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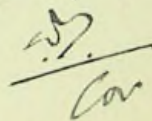
Preliminary Report from Mr A.G. Bennett
on Whaling Operations, South Shetlands
& Erubans Land, 1918-19 season.

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Copy of Mr Bennett's report sent to Sec of State
by despatch No. 47 of the 1st April 1919.

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Sir

I have the honour to request you will kindly forward the attached to the Hon: the Colonial Secretary, Stanley.

I have the honour to be

Sir

Your obedient servant

Alf Bennett

Ag. Ch. Off of Customs

S. Shetlands.

To The Hon: the
Treasurer & Collector
Stanley I.S.

The Hon:
Colonial Secretary

The attached letter received tonight
by the S.S. "Thorn", submitted

W. Thompson

Dr: 30.3.19.



Sir

I have the honour to report progress as follows. on the whaling in this Dependency:-

The season has been normal as far as whales appeared, but, owing to the almost entire absence of summer the catch is far from satisfactory.

In the absence of gales, snow + fog with very dull weather prevailed, thus rendering the hunting difficult + poor

There has been no whales in the far south, I did not see one in a direct course of 150 miles SWS on return of 100 miles N + N.E. The bad coals supplied to the factories will cause them to leave earlier than they otherwise would.

The catch in round numbers to date is:-

Thor I 19,000. Solstreif 20,500. Orm 12,500

Bombay 12,000 Svand Fogn I 12,600. Neko 12,000

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I have the honour to be

Sir.

Your obedient servant

To The Hon: The
Colonial Secretary

Stanley

Alg Bennett
as ch. Off of Customs

The Honourable,
The Colonial Secretary.

I have been told by the Master of the Whale
Catcher "Odd 11" belonging to the factory "Thor 1" that the
following vessels have been operating in the South Shetlands
with the results shown:

"Solstreif"	21,000	Barrels.
"Neko"	11,500	"
"Bombay"	11,500	"
"Orn 11"	12,000	"
"Svend Foyn"	14,000	"
"Thor 1"	19,700	"
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Total	39,700	"

2. I also understand that the following accidents
have taken place in the South Shetlands:-

Cunner of the Whale Catcher "Hanka" belonging
to the floating factory "Neko" lost overboard.
factories
Explosion of boiler on one of the ~~factories~~
caused the death of one seaman.

3. I understand that the "Thor 1" will arrive to-morrow
morning and that the remainder of the whaling fleet may be
expected between the 1st and 20th of next month.



Treasurer.
29/3/19.