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OBSERVANCE OF BATTLE OF FALKLAND ISLANDS
DAY, 8th DECEMBER, 1927.

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
STANLEY.

6th January, 1928.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 12.

Sir,

I have the honour to report on the way in which the Battle of the Falkland Islands' Day, the 8th of December, was observed in Stanley in the year 1927.

2. As in past years the Day was kept as a public holiday both by Government Servants and by the community as a whole. The usual service was held in the Cathedral in commemoration of the late Vice-Admiral Sir Doveton Sturdee's Victory at 10 a.m. which I attended in company with the Colonial Secretary and the members of the Legislative and Executive Councils. Before the service I inspected the Falkland Islands Defence Force and the Boy Scouts who were drawn up on the Cathedral Green.

3. Again in accordance with previous custom the principal events on the programme for the Day were the annual competition on the Rifle Range for the Stanley Cup open to all serving members of the Falkland Islands Defence Force and the Sports held by the Stanley Benefit Club for the children/

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

L. C. M. S. AMERY, P.C., M.P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

children of the town in the paddock adjoining Government House.

4. The day itself fortunately was fine and sunny although inclined to be cold and the sports in the paddock were successfully completed to the intense enjoyment of the large number of children entering for them. I enclose a copy of the programme followed which may be of interest to you. After the sports tea was given to the children in the Town Hall at which I had the honour to be invited to be present and to say a few words.

In duplicate.

5. The Stanley Cup was won by Pte. R. L. Robson, a previous winner, with the good score of 90 out of a possible 105. I was myself second with 86: naturally I was not competing for the Cup but only for the distinction of a place in the competition. I am glad to say that on an average the standard of shooting generally showed an improvement as compared with the previous year.

6. In the evening I gave a Dinner Party at Government House to twenty of the leading officials and local residents as a fitting mark of the importance of the Day in the history of the Colony. At the same time I am told that the townspeople were making merry at a Dance in the Town Hall.

7. I consider that occasions such as the present have a valuable influence on the life and outlook of the inhabitants of Stanley and of the Colony, and I have made it part of my policy

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in every way to encourage their fullest celebration.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

ARNOLD HODSON.

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A. I. Stewart,
Secretary

ENCLOSURE TO FALKLAND ISLANDS DESPATCH NO. 12

of the 6th of JANUARY, 1928.

STANLEY BENEFIT CLUB.

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Under the management of the above Club, the Children's Sports and Tea will be held on Thursday, 8th December, 1927.

By kind permission of His Excellency the Governor, the Sports will be held in the Government Paddock at 1.30 p.m.

Tea will be served in the Town Hall at 5 p.m.

All children under the age of 16 years are cordially invited.

PROGRAMME OF SPORTS.

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| 1. 200 yards, Boys under 12 | 13. Infants Race, Girls under 5. |
| 2. 150 yards, Girls under 12 | 14. Infants Race, Boys under 5. |
| 3. 100 yards, Boys under 9 | 15. Pole Jump for Boys |
| 4. 100 yards, Girls under 9 | 16. Three leg Race, Girls under 10. |
| 5. Long Jump, Boys under 16 | 17. Three leg Race, Boys under 10. |
| 6. Tug of War for Boys | 18. 400 yards, Boys under 16 |
| 7. Three leg Race, Girls under 16 | 19. 200 yards, Girls under 16 |
| 8. Three leg Race, Boys under 16. | 20. Sack Race, Boys under 11 |
| 9. Boot Race, Girls under 13 | 21. Needle & Thread Race, Girls under 13. |
| 10. Boot Race, Girls under 8 | 22. Consolation Handicap for Boys. |
| 11. Tug of War for Girls | 23. Bolster Fight for Boys. |
| 12. Consolation Handicap for Girls | |

Three prizes will be given in each event, 1st 3/-, 2nd 2/- 3rd 1/-.

In order to distribute the money allotted for prizes, no child shall be allowed to win more than the value of 6/-.

A. I. Fleuret,
Secretary.