

No. 334 per "Laguna" April 2nd 1932.

R E C I S

1. Continued despatch Vol. 725.

2. Advised that resolute will probably not be required at April 30.

3. Launching of additional pontoon - March 22nd - time taken for construction compared with "A" pontoon.

4. Manager's house Speedwell Island, was burnt down on March 23rd, origin of fire, house and contents totally destroyed. Opinion expressed that new house could be constructed locally from material on hand. Suggested dimensions given.

5. Complaints for horses with Menendez, bad delivery to be effected this year. Encloses correspondence.

6. Informs that "Hopp" and Motor Boats were cut adrift in gale on night of March 18th, undoubtedly done deliberately, boats don't appear to be damaged, claim to follow later.

7. Confirms telegram re "Ellen's" Windlass asking for shipment per "Laguna" if possible.

8. Refers to proposition of most of West Falkland Farmers to reduce wages by 10% from July 1st, 1932.

9. Acknowledges receipt of telegram confirming Company's ownership of "Sund" Island.

10. Notes that "Falkland" is now insured against Port Risks for 23000.

11. Details probable movements of "Lafonia", also departure of last homeward vessel "Laguna" on about 3rd prox.

12. States that Mansford's trip to Farms did not result in many orders being received but notes that visit was appreciated and will be repeated next year.

13. Details work on main structures. At present work is in progress on the wall foundation, removing wall plates and constructing "A" pontoon for the insertion of the new material.

14. MANAGER'S HOUSE - SPEEDWELL ISLAND. I confirm my telegram dated 18th ult. to the effect that this house was burnt down on March 23rd. I understand that the fire originated in a kitchen. At the time in the settlement at the time, the "Ellen" being away and Mrs Clark, her daughter and a man left on the island, were the only persons affected which were insured, were destroyed. I enclose with this report to send Mr. Elliott to report as to the damage done, and understand that only a few fire bricks remain. I have discussed the possibility of replacing this house; I have discussed the

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... Mr. Gifford ever the telephone since he wrote his despatch ...
... I am of opinion that we should frame the house by April. We have
... all the required timber in stock and I feel certain
... a satisfactory job at a reasonable price. I am having a
... Mr. Gifford's consideration and will cable you about this
...

I enclose my despatch No. 736 and have nothing from you to
acknowledge.

ASSISTANCES. I anticipate that I shall not require a
... from you at the end of April. The Government are
paying a subsidy "Lafonia" 1st Jan - 31st March,
...

ALONGSIDE DOCK. The additional penton for the deck
... was successfully launched on
March 23rd. The actual time taken for the work being eleven weeks.
This is slightly longer than the time taken for the completion of
the penton but it is accounted for by the fact that there were
11000 more rivets to be placed and that fewer men were employed
on the erection. The penton is now moored at the West Jetty where
it will stay until such time as it is required for inserting into
the main structure. At present work is in progress
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Matter with Mr. Geddard over the telephone since he wrote his despatch dated March 28th, in which he suggests that a framed house be sent. I am of opinion that we should frame the house here. We have the staff, we have all the required timber in stock and I feel certain we can make a satisfactory job at a reasonable price. I am having a plan made for Mr. Geddard's consideration and will cable you about this matter shortly. The proposed dimensions are for a house 32ft x 28ft. Ground Floor. Entrance Hall 5ft, Dining Room and sitting room each 12ft x 12ft 4 ins. Kitchen 12ft 4ins x 11ft 9 ins, Office 12ft 4ins x 11ft 9ins, Larder and Dairy 12ft 4 ins x 6ft 9ins., there is also room for a small bathroom on the ground floor.

First Floor. 2 Front Bedrooms each 15ft x 12ft 4ins, 2 back Bedrooms each 11ft 9ins x 11ft 9ins.

To be framed with Red Pine, exterior rough bearded, felted and covered with flat iron. Roof to be rough bearded, felted, and covered with Peilite tiles. Interior walls and ceilings to be of plywood. All the necessary material is in stock except flat iron and Peilite tiles.

3. MARES BY MESSERS. I was advised on the 24th ulte. that three mares due to arrive per M.V. "Laguna" on 31st ulte. (now 3rd inst.) Mr. Pole Evans proposes to drive them out to Darwin where Mr. Geddard will pass them. To my mind this is not a good delivery as the intention in our arrangement with them is that the mares should be delivered by sea to Egg Harbour or San Carlos South. It is admittedly a fine point and I have not, therefore, taken the matter farther, but I should appreciate your views as this year's arrangement is certainly not permanent. Copies of correspondence with Mr. Pole Evans and of my letter of 27th ulte. dated 27th April 1929, detailing the arrangement are enclosed.

4. THEIR BOATS. I regret to inform you that S.L. "Stockfish" and Stanley were out adrift during the night of 27th ulte. There is no doubt that work was done satisfactorily. The mares are making enquiries but I doubt whether they

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... the culprit.
... was blowing and the three craft drifted to
... just to the east of the Camber where they went
... ground. One motor boat was got off at high tide
... the "Kelp" and the other motor boat early the
... they do not appear to have suffered any damage
... on the slipway next week and will then be examined
... forwarded to you.

7. WINDLASS. With reference to the Camp Manager's
Despatch dated 18th ult., I telegraphed you for this windlass
on 20th ult. and requested shipment per "Losada" if possible.

8. PAGES. In continuation of my remarks para. 24 despatch
No. 756, I understand that most of the West Falkland Farmers have
decided to reduce wages by 10% from July 1st next.

9. ROSEY WHARF ISLAND. I note from your telegram dated 21st
ult. that there is no ~~question~~ question that this Island is our
property and the Camp Manager has been advised accordingly.

10. S.S. "HARLAND" I note from your telegram dated 23rd
ult. that you are insuring her against Part Risk only for £3000.
I am also laying up certificate covering the period 1st Jan - 31st
March 1932.

11. SHIPPING MOVEMENTS. S.S. "Lafonia" arrived at
Montevideo on 24th ult., sailed on 29th idem. She leaves for
East Falk, North Am, Port Howard, Port Stephens, and Magallanes on
25th idem (A.13). On her return she collects produce (A.14) and
sails for Montevideo on May 1st (A.15) leaving that port on 19th
idem. She will clear boilers and possibly dry dock there. (see
my despatch No. 756, para. 10.)

- 22nd ult. 1931 A.13 West and West Falklands
- 23rd ult. 1931 A.14 Montevideo.
- 25th ult. 1931 A.15 West and West Falklands.

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A further report of these sailings may be necessary if the
weather is cold.

M.S. "Laguna" arrives and leaves for the United Kingdom
about 1st week. Passengers travelling by her include Mr. G. Dean,
Mr. & Mrs. Jones, and Mr. & Mrs. Anson. This is the last direct
mailing sailing here this year.

Passenger bookings for voyage A.15 are satisfactory.

Mr. T.S. H. As anticipated Hannaford was not able to
visit the Farms but his visit to the Farms appears to be
expected and will be repeated next year.

An order was secured from Mr. Pole Evans for 1000 Cypress
Posts and 400 pieces 1 1/2" x 4" x 12ft.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

W. R. S. William Scoresby 15/4/32.

PER "LAGUNA" APRIL 2nd 1932.

RECORD OF ACCIDENTS AND INSURANCE

1. Statement on Accounts No 39.
2. Statement on Accounts No 37 and miscellaneous items No. 147a.
3. Statement on Accounts No 38 - notes to be made with Special Agent "Lafonia" Shipmet 17/3/32.
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Enclosures per R.R.S. William Scoresby 15/4/32.

