economy and health benefits accruing from the producing of food in the country, compared with the use of expensive imported preserved food-stuffs.

4. That a covering letter be sent to the Managers asking them to deliver the circulars to householders, and requesting that they should talk to the people by way of encouraging them to pay heed to the contents.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Chairman of Committee of  
Agriculture and Economics.

No. 17186

MINUTE.

(It is requested that, in any reference to this minute, the above Number and the date may be quoted.)

27th September, 19 38

From The Agricultural Adviser,

To The Honourable

Agricultural Department,

The Colonial Secretary,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

Stanley.

Reference to my minute of even date addressed to you as Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Nutrition Board, I have the honour to advise in connection with recommendation number one dealing with the establishment of School gardens, that I can at once make available for this purpose, one half of the garden at the rear of my present offices. The area is not large but is a very nice garden which would be useful as a beginning for a few senior boys, and would be available during the Departments tenure of its present offices. Other areas are also being considered.

If the recommendation is adopted by the Executive Committee and enjoys the support of the Director of Education, a detailed plan could be put forward in draft for Government approval and an early commencement could be made.

I am of the opinion that His Excellency the Governor would view with favour a suitable plan along these lines.

*[Signature]*  
Agricultural Adviser.

(A)

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(It is requested that, in any reference to this minute, the above Number and the date may be quoted).

MINUTE.

4th July, 19 39.

From The Agricultural Adviser,

To The Honourable,

The Colonial Secretary,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

STANLEY.

Reference to site for school garden: submitted for approval :-

It has occurred to me that the dual purpose would be served, of training boys and supplying vegetables, to whichever Medical Officer might be, for the time being in residence at "Marine House", recently vacated by the Senior Medical Officer, if the extensive garden and grounds attached thereto could be used as a school garden.

This garden is a wilderness at present, and while it is perhaps not reasonable to expect a Medical Officer who may live there for a few months only, to do much about it, there is little doubt, that, under the supervision of Mr H. Evans, it could be made into a show place.

Much valuable experience would be gained by the boys in the trimming and care of hedges as well as gardening, and in every way it would be preferable to the present arrangement which involves the temporary use only, of a portion of a private garden as a school garden.

The privacy of the persons living in "Marine House" would not be affected, as the garden is shut off from the house by a high hedge and there is a back entrance to it from "Pioneer Row".

I have spoken to Dr. Dunlop about this, and he is of the opinion that it would be a fine arrangement, assuring as it would a regular supply of vegetables for the Medical Officer, and he is all in favour of it. Surplus vegetables would also be available for the boys.

Would His Excellency care to visit this garden with me one day soon ?

*D. S. S.*  
Agricultural Adviser.

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14th. August 1939

from Headmaster  
Govt. School.

to Hon. Director of Education

I have the honour to report that the school gardening class commenced its season's work Thursday 10th. August. The class was in charge of Mr Robinson, Asst. Master, and the Government House Gardener was present in an advisory capacity.

2 Mr Robinson reports that the boys are expected to "trench" that part of the enclosure which was formerly a paddock. Both Mr Robinson and the gardener expressed the view that this work was too difficult for the boys, and that it would detract from any natural interest they had in the subject. On Saturday 12th. August I inspected the work already done in the garden and I agree with the views already expressed.

3 Some weeks ago the Agricultural Adviser invited me to accompany him on a visit to the proposed garden and I was given the impression that the work of trenching the virgin ground would be carried out by his department. In view of this I would like to know when the garden will be ready to take its full complement of pupils as I have to arrange my time-table accordingly.



Headmaster, Govt. School.

Hon. Col. Sec.

Perhaps this might be referred  
to the A.A.

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No. 204/38

MINUTE.

(It is requested that, in any reference to this minute, the above Number and the date may be quoted.)

18th August 1939 19

From Director of Education

To Hon. Colonial Secretary

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

Red 5 was written and submitted with the object of getting on with the teaching of school gardening.

2. As with all the work of the school, the teaching of gardening should be under the sole management of the Headmaster, subject to direction by me.

3. What is wanted is a piece of ground and the services of the Government House gardener for an hour a week.

4. If the ground needs preparation to make it suitable for boys of 11 to 15 years old the Headmaster will be able to get it done.

5. It is to be regretted that the Headmaster's statement should have been called absurd and his attitude non-reciprocative.



Director of Education



No. 204/38.

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MINUTE.

19th August, 19 39.

From The Colonial Secretary,

To The Director of Education,

STANLEY.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

His Excellency the Governor will visit the School garden at 12.30 p.m. on Tuesday 22nd instant, and I am to request that you will be good enough to instruct the Headmaster to attend there at that time.

*WCH*

Colonial Secretary.

204/38

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No.

(It is requested that, in any reference to this minute, the above Number and the date may be quoted).

MINUTE.

9th February, 19<sup>40</sup>.

From Agricultural Adviser,

To The Honourable,

The Colonial Secretary,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

STANLEY.

I have the honour to advise that several yards of fencing have been taken down, and a road made through the school garden by the Public Works Department.

As the school garden is under the control of this Department, and no notice of any change has been received, I should be glad to know if such action has been approved. Also I would request that I be advised of any changes which are connected with the Agricultural Department.

*T. Beaty*  
for AGRICULTURAL ADVISER.