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SUBJECT.

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Previous Paper.

Question of grant of licence for 3rd catcher for Messrs. Salvesen's s.s. "Neko"

MINUTES.

Copy of minute from the Acting Governor in M.P. 375/23

Correspondence in M. P. 375/23

Will you please send this to Mr. Binnie under confidential cover for his personal information. He gave me the history of the manner in which Messrs. Salvesen were able to obtain licences for 6 catchers and I would like what he knows of this matter to be put up by separate enclosure. At the same time Mr. Hamilton's precis on Messrs. Salvesen's operations might be sent to Mr. Binnie to facilitate the preparation of the special note by him.

(intd) H.H.H.  
4th March, 1924.

*Mr. E.B. Binnie*  
*Referred by*  
*GRH:17*  
*o/c/su*  
*4 March 1924*

Subsequent Paper.

Hon. Col. Secy.

I regret being unable to trace the history as gave it to His Excellency, although am perfectly certain that the adding of the "Horatio" was an inducement set out by Salvesan to ensure the third catcher and to assist in obtaining others,

As three were applied for with Horatio's license though she was not fitted for using Blubber.

The original application from Messrs Salvesan in M.P. 179/10 was made (so it is stated) for the purpose of being able, with the assistance of NEKO to keep the New Island station going, as it was supposed to be a non paying concern, though in 1910/11, when I was stationed there the production when I left in May was 8000 barrels with four catchers.

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The New Island has long since been removed to South Georgia, which took place shortly after their South Shetland licences were established. Their proposal to use the Neko in conjunction with the New Island station i.e., Take the men from New Id, to Shetlands and return them to New Island for a continuance of operations there, was never put into effect.

If as Mr Salvesan states in his letter, that the "Sevilla" and "NEKO" work in combination, then 5 catchers are more than sufficient. The Hektor has five and an exceedingly greater plant. The "Vestfold" a land station at South Georgia uses 5 also, with a production of 75000 barrels in the season. As far as I can remember the station comprises 40 pressure boilers of dimensions 12x10 and 14' x 7½ and some 12 Open boilers, it is also the intention to erect a number of those which passed through the fire last season, so there can be no comparison between, VESTFOL

VESTFOLD and the "Sevilla " "Neko" combination.

Where the latter is at a disadvantage regarding space and has not the advantage of the Steam Bone saws used on land stations.

Were the Sevilla and Neko to work together it is possible that the proficiency of the one would compensate for the deficiency of the other.

The following is a table shewing the average of the several Factories during the season 1920-21. before the before the New Regulations came into force;

Bombay	42.25 barrels per whale.
Neko	34. 05 do
Orn	46.61
Svend Foyn	42.35
Thor 1	45.33
Solstreif	49.72
Gubernoren	38.44
Ronald	49.75

Since this period 1920-21. the Neko has shewn a better average ,but owing to inaccuracies which have occurred it leads one to believe their returns may easily be faked.

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*Y.P.*  
Submitted

*W. H. 17*  
*Director*  
17 March 1924

There seems to be reason to distrust Neko's figures. The number of whales reported as being caught by the Neko in 1922-23 is much less than very small. It was much the lowest I think for 3 catches. *ttttt 14 had*

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Mr. J. E. Hamilton

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Hon. Col Sec.

May I refer to my  
report in O.P. 375/23 please.

J. E. Hamilton

Govt. Naturalist

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