RESPACTH PER "LAFONIA" via MONTEVIDEO

APRIL 30th 1932

F R E E S

1. Remarks on Accounts No 32.
2. 1. Statement on Accounts No 39.
2. Comments on Vascari's report - matter to be dealt with
Remarks on Naval Fuel Depot No 19. Report - matter to be dealt with
Hamilton's return from leave.
3. "Lafonia" Report Inward A. 12. Hamilton's "West Falkland" round
islands sailing stores - this practice likely to be
discontinued as it is not found remunerative.
4. Specification "Laguna" shipment 4/4/32.
Request to note the decline in prices at the April Wool Sales.
5. F.I. Galattede No 4 with index 1931. depositing cash with Company.
6. Anticipates that usual remittances will not be requisite at end of
May & June - probable remittance to you of £2000.
7. F.I. Shipping Report.
7. Advises the acceptance of tender to dry-deck and paint "Lafonia"
at Montevideo in May - total of Sheep sales given - acknowledges
receipt of cable re new Chief Steward - Passenger bookings for
May & June voyages - probable trips in Nov. & Dec of which
reservation of accommodation to be in your hands.
8. States that sample of Seal Oil is being forwarded and gives July
as earliest date of shipment in event of sale.
9. Messrs Dick & Brave advise us of payment to you on A/c Morrison
Estates, Bluff Cove - inform that Mr. Miller is joining Mr.
Morrison in an agriculture and dairy farming project.
10. Encloses draft prospectus of proposed Centenary Steak Shop.
11. Salvage claim of F.A.D. Sealing Co v "Fleurus" heard before Supreme
Court - £750 awarded against "Fleurus".
12. Refers to replacement of Manager's House, Speedwell Island, and
encloses Mr. Elliott's report of fire.
13. Labour/Wages - nothing further to report - unemployment in Stanley
14. Advises that Bleaker Island Sheep are to be lifted Aug. Sept. for
Stanley Butchery.
15. Encloses Mr. Vincent's report on Camp Four.
16. Construction of slipway for repairing boats at Goose Green.
17. Informs of departure of Mr. W.M. Dean & family and probable departure
of Mr. R. Blaks in June next.
18. Details of movements of "Lafonia" - "Lacada" due here about May. 17th
19. Reports satisfactory purchase of Coal from Skyring Water, Chili,
comparisons given of "Lafonia" using Welsh Coal and Chilean
Coal - the latter far more economical - encloses chart and
considers probable development of profitable business with
Magallanes and Chili.

DESPATCH PER "LAFONIA" via MONTEVIDEO

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P R E C I S

1. Confirms my despatch No.737 and acknowledges yours No.1347.
2. Comments on Veterinary Officer's report - matter to be dealt with on Mr.Merten's return from Leave.
3. Advises of further voyages Mr.Hamilton's "West Falkland" round Islands selling stores - this practice likely to be discontinued as it is not found remunerative.
4. Regrets to note the decline in prices at the April Wool Sales.
5. Informs that Mr.Hamilton is not depositing cash with Company.
6. Anticipates that usual remittances will not be require at end of May & June - probable remittance to you of £2000.
7. Advises the acceptance of tender to dry-deck and paint "Lafonia" at Montevideo in May - total of Shep sales given - acknowledges receipt of cable re new Chief Steward - Passenger bookings for May & June voyages - probable trips in Nov. & Dec of which reservation of accommodation to be in your hands.
8. States that sample of Seal Oil is being forwarded and gives July as earliest date of shipment in event of sale.
9. Messrs Dick & Brave advise us of payment to you on A/c Merrisen Estate, Bluff Cove - informs that Mr.Miller is joining Mr. Merrisen in an agriculture and dairy farming project.
10. Encloses draft prospectus of proposed Centenary Stock Show.
11. Salvage claim of F.&D.Sealing Co v "Fleurus" heard before Supreme Court - £750 awarded against "Fleurus".
12. Refers to replacement of Manager's House, Speedwell Island, and encloses Mr.Elliott's report of fire.
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No. 738. "Lafonia" via Montevideo. Sheet. - 3 - 1932
 "Lafonia" will dry dock at Montevideo next month. I
 have accepted the tender of the Montevideo Gas Works & Dry
 "Lafonia" via Montevideo dock, clean, and on April 30th with 32
 738 cents Red Hand Brand and to touch up my bare patches of metal

with red lead for \$ 670 (Uruguay). Messrs Miller's quotation
 Dear Sir, but Captain Roberts was of opinion that it was not
 I have to confirm my despatch No. 737 and to
 acknowledge receipt of your No. 1347, dated 2nd ulto.

2. 1347 . 15. Veterinary Officer's Report 1930 - April 1932

The extract you quote from this report certainly
 requires elucidation. Mr Norton is now home on leave but I will
 take this matter up with him on his return.

The attention of both Mr. W.M. Dean and Mr. R. Blake was
 drawn to the report.

3. 1347 . 20. Mr. John Hamilton - "West Falkland". is now
 on another voyage around the Islands selling stores but I
 understand that he is likely to discontinue his activities
 in this direction as he does not find them profitable. He
 secured no wool other than his own for shipment via Magallanes

4. 1347 . 24. Wool Sales. I regret to note that prices
 declined at the April Sales.

5. 1347 . 15. Deposit Rate. As you surmise this enquiry
 was on behalf of Mr. John Hamilton. Messrs Dick & Brovo advise
 us that he is not making the deposit as he considers the rate
 quoted too low.

6. Remittances. I anticipate that I shall not require
 the usual remittance at the end of May and June but on the
 other hand I hope to remit you £2000 as you will have heavy
 payments to make to the Royal Mail Steam Packet Co. Ltd for
 passages and passengers' remittances. I have ample funds at
 present.

E.B. Goddard Esq.,
 Managing Director,
 London.

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7. "Lafonia" will dry dock at Montevideo next month. I have accepted the tender of the Montevideo Gas Works & Dry Docking Co. Ltd. to dock, clean, and paint the vessel with two coats Red Hand Brand and to touch up any bare patches of metal with red lead for £ 670 (Uruguay). Messrs Miller's quotation was lower but Captain Roberts was of opinion that it was not advisable to put "Lafonia" on their slip as the winding engine is if anything under powered for a vessel of her weight.

Your Shop. Sales from 13th December 1931 - 20th April 1932 total £ 504.

Chief Steward. I note from your cable dated April 11th that you have engaged Walsh and that he travels out per "Asturias" sailing 30th Inst. work themselves and keep their wage bill down.

Passages to Montevideo. Total bookings for the sailing 10. of April 30th are 29 including children. For the June voyage there are already 13 reservations. Enclosed a copy of the draft prospectus.

Outward Bookings August - December. "Lafonia" will probably voyage from Montevideo to Port Stanley early October and early December but dates have not yet been fixed. In view of the number of return tickets issued it is advisable that the reservation of accommodation for these two voyages is in your hands. Should we or Messrs Maclean & Stapledon require accommodation we will therefore advise you.

The maximum booking is - Cabin Class - 8 in two four-berth cabins, 12 in three-berth Cabins - total 20 - and 3 places in third class (men only). Mr. Goddard. I am seeing Mr. Goddard again on immediately on departure of the connecting steamer from the United Kingdom please cable us your bookings giving separate cabin class, men, women, children and 3rd class - men.

Labour - Japan. I have nothing further to report. The cut in Camp wages appears to have been received quietly both on the East and West Falklands.

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8. Seal Oil. With reference to your cable dated April 11th. A sample of Seal Oil is being sent you. The earliest opportunity for shipment is July which please note in case of a sale but September would be more convenient.

9. Bluff Cove Account. Messrs Dick & Bravo inform us that a payment on account of the Morrison Estate is being made to you and I await your advices. The debit balance at March 31st was £1028 - 3 - 10 and 28 bales of wool and skins are being shipped by this opportunity.

You will be interested to hear that Mr. S. Miller is joining Mr. W. Morrison and they propose to grow potatoes and swedes on a large scale also to produce butter, cheese and bacon. I am of opinion that a living could be made on these lines providing the owners work themselves and keep their wage bill down.

10. Centenary. An effort is being made to hold a stock show during Centenary week and I enclose a copy of the draft prospectus. Endeavours are being made to secure a judge from Buenos Aires.

11. The Falkland & Dependencies Sealing Co. Ltd. v "Fleurus". The Sealing Company's claim for salvage was heard on April 2nd before the Supreme Court and £750 was awarded of which one third is to be paid to the crew. The "Fleurus" has been ordered to pay this amount by 30th inst.

12. Manager's House - Speedwell Island. With reference to my despatch No. 737 para. 4. I have discussed the matter of replacing this with Mr. W. M. Dean and Mr. Goddard. I am seeing Mr. Goddard again on Wednesday next and will then cable. A copy of Mr. B. Elliott's report is enclosed. I visited Speedwell Island on 8th inst., the fire bricks remaining have no value.

13. Labour - Wages. I have nothing further to report. The cut in Camp Wages appears to have been received quietly both on the East and West Falklands.

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As regards unemployment in Stanley, the Government is finding work for about 80 men and about 40 men are unemployed.

14. Bleaker Island Sheep. It has been decided to leave these until August - September and lift them then for Stanley Butchery. They should be in very much better condition than sheep from the mainland are at that time.

15. Report on Camp Tour. I enclose a copy of Mr. Vincent's report on his camp tour, for your information.

16. Slipway at Goose Green. Mr. G. Goddard is constructing a slipway for boats at Goose Green utilizing a number of cedar ex Mare Harbour and I am sending out two pieces of pine 64ft x 18ins x 9ins which were used as moving ways for the launching of pontoons. This should prove most useful and enable him to keep his boats in good condition.

17. Mr. W.M. Dean and family travelled per "Lafonia" from Port Stephens to Magallanes.

Mr. R. Blake will probably leave the colony per "Lafonia" for Montevideo about 21st June next.

18. Steamer Movements. The S.S. "Lafonia" arrived from Magallanes and West Falkland Ports on 22nd inst. and sailed on the morning of 25th for Berkley Sound. She calls here for passengers for Darwin on 26th and I am taking this opportunity of seeing Mr. Goddard there. His Excellency the Governor also travels - he having expressed a wish to make the round trip. She sails for Montevideo on 30th inst. and from that port on 19th prox.

M.V. "Losada" is due about 17th prox. from United Kingdom.

19. Mr. H.C. Hardinge's service with the Company terminated on April 2nd. 1932.

20. Coal ex Magallanes. I am pleased to inform you that the "Lafonia" voyage to Magallanes and Skyring Water was very

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satisfactory. As previously advised I had purchased 400 tons of coal at £ 21 (including tax). I also had orders for posts and cut timber and secured an additional 40 tons freight from Magallanes, the vessel therefore returned fully loaded. The Chilean exchange is about 31 but English notes are at a premium and I secured a much more favourable rate by taking over such English notes as we had on hand, thus saving about £200. This reduced the cost of the coal to 7/8d per ton of 1000 kilos ex wharf. The "Lafonia" only burned this coal on the return voyage, it is quite satisfactory and I am purchasing 400/500 for shipment in the last quarter of the year to take us through the next wool collecting season. The coal is good enough for work round the Islands but it is advisable to continue to stock better coal for our Montevideo voyages. 150 tons is being landed for sale as house coal and our retail rate is 60/- per ton and 57/6 per ton for five ton lots, delivered. The balance will be consumed by the "Lafonia".

The following comparison will give you some idea of the relative value of the coal as compared with Welsh:-

1. Port Stephens to Magallanes - 405 miles - 45.75 hours steaming - speed 8.85 knots - adverse tide in the Straits of Magellan - Coal consumed 18.57 tons Welsh - cost - £37.
2. Magallanes to Middle Island West Falklands - 424 miles - 50.83 hours steaming - speed 8.34 knots. - favourable tide in Straits of Magellan - vessel in deep trim and dirty - good weather. Coal consumed 29.63 tons Magallanes Coal.

For 405 Miles say 28 tons and 48 hours steaming cost £10.15 -.

I am posting you a chart showing the position of the mine in Skyring Water and the Saw Mill in Otway Water, photographs are also enclosed. The timber shipped on our account was 2000 Cypress Posts of which 1400 were sold and the balance for stock and 400 pieces cut sizes against an order.

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So long as this coal is available at a reasonable price we should make not less than two and probably three voyages yearly to Magallanes which again will be of material assistance to our Sandy Point timber trade. The horse trade should also come to us and I have every hope of eventually securing the bulk of the coal, timber and horse trades as I am certain that we can do this at rates which competitors cannot touch.

Coasting Insurance, February and March

I am,

Falkland Island Shipping Report

Dear Sir,

P.S.N.Co. Account 27/4/32.

Your obedient servant,

Comptroller Church Green

"Lafonia" Manifest A 13.

Manager.

Report on Camp Accounts

Return of Establishment and Wages, Stanley

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Camp all Sections

Specification of Shipment "Lafonia" 30/4/32.

Dr Wilsons Report October 1931 - March 1932.

Camp Managers Report 27/4/32.

Darwin Farm Indent Do.

Certificates of Origin Tallow, J.G. & F.I.C.

Provisional Programme of Stock Show 1933.

Copy of B. Elliott's Report re. Speedwell Fire

Photographs

Chart of Magellan Straits

Copy of Correspondence with P.S.N.Co. Liverpool re. "Lafonia"

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SPECIFICATIONS.

	<u>WOOL.</u>	<u>SKINS.</u>	<u>TALLOW.</u>	<u>HIDES.</u>
H. J.	7	9		42
D. R.	7	16	154	
W. / S.		8		
B. & S.	103			
T. S.	51	2		
H. & E.	33	12		
D. & S.	2			

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DESPATCH NO. 739 - JUNE 18th 1932 "LAFONIA" VIA

MONTVIDEO.

P R I N C I P A L S.

1. Confirms my despatches Nos. 738 and acknowledges receipt of yours Nos 1348 and 1349.
2. Remarks Government employing 140 men, short time still continued in Stanley and Dock gang to be reduced. Reduction in Co.'s carpenters to take effect immediately. Mentions Draft of Provident Fund scheme to be discussed on my arrival at Home.
3. Notes your remarks re North Swan Island and possibilities of stocking with sheep.
4. Regrets that the sale of the F. & D. Co's sealing oil did not materialize. £ 750 salvage money paid - £500 to Company and £250 to Master and Crew of "Afterglow".
5. Comments on arrangements for sending produce via Magallanes. Tax paid direct to Govt. and Mr. Robertson permitted to clear the vessel at Port Stephens.
6. Proposal to visit Shell Mex Co. in Montevideo regarding agency contract for Lubricating, lighting and fuel oils.
7. Comments on decrease in Store Sales.
8. Appreciation of prompt shipment of Windlass for the "Ilen"
9. Acknowledges your cable authorising sale of Masco's House to T.P. Walker - £420 already paid - balance at 5%.
10. Notes that certificates of origin are required for shipments of Tallow and Seal Oil.
11. Notes that "Falkland" is now insured for £3000 Port Risk only.
12. Regrets disappointing result of April and May Wool Sales.
13. Regrets that sheepskins are so deplorable a market.
14. Notes your remarks re Pebble Islands Produce and gives details of Messrs Dean Bros. trading activities and appointment of Hutchinson sub. agent in Stanley.
15. Encloses report on Chilean Coal and arrangements for purchase of further 4/500 tons shipment Oct./Nov.
16. Advises of remittance to you of £2000 through the Crown Agents free of Commission - probably will not require a remittance from you at the end of June.
17. Mr Hamilton understood to be discontinuing his coastal trading endeavours - "Pierus" has done practically no local carrying therefore consider inadvisable to exert pressure.
18. Advantages of New Store Indent Code obvious from its first use on telegram of June. 8th.
19. Notes your remarks re annual accounts.
20. Refers to your cable of 2nd May re bagging and advises that ample stocks are on hand for next season and a further 7,500 yds on order.
21. Encloses statements in connection with salvage &c of "Keip"
22. Motorboat "Stockfish" to be returned to Darwin temporarily to meet the demand as mentioned in Camp Manager's despatch Mch. 12th
23. Informs of Dean Lunnedale's tour of Co.'s Camp and also terms of passages of clergy per "Lafonia".
24. Encloses copy of letter to Colonial Secretary re Centenary transport together with draft timetable.
25. Outlines scheme of sale of goods to Farmers C.I.F. their port and gives details of trial venture - a scheme to enlarge this project now under consideration.
26. Refers to Taxation relief from Govt to Farmers and forwards copies of correspondence with Colonial Secretary.
27. Encloses reply to Messrs Kenneough's letter re "Lafonia" - New Chief Steward joined at Montevideo on May. 19th - replacement of Chief Officer at end of Sept. - remarks on report regarding premature pitting of shell plates and in particular to plates of "Lafonia" - reports on work executed last voyage in Montevideo. Vessel to be surve-

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- 27. For Convention Lead Line Certificate. - Totals of Passage money for Montevideo voyages given - also shop sales and bar earnings - extra voyage to Montevideo arranged for which Govt pay and extra £200 - "Lafonia" offered for employment Rio Grande or Port Alegre to Montevideo at end June and early July for reply by 17th inst.
- 28. Reports progress on construction of Floating Dock and details difficulties encountered in inserting the extra pontoon and wall structure. It is hoped to put the dock to moorings in August next and then fit machinery.
- 29. Gives reason for heavy indent by this mail for shipment "Losada" presumed last outward sailing this year.
- 30. Lists a number of goods which can with advantage be imported via Montevideo per "Lafonia" and refers to my cable of 17th ulto. ordering several such articles.
- 31. Advises that balance of produce after present shipment is approx. 250 bales wool/skins which will go forward in September.
- 32. Encloses Provisional Programme for Centenary Stock Show.
- 33. A copy of "Lafonia's" proposed itinerary until 9th Dec. enclosed.
- 34. Refers to your cable of 9th June re Clients Accounts and advises that necessary action has been taken.
- 35. Forwards copies of correspondence regarding improvements to Company camp tracks.
- 36. Estimates F.O.B. cost of New House for Speedwell Island to £720 and it is hoped to ship same in September. plans and copy of letter to Farm Manager enclosed.
- 37. Informs of Governor's recent voyage per "Lafonia" to W. Falklands and Salvador Water ports. Advises that Mr. Blake, Mrs Greenhields and two children and myself and family proceed to England by this opportunity.

at the end of June and early July, the two other
 the Speedwell House and will be put off to
 completion.

President
 I am enclosing a scheme for the establishment of a Provisional
 which will form a basis for discussion and on bringing this
 to the attention of the Board. A copy of my circular letter, dated 18th February
 is enclosed. I regret this was omitted from
 the previous despatch.

W. Falkland Island. I note all you write
 regarding the proposed house and its going into the possession
 of the Government of this Island. I am sure you will be
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No. 738 "Lakonia" via Montevideo. 2.
 Water and crew of the S.S. "Montevideo" and the thirds to the
 Company which has been credited to their account with us.
 No. 1348. 18. Whippers of Prudon from Weddell Island to
Eschscholtz. The coal tax is paid by Mr. Robertson direct to the
 "Lakonia" via Montevideo's behalf, at the time June 18th 1932
 Government permit Mr. Robertson to clear Mr. Hamilton's vessel
 the Port Stephens. The tax is 1/2% per ton or part thereof.

Dear Sir,

I have to confirm my Despatch No. 738 and to
 acknowledge receipt of your Nos. 1348 and 1349, dated 3th
 and 20th April last, respectively.

1. 1348 . 9. Lakonia. The Government is now finding work
 for about 140 men. I am continuing short time in Stanley.
 A number of men will be put off the Floating Dock next month
 as construction is nearing completion.

I have decided to expedite the reduction of Carpenters, one
 will be put off at the end of June and one July, the two others
 are working on the Speedwell House and will be put off on
 completion.

I am drafting a scheme for the establishment of a ^{Provision} ~~Farmer's~~ Farm
 which will form a basis for discussion and am bringing this
 Home with me. A copy of my circular letter, dated 18th February
 last, to Farmers is enclosed, I regret this was omitted from
 my previous despatch.

2. 1348 . 15 . North Swan Island. I note all you write.
 I understand that Mr. G. Goddard is going into the possibilities
 of getting some sheep on this Island.

4. 1348. 17. Walke's & Dependancies Sealing Co. Ltd.
 I regret that the sale of the oil on hand did not materialize.
 Samples of oil have been sent you as requested.

The amount of £750 against S.S. "Taurus" referred to in my
 despatch No. 738 para. 11., was duly paid - one third to the

M. N. ...
 MANAGING DIRECTOR,
 10/11/32.

No. 739

"Lafonia" via Montevideo.

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Master and Crew of the S.S. "Afterglow" and two thirds to the Company which has been credited to their account with us.

1. 1348. 15. Shipment of Produce from Weddell Island to Macallan. The wool tax is paid by Mr. Robertson direct to the

Government, on Mr. Hamilton's behalf, at the time shipment is made.

The Government permit Mr. Robertson to clear Mr. Hamilton's vessel at Port Stephens. The tax is 2/- per 25lbs or part thereof.

2. 1348. 19. Lubricating Oils. I will call on the Shell

Max Company when in Montevideo and discuss the matter of agency contract for the whole of our lubricating, lighting and fuel oil requirements.

3. 1348. 21. Store Sales. As you surmise these are

affected by local conditions. There is also a marked falling off in Farm Stores Sales.

4. 1348. 22. Windlass for "Ellen". This arrived safely

per "Lafonia" and has been sent out to the Farm. I thank you for the prompt shipment made.

5. 1348. 23. Mason's House. I thank you for your cable

dated 15th April last authorising me to sell this house for \$600

The purchaser is T.P. Walker and he has already paid us \$420, the balance is at 5%, and the house is adequately insured.

6. 1348. 24. Tallow and Seal Oil. I note that in future

certificates of origin must be sent together with shipments of tallow and seal oil.

7. 1348. 25. S.S. "Falkland". I note that she is now

insured for £ 3000 Port Risk only.

8. 1348. 26. Wool Sales. I note all that you write re

the March Sales and am pleased the clip looked so well. The cabled

averages realised at the April and May Sales are most disappointing.

Do you consider that the holding of sales in March, April and May

instead of March and May had a detrimental effect? The new

statement "Average prices of descriptions" is most useful.

9. 1348. 27. Sheepskins are indeed a deplorable market.

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14. 1349. 2. Pebble Island Produce. I note all you write. With reference to Messrs Dean Bros. trading activities, I understand that they have appointed Hutchinson as sub-agent in Stanley and he advertises Black and White Whisky, Gordon's Gin and Rum, and Wrexham Lager Beer. Black and White Whisky and Wrexham Lager Beer have also been shipped from England to Messrs. Facke Bros & Co. Ltd.
15. 1349. 3. Coal. I enclose a report on the Chilean Coal made by Mr. Thomson after making a short voyage in "Lafonia". It is now being mixed with 25 to 33% Welsh Coal and is found quite suitable for steaming around the Islands. I have accepted an offer of £20 (2000) for 4,500 tons ex Magallanes mine shipment October/November. Sufficient stocks for our requirements of Welsh and Chilean Coal are being maintained. As previously advised I am holding the balance of the Patent Fuel in "Fennia" as a reserve.
16. 1349. 4. & 738. 6. Remittances. £2000 was remitted you through the Crown Agents on 2nd ulto. You will be pleased to know that the Government were prevailed upon to make this free of commission. I anticipate that a remittance will not be required from you at the end of June.
17. 1349. 7. Local Coasting. I understand that Mr. Hamilton is finding his trading in the "West Falkland" unprofitable and may not continue with the exception of a voyage to Pebble Island for Messrs Dean Bros. The "Fleurus" has done very little local carrying during the past few months and I am of opinion that it is advisable to let matters take their course for the present as it would be more advantageous to us if these 'poachers' withdrew of their own accord than as a result of any pressure exerted by us. This matter will continue to have my close attention and if it appears necessary I will approach the Government in the manner you suggest.
18. 1349. 11. Code for Cable Store Indents. This code was first used on June 6th and the advantages accruing therefrom

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are already obvious.

19. 1349. 17. Annual Accounts 1931. Your remarks are noted.

20. Bagging. With reference to your cable dated 2nd ulto. there are ample stocks of bagging on the Farm to carry on through next season. An indent has been sent you for 5000 yards for Stanley Stern stocks and 2,500 yards for Farm reserve stock which will be held in Stanley.

21. Kelp. With reference to my Despatch No. 737 para. 6 I enclose statements detailing the expenses incurred in salvaging "Kelp", necessary repairs of the cost thereof. The "Kelp" has been slipped and repaired and is in service again.

22. Speedwell Island "Ketch". With reference to the Camp Manager's Despatch dated 12th March last paragraph "Speedwell Ketch" I can spare motorboat "Stockfish" at present and am arranging to return her to Darwin as a temporary measure.

23. Dean's Tour. The Very Revd Dean Lumsdale paid a visit to our Farm sections between April 8th - 21st. It appears that in the past the Clergy were allowed to travel free but paid for their messing. In view of the generous annual contributions made by the Company to the Sustentation Fund I see no reason to continue this but have agreed to allow them a rebate of 25% on local passage money only but not on messing.

It may be noted that the previous visit to the Company's camp was made in 1930.

24. Centenary Transport Arrangements. I enclose a copy of my semi-official letter dated 7th ulto. to the Colonial Secretary together with draft timetable for your information.

24. Scale of Stores to Farms. I enclose a copy of a circular letter dated 28th ulto. addressed to all Farm Managers regarding the sale of certain stores delivered to Stations at a price inclusive of freight and insurance. The project has been well received and the following quantities of goods were sold:

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31	Bags Flour, Large	
30	do Small	
15	bags Oats	
32	bags Sugar	
85	bags Maize	
117	bags Pollard	
4	cases Tinned Butter	Total Value
61	cases Kerosene	\$162 . 4 . 4
10	cases Tinned Peaches	
10	cases Onions	
12	cases Spirits	
3	cases Beer	

I have under consideration a proposal for the extension of this project which can be discussed when I am at Home.

26. Taxation Relief. With reference to my Despatch No. 731 para. 19. I have again approached the Government regarding the possibility of some relief in taxation to the Sheep Farming industry also as regards the date of payment of the wool tax, a copy of my letter dated May 31st and the Colonial Secretary's reply No C/2/31 dated June 9th enclosed. From which you will note that the Governor is laying my letter before the Secretary of State together with His Excellency's own recommendation.

27. "Lafonia". 1348. 6. A reply to Messrs Kennaugh's letter is enclosed, which kindly forward. The revolution counter is working satisfactorily.

D. Walsh - Chief Steward. Agreement to hand. He joined the "Lafonia" at Montevideo on 19th ulto. at 1st September next.

Chief Officer. Tomelthy's agreement expires on the 19th September next and a Chief Officer should be sent out to relieve him at Montevideo at the end of September. It is hoped that Mr Adair will then be available. This market like all other is very depressed.

Shell Plates. I shall be very interested to receive a copy of the paper on the premature pitting of shell plates. It is a coincidence that on Capt. Robert's return from Montevideo he reported that slight pitting was noticeable on shell plates forward where the anchor chains sometimes chafe and after discussion with him and Mr. Thomson I decided to have "Lafonia" dry docked and painted again at Montevideo in about six months time. After the docking the Floating Dock will be used and I

then proceed to dock and paint her at even shorter intervals.

During her stay at Montevideo from 5th - 20th May the following work was done.

1. Double bottom tanks examined and found in good condition. covers replaced and tested.
2. Boilers cleaned and scaled.
3. Topsides, Masts, Derrick Posts, Derricks and Funnel painted.
4. Fore Deck scraped, scaled and coated one coat "Must".
5. No. 1 Tweendeck scaled and coated "Bitumac".
6. No. 3 Tweendeck and decks in locked rooms cleaned and painted with "Bitumac".
7. Bridge House cleaned and oiled outside.
8. Lifeboat falls renewed.
10. Vessel Docked and painted - surveyed by Lloyds' surveyor with record of survey 5 . 32.

Lead Line. Arrangements are being made to have her surveyed at Montevideo in the near future for a Convention Lead Line Certificate

Passage Earnings Montevideo Voyages.

A.10	£ 25			
A.13	£191 .17 . 6	unexpired return tickets	£ 121.17 . 6	
A.15	£272 . 5 . -			
A.18	£155 . 5 . -			75 . -
				44 .15

or a total of £ 886.

Shop Sales 13 th Dec. - 6th June total £594

Bar Earnings total £ 121 .

Additional Voyare to Montevideo. I have arranged for an additional voyage leaving Port Stanley about 1st September next. The Government will pay us an additional £200 for this.

Outside Employment. I have offered "Lafonia" firm for one voyage Rio Grande or Port Alegre to Montevideo at end June / early July for reply by 17th inst. This market like all other is very depressed but I am of opinion that sooner or later we should get a footing in it. You will note from the itinerary enclosed herewith that I anticipate that she will be laid up for not less than 30 days July/August.

Floating Decks. The extension to the walls of the Floating Deck is progressing favourably, if somewhat slowly, this being due to the lack of shipyard facilities as with the exception of the small assistance from the steam crane on the Quamby wharf

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all materials have to be manhandled, necessitating the signing of a special gear for almost every lift. The method adopted in constructing the extended part of the walls will perhaps be interesting as to carry out the work afloat with our limited facilities presents many difficulties which as far as possible have to be anticipated. After completing and launching the additional section the forward end plating and frames of the port and starboard walls had to be disconnected and removed for access to the wall foundations; the end section of the original wall foundation including girders, stringer plates and frame base angles, had to be cut afloat ready for removal, necessitating the cutting out of many rivets. This portion had been rivetted up before the erection of the walls and before it had been decided to extend the deck. The first section of the extension to the wall foundations was erected and rivetted together on the Deck of No.1 pontoon and made ready for insertion into its position. No.1 pontoon was detached from the walls by means of the removal of the 1" bolts connecting it to the wall foundations, the pontoon was flooded and submerged sufficiently to clear the walls, moved about 12ft in a forward direction, pumped out and secured in the new position. It will be realized that this operation has to be carried out in calm weather and the pontoon resecured as quickly as possible and that sufficient area of attachment must be made between the pontoon and the walls as the end pontoons carry our only means of securing the deck against high winds. The end portions of the wall foundations were then removed, the pontoon again disconnected, flooded and moved forward a sufficient distance to accommodate the first section of the wall foundations, these were manhandled into position by means of screw jacks and tackle, the surplus water pumped out and the pontoon moved back into its lift position. This operation was particularly difficult one as various angles and plates had to intermesh one with another, with little or practically no clearance between them and necessitated much manipulation of weights and water, however it was successfully accomplished and the pontoon

resecured. The pontoon in this position left sufficient wall its deck extending beyond the walls to allow the erection of the first section of the new wall frames and plating. This operation will be repeated three times before the whole of the wall structure is completed, each section being rivetted up before the pontoon is next moved to ensure sufficient stability in the walls to carry the overhanging weight, the last move bringing No. 1 pontoon into its correct position relative to the wall structure. Before the last moving operation X pontoon will be floated into position to support some of the overhanging weight of the walls. It is hoped that the Floating Deck will be ready to put to moorings in August next when Capt. Roberts will be available to superintend the operation. The machinery will be put on the Deck and fitted when she is moored.

29. Indents. A fairly heavy indent is going forward this mail for shipment per "Losada" October. This is necessitated by the fact that this is presumably the last direct vessel to arrive in the Colony before the Centenary. (see my cable dated 7th

30. Stores from United Kingdom via Montevideo. A list is being compiled of articles which it is advantageous to ship via Montevideo per "Lafonia". This list can be rechecked with current conference rates when I am at Home so that this route may be availed of as much as possible.

31. Governor. My cable dated 12th ulto. refers to several such articles and comparative rates are given below:

	River Plate Montevideo Conference Rate	P.S.N.C. Rate to Stanley.
Jute Hessians	37/6	60/-
Rough Jute cloth	27/6	80/-
Sheep Dip - Liquid	50/-	60/-
" " - Paste	42/6	50/-
Sugar	20/-	50/-
Flour	42/6	60/-
Galva Corrugated Sheets	25/-	50/-
" Flat	20/-	50/-
Marine Engine Oil	25/-	50/-
Pallete Piles	30/-	50/-

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32. Product Shipments. After the present shipment per "Lafonia" the approximate balance is 250 bales Wool and Skins, and a small quantity of tallow and hides all of which will go forward in September.

33. Centenary Stock Show Programme. With reference to my despatch No. 738, para. 10. I enclose a copy of the provisional programme for the Centenary Stock Show, as issued to Farm Managers.

34. Steamer Movements. I enclose a copy of the "Lafonia's" proposed itinerary to 9th December next, also a list of mail movements to the end of the year.

35. Clients Accounts. With reference to your cable dated June 9th., action has been taken where necessary and the matter can be fully discussed with you personally.

36. Improvements to tracks in Company's Farm. I enclose a copy of my letter dated 17th June and enclosure, to the Colonial Engineer and will discuss this proposal with you personally.

37. Speedwell House. The estimated cost of the new house for the Manager is £720 F.O.B. Stanley (see my cable dated 7th May and yours of 9th idem.) Work on the framing of this house has commenced and I hope to ship it out to Speedwell in September next. I enclose a plan of the house as finally agreed upon by Mr. Goddard and myself, also a copy of a letter addressed to him in this connection.

38. Governor's Recent Voyage per "Lafonia" His Excellency Sir James O'Grady has just returned from another voyage per "Lafonia" visiting the West Falklands and Salvador Water Ports. Amongst the passengers to Montevideo this voyage A.18. are Mr. R. Blake, Mrs Greenfields and two children, and myself and family.

I am,

Dear Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Manager.

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Dear Sir,
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. in relation to the matter mentioned therein. I am sorry to hear that you are having trouble with your engine. I will be glad to help you in any way I can. I will send you a copy of the manual for the engine. I will also send you a copy of the report on the engine. I will be glad to see you at any time. I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Yours truly,
J. W. [Name]

Handwritten signature: J. W. [Name]

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DESPATCH NO. 740 per "LAFONIA" via MONTEVIDEO.

AUGUST 31st 1932.

P R E C I S.

1. Confirms Despatch No. 739 and acknowledges No. 1350 and letters of 10th June and 8th July.
2. Farm Managers House Speedwell Islands framed ready for shipment, fittings now under construction.
3. Mr. Morrison travelled to Magallanes to arrange settlement of Bluff Cove Account - no news yet received.
4. Notes Pensions granted by the Board. Two of the employees put off pay and arrangements for the others to continue work temporarily owing to pressure of work.
5. Confirms being able to dispense with remittances at the end of July and August.
6. Details "Lafonia's" movements and arrival and departure of M.V. "Laguna"
7. Encloses estimated account of "Lafonia" voyage to Rio Grande and cements on reduction of expenses on future voyages. Vessel laid up for 30 days during engines were overhauled. Hull painted, decks caulked etc.
8. Dansen Harbour telephone shipped per "Lafonia" A.20. "Laguna"
9. 40 tons House Coal ex Montevideo sold to Colonial Government at 87/6 per ton - allowing freight at 27/6, landing at 5/-.
10. North Wall of "Ship" Hotel re-erected.
11. Reduction of staff by two carpenters and one re-engaged as lorry driver in place of Peck leaving the Colony.
12. Motor Boat "Stockfish" sent to Darwin by "Lafonia" A.20
13. Moorings for Floating Deck laid but unable to place the Deck Deck to these moorings until Mid September.

In view of the pressure of work, chiefly on "Lafonia", I am retaining both until next month and may even require his services longer. I am unable to get J. McAtamney off until

Myth is returned from the Floating Deck, which I trust will be in the course of the next few weeks.

15. Remittances. Our cash balance permitted me to dispense with the remittances of £1000 at the end of July and August and notices to this effect were sent you.

J. B. ...

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5th August. Fruit was discharged that afternoon and discharge proper began on the 24th. The matter for August the night of the 24th. Working since 2nd inst.

Sir,

I beg to confirm Mr. Young's Despatch No. 739 of 18th June since when I have received your No. 1350 and letters dated 10th June and 8th July.

2. 1350 . 3. Manager's House - Speedwell Island. The framing and preparing for shipment of the building is complete and work on the fittings is now in hand.

3. 1350 . 10. Bluff Cove Account. Mr Young will have reported to you the position up to the time of his leaving Montevideo. Mr. Morrison travelled to Magallanes per "Laguna" on 9th inst., but so far no news has been received regarding the matter. Credit has been restricted to £ 20 per month for July and August and will subsequently be stopped unless funds are received.

4. 1350 . 14. Pensions. I note the pensions authorized by the Board. Enestrom and McMullen were put off pay at the end of July, from which date their pensions begin.

In view of the pressure of work, chiefly on "Lafonia", I am retaining Smith until next month and may even require his services longer. I am unable to put J. McAtasney off until Blyth is returned from the Floating Dock, which I trust will be in the course of the next few weeks.

5. 1350 . 16. Remittances. Our cash balance permitted us to dispense with the remittances of £1000 at the end of July and August and notices to this effect were sent you.

B.B. CODDARD ESQ.,

MANAGING DIRECTOR.

LONDON.

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6. Steamer Movements. S.S. "Lafonia" arrived from Montevideo on July 14th; sailed on 17th for Darwin, North Arm, Fox Bay, Port Purvis, Port Howard, and Sound Islands, returning on the evening of 20th.

S.S. "Laguna" arrived from Bahia Blanca at noon on Saturday 6th August. Fruit was discharged that afternoon and the discharge proper began on the 8th., she sailed for Magallanes on the night of the 9th., having discharged 590 tons cargo.

S.S. "Lafonia" sailed in the early hours of 21st inst. for North Arm, Danson Harbour, Port Stephens, Dunnose Head, Chartres, Hill Cove, Pebble Island, Port Howard, Fox Bay, San Carlos North and South and Salvador Waters: she returned on 29th and leaves for Montevideo at Midnight on 31st.

7. "Lafonia" I enclose estimated account of the voyage to Rio Grande, disclosing a loss of £ 71 . 6 . 5, excluding ordinary running expenses; these I estimate at £12 .10s. per diem or £100 for the voyage.

Captain Roberts is of the opinion that the following charges could be reduced for future voyages or are non recurrent:-

Pilotage could be reduced by about £ 12

Stevedoring " " £ 16 with a different class of Cargo.

Dunnage Wood and labour preparing holds - £14, non recurrent items.

The vessel was laid up here from 20th July to 20th August and a certificate for return of premium is enclosed. All the sailors were put off for one week and then engaged at hourly rates for painting &c. The following work was carried out on board during this period:-

Engineers. Boilers and Engines completely overhauled as per Mr. Thomson's report - 1st Annual Survey Report - dated 26th August, enclosed herewith.

Carpenters. Wheel house deck caulked and lead fillet placed on after end to prevent water going into the saloon and smoke room. Two $\frac{1}{2}$ " drains through ceamings on port and

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starboard sides to lead water from wheel house to the boat deck. Main Deck caulked on port and starboard sides together with thwartship deck forward of the saloon.

Boat Deck. Half of port side sheltered deck, abreast of Wireless room, caulked, and also small portion amidships by bunker hatches.

Cabins. The four forward cabins lined with plywood. (Russian Birch). The Captain's day room lined with Mahogany plywood.

Engine Room. Material supplied and fitted for painting platform over the engine and under the skylights. A black board made and painted, for revolution counter recently installed.

Crew. General Painting. September.

I understand that Maclean & Stapledon have written to you regarding a proposition from Mann George Ltd. but unfortunately they omitted to enclose the copy of their letter which they were sending us. I am, therefore, ignorant of the proposal at the moment.

8. Dansen Harbour Telephone. Arrived per "Laguna" and was shipped by "Lafenia" voyage A.20 as were all the clients' stores received per that vessel.

9. Heuse Coal ex Montevideo. I have sold to the Government 40 tons bagged Heuse Coal ex Montevideo A.21 at 87/6 per ton. This I have purchased from Wilson Sons & Co (direct) at 55/- per ton, giving us 27/6 per ton freight and 5/- per ton landing charges.

10. Ship Hotel. The north wall of this building has now been re-erected and new sashes are being made for the windows; the wall has yet to be "finished off".

11. Labour. With reference to Despatch No 739, para. 2, W. McAtasney and R.L. Rebsen were put off at the end of June and end of July respectively, the latter being engaged as lorry driver vice Peck who is travelling Home by this opportunity. One painter was off during July and August.

12. M.B. "Steakfish" With reference Despatch No.739, para 22, the meter boat "Steakfish" was sent out to Darwin per "Lafenia" A.20.

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13. Floating Deck. The moorings for the Deck, consisting of 4 approximately two ten anchors, have been laid, under Capt. Robert's supervision, in a position approximately 71 degrees and 2.8 cables distant from the end of the Government (Public) Jetty.

I regret that it has not yet been possible to put the Deck to these moorings but you will see from Mr. Thomsen's report enclosed that the fitting of the stiffening for the cable steppers proved a bigger operation than anticipated.

I trust, however, that all will be ready on the "Lafenia's" return from Montevideo Mid September.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

p.p. Manager.

- 12. Abstract of Park Account 30 Jun - All Sections
- 13. "Lafenia" Reports Inward 4/8/32
- 14. Certificate of Arrival 21/7 p.p. Manager.
- 15. Rio Grande Voyage - Estimated 4/8 (12/8/32)
- 16. 1st annual Survey, Ballast & Machinery (25/8/32)
- 17. Floating Deck. J.H. Thomsen's report 22/8/32
- 18. F.I. Gazette July 1st & August 1st.
- 19. Produce Returns 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100.
- 20. Specifications.
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Despatch No 740. "Lafonia" 31/8/32.

Enclosures.

1. Despatch No 740
2. Remarks on Accounts No 42
3. Statement " " "
4. Remarks on N.F. Depot No 21
5. Store Indent No 707 & Remarks on Stores
6. Stanley Ledger Balances 30th June
7. Coal Statements June & July
8. Coasting Insurances June & July
9. F.I. Shipping Report 31/8/32
10. Return of Establishment June - Stanley
11. " " " " Camp, All Sections
12. Abstract of Farm Account 30 June - All Sections
13. "Lafonia" Reports Inward 1/8/32
14. do Certificate of lying up 21/7/32 - 21/8/32
15. do Rio Grande Voyage - Estimated A/c (10/8/32)
16. do 1st Annual Survey Boilers & Machinery (25/8/32)
17. Floating Dock. J.K. Thomson's report 26/8/32
18. F.I. Gazettes July 1st & August 1st.
19. Produce Returns D.H. W.C. S.I. D & S.
20. Specification of Shipment "Lafonia" 31/8/32

Specifications.

Mark.	Spel.	Skins	Hides
S.I.	108	2	
F.	114		
Z.		9	
J.B.			39

2 Envelopes addressed F.I. Co. Ltd, London ex Farm.

DESPATCH NO. 741 PER "LAFONIA" VIA MONTEVIDEO

28th SEPTEMBER 1932.

P R E C I S

1. Confirms my No. 740.
2. Advises non-receipt of registered mails ex "Highland Monarch".
3. Floating Dock placed to mooring on Sept. 25th. Mr. Thomson's report enclosed.
4. Voyage of S.S. "Afterglow" to North Arm to bring to Stanley an urgent medical case. Cost of the trip, and asks whether Company are prepared to assist towards payment.
5. Confirms radioes regarding sale of "Falkland".
6. Explains position here regarding quotation for sand to be shipped to Montevideo per "Lafonia", details of quotation are given together with date of expiration. Comments on installation of Rock crushing plant in M. video.
7. Theft from new Retail Store by two boys - both birched and ordered to pay £4 inpayment of goods stolen.
8. Details "Lafonia's" movements and encloses itinerary to Jan. 31st 1933.
9. Advises that a navigation light has been placed on Bull Point.
10. Encloses correspondence with Colonial Secretary in connection with North Swan Island.
11. List of additions to Steres Code enclosed.
12. No news received regarding Bluff Cove except cabled request for land value, this estimated at £1200. Confirms cable advising that Bluff Cove has been offered for sale locally for £5000.
13. Suggestions in connection with the use of a Stanley paddeck for cultivating potatoes.
14. Further to para. 3 - advises that Dock rode out gale from Northwest on 26th inst., without causing any anxiety regarding its security.

R. S. GORDON Esq.

MANAGING DIRECTOR
LONDON.

No. 741 For "Lafonia" via Montevideo. Date 28.9.32.

whether the Board are prepared to give further allowance towards the maintenance of the vessel in better good progress.

"Lafonia" via MONTEVIDEO

September 28th 32

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price, terms and conditions of the contract for the vessel.

to communicate with the Board.

Sir,

I beg to confirm my Despatch No. 740 of 31st ult., since which date I have received nothing from you to acknowledge.

2. Mails. I note from your radiogram of 20th inst. that your Despatch was sent by registered post per "Highland Monarch". This vessel arrived in Montevideo at 6 p.m. on the 3th September, after the mails had been placed on board the "Lafonia". The "Lafonia" did not sail until 2.30 p.m. the following day but it does not appear that any special care was taken to ascertain whether mails ex "Highland Monarch" had been received.

3. Floating Dock. I am glad to report that the Dock was successfully placed to moorings on Sunday 25th inst. Although the day was intermittently dull, I took some photographs of the operations which I hope to have ready in time to send herewith. Mr. Thomson's report of September 23rd is enclosed.

4. S.S. "Afterglow". At Dr. Wilson's request, through the Camp Manager, the "Afterglow" was despatched to North Arm on 12th inst. to bring into Stanley Mrs H. Pallini, suffering from peritonitis. The vessel was considerably delayed by heavy weather from the south which added greatly to the expenses of the voyage. The cost of the trip, excluding the charge for insurance, amounts to £ 41 . 6 . 6 as per details enclosed and I shall be glad to learn

A.B. GODDARD ESQ.,

MANAGING DIRECTOR
LONDON.

/ whether
Montevideo

whether the Board are prepared to make Pallini some allowance towards it. I understand the patient is making good progress.

5. "Falkland" I confirm my radio of 1st inst. advising you that Messrs Dick & Bravo were enquiring the lowest price, terms and conditions of "Falkland" sale and asking you to communicate with them direct.

6. Sand. In view of an enquiry from Messrs Maclean & Stapledon for the supply of 300, 400 and 500 tons of sand, I cabled you for information as I understood Mr. Young had gone into the matter and had full particulars.

Before receipt of your reply, however, a further message was received from Messrs Maclean & Stapledon asking for an immediate reply. I therefore, after consultation with Mr. Ellis and Mr. G. Roberts, was under the necessity of forming my own estimate. Mr. Ellis emphasised the importance of getting a footing in this trade, which of course I realised but was handicapped by the lack of any indication of what prices were being paid for sand in Montevideo.

I therefore cut the price as low as possible and quoted 21/6 per ton C.I.F. Montevideo, shipment 28th September and/or 19th November. This figure is computed as follows:-

Contract with Navy Gang, F.O.B. "Lafonia"	5s. 0d per ton
Freight per "Lafonia"	15s. 0d " "
Royalty (reduced by Government from 1/-)	6d " "
Insurance and contingencies	1s. 0d " "

9. Light on Bull Point. On "Lafonia's" last voyage she stayed 48 hours in Bull Roads to enable Mr. G. Roberts to erect there. Messrs Maclean & Stapledon have informed me, in reply, that nothing can be done at present and I have advised them that the offer only remains open until 26th October.

The Government were not prepared to deal with the matter in any way.

10. North I understand that schemes are on foot in / Montevideo between us, I enclose copies of correspondence with the

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Montevideo for the installation of rock crushing plant to deal with quartz rock of which there are plentiful supplies locally; if these materialise the importation of sand is likely to be abandoned, though Capt. Roberts states there are possibilities of a market in Argentina for it.

7. Retail Store Theft. I have to report that two boys obtained access to the New Store through one of the small lavatory windows and stole a quantity of cigarettes &c. They were both sentenced to be birched and ordered to pay £ 4. in instalments as the estimated cost of the goods taken. These windows have now been fitted with bars.

8. "Lafonia". Sailed for Montevideo from the Falkland Sound at 9 a.m. on 1st September and arrived there at 2 p.m. on 5th, a passage of 4 days 5 hours. On her return journey she left at 2.30 p.m. on 9th and arrived in the early hours of 14th, having experienced bad weather for the last 24 hours.

On 16th she sailed for Port Howard, Fox Bay, Speedwell Island (to land new house) Bull Roads, Bleaker Island and Fitzroy, arriving back in Stanley on 22nd with 349 fat sheep ex Bleaker Island.

She sails at midday on 28th for Montevideo. A copy of the vessel's itinerary from 1st November 1932 to 31st January 1933, is enclosed.

9. Light on Bull Point. On "Lafonia's" last voyage she stayed 48 hours in Bull Roads to enable Mr. G. Roberts to erect there an unwatched light provided out of Mr. John Hamilton's gift of £ 1000 to the Colony. Full passages and freight on materials are being paid but I am leaving the question of the delay to the vessel for Mr. Young to arrange on his return.

10. North Swan Island. With reference to cables exchanged between us, I enclose copies of correspondence with the

Colonial

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Colonial Secretary on our claims to this Islands, these letters are self-explanatory.

11. Stores Code. With reference to Despatch No.736 para. 30, I enclose a list of additions proposed for the Stores Code and shall be glad to learn in due course that these have been adopted.

12. Bluff Cove. No news has been received from the Morrison family since Mr.W.Morrison left here in "Laguna" beyond a cabled request for our views of the present value of Bluff Cove excluding buildings, materials on hand and Fordson Tractor, to which I replied that the value of the land was £1,200 but that we had no information regarding the fencing, plant or livestock.

For your information the value of the land is calculated as follows:-

15,485 Acres under purchase @ 3/- acre	£2322 .15 . -
Less incumberance value -	
17 years on £106 .13 . 1 @ 6%	1117 .14 . 8
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I have recently been informed by W.J.Hutchinson that he has received a radio from R.C.P Evans stating that the property was on sale for £5,000 and this information I passed on to you by radio.

13. Potatoes. Since 1st January this year the sum of £72 has been spent locally by the "Lafonia" and Stanley Store in the purchase of potatoes and in addition the latter have 10 tons on order from United Kingdom. It would seem a pity that this money should go outside the Company as apart from Camp lands and in addition to the Garden, we have a half acre paddock in Stanley, next to the Carter's House (Mr.J.M.Thomson) which is lying idle and with cultivation could produce probably at least 5 tons of potatoes.

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I should be glad of your views in this connection.

14. Floating Deck. Since writing the foregoing, I have to report that on Monday 26th, the day following that on which the Deck was placed to neerings, a wind of gale force was experienced from the north-west and the Deck rode excellently to her four main anchors only.

There would, therefore, appear to be no cause for much anxiety as to the security of the neerings; these will however be strengthened by the addition in the near future of the four one ten anchors originally sent for the Deck.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

p.p. Manager.

Despatch No 741. "Lafonia" 23/2/32.
No. 742 per "Lafonia" via Montevideo 11/11/32.

Enclosures.

P E N C I S

1. Despatch 741.
2. Remarks on Accounts 43
3. Statement "Confirms No. 741 per "Lafonia" 23/2/32 and acknowledges receipt of your Nos. 1351/2.
4. Remarks on Naval Fuel Dept 32.
5. Store Invent "Island" Boiler survey - confirms date of 22nd October. Notes from your recent letter regarding agreed to an Engineer on "Lafonia" is being sent out.
6. Remarks on Stores
7. Camp Manager's Despatch Island - advises contents of your cable of 11th inst. communicated to Mr John Brown.
8. Coal Statement August.
9. List of additions to store bills. Shipments to Montevideo. Business done not materialized owing to supplies obtained at interior of Uruguay.
10. Copies of Correspondence re North Swan Island. Correspondence of Messrs A. Barrett and J. Barrett.
11. F.I. Shipping Report. Reports moving of this bill to permanent coverings.
12. Statement of cost of voyage of "Afterglow" to North Arm. Enclosed in Thomson's report of 11th inst.
13. Report on Floating Dock 23/2/32. Notes sent Bill to Glasgow. This shipment goes only this voyage.
14. Specification "Lafonia" Shipment 23/2/32
15. Coasting Insurance August. Correspondence enclosed. Arrangements for management of this form by us to end of December have been made with Tom Hunter.
16. "Lafonia" Manifests All/2
17. Do Itinerary to 30/1/32 is movements of.
18. Photographs Floating Dock
19. F.I. Gazette No 9 Club - reports progress in building.

20. Specifications - Mr Thomson's report of 11th inst. enclosed.

- E.E.M. 3 cases wool
- F.F.B. 6 boxes skins
- J.L.W. 10 " "

No.742 per "Lafonia" via Montevideo 11/11/32.

P R E C I S .

1. Confirms No.741 per "Lafonia" 28/9/32 and acknowledges receipt of your Nos.1351/2.
2. "Falkland" Boiler survey - confirms cable of 22nd October. Notes from your reply Lloyds Registry agreed to an Engineer ex "Losada" to carry this out.
3. North Swan Island - advises contents of your cable of 13th ulto. communicated to Mr Pole Evans.
4. Sand - shipment to Montevideo. Business does not materialise owing to supplies obtained ex interior of Uruguay.
5. Acknowledges receipt of Agreements of Messrs A.Barratt and H.G.Creece.
6. "Fennia" - reports moving of this hulk to permanent moorings.
7. Encloses Mr Thomson's reports on s.s."Afterglow".
8. Notes seal oil sold at £15 c.i.f. Glasgow. This shipment goes forward per "Lafonia" this voyage.
9. Bluff Cove - correspondence enclosed. Arrangements for management of this farm by us to end of December have been made with Camp Manager.
10. "Lafonia" - reports movements of.
11. Steamer movements.
12. New Club - reports progress on building.
13. Floating Dock - Mr Thomson's report of 11th inst. enclosed.

acknowledged receipt of your letter of 11th inst. and stated that the matter would have his attention in due course....

4. SAND - SHIPMENT TO MONTEVIDEO. The firm interested in the exportation of sand was Soc. Anon. Cristalerias del Uruguay, who informed Messrs. Maclean & Stapleton that if we could quote something under \$10 there was a good chance of doing business. Receipt of my cabled quotation therefore Maclean & Stapleton advised \$7.50, being 25/6 at the current rate of exchange. For the present, however, they are not interested, as it appears that in the interval they have received samples of quartz from the interior of the country, which on being crushed out was found to contain certain elements - namely, iron, gold - which make it worth their working, while the remainder can be used for glass making.

The Managing Director,

No. 742 per "Lafonia" 14/11/32. The documents of the
 No. 1352. 7. A. BURRITT & H.G. GIBSON. The documents of the
 above, came safely to hand, for which I thank you.

6. "KENDIA". This bulk was moved to permanent moorings at
 wool wharf on the evening of 31st October. For your information her
 position is 153 degrees and 2.85 cables distant. 14th November, 1932.
 "LAFONIA" via Montevideo.
 of the West wall of Naval Gardens this is to the East of the site
 742.
 previously occupied by "Great Britain".

Sir, R.S. "APPROVAL". Enclosed please find copies of Mr.
 I have to confirm my No. 741 of 28th September, since when your
 Nos. 1351/2 have been received. Sealing Company to carry out

2. 1351.21. "FALKLAND" BOILER SURVEY. I cabled you on 22nd
 ulto. to the effect that Mr. G. Roberts declined to undertake the
 responsibility of surveying "Falkland's" boiler on the grounds of
 lack of experience - see copy of his letter enclosed. At the same
 time I suggested that the survey should be held by an Engineer at
 "Lorada" and note from your reply of 27th idea that Lloyds Register
 had agreed to this. To go forward by a Laperre & Holt boat.

3. 1352. 3. NORTH SWAN ISLAND. The contents of your cable of
 13th October were duly communicated to Mr. Pole Evans who
 acknowledged receipt and stated that the matter would have his
 attention in due course.

4. 1352. 4. SAND - SHIPMENT TO MONTEVIDEO. The firm interested
 in the importation of sand was Soc. Anon. Cristalerias del Uruguay,
 who informed Messrs. Maclean & Stapledon that if we could quote
 something under \$10 there was a good chance of doing business. On
 receipt of my cabled quotation therefore Maclean & Stapledon quoted
 them \$3.43, being 25/6 at the current rate of exchange. For the
 present, however, they are not interested, as it appears that in
 the interval they have received samples of quartz from the interior
 of the country, which on being crushed out was found to contain
 certain minerals - among them gold - which makes it worth their
 while to working, while the remainder can be used for glass making.

The Managing Director,
 LONDON.

No. 742 per "Lafonia" 14/11/32. -2- were discharged

5. 1352. 7. A. BARRATT & M.G. CRITCHIE. The agreements of the above came safely to hand, for which I thank you.

6. "EUGENIA". This hulk was moved to permanent moorings as wool hulk on the evening of 31st October. For your information her position is 158 degrees and 1.85 cables distant from the South end of the East wall of Naval Camber: this is to the East of the site previously occupied by "Great Britain".

Enc. 7. S.S. "AFBERGLOW". Enclosed please find copies of Mr. Thomson's reports of 10th and 22nd October on the condition of this vessel. I have instructed the Sealing Company to carry out such work as is necessary to keep the vessel in good condition. The best part of the cost thereof will be defrayed by the profit on voyages made by the vessel to North Arm and Port Louis.

8. SEAL OIL. I note from your message of 5th October that you have succeeded^{ed} in selling 330 tons oil at £15 per ton c.i.f. Glasgow. "Lafonia" ships this parcel en route for Montevideo this voyage and it is expected to go forward by a Lamport & Holt boat.

9. BLUFF COVE. The question of the management and financing of this Station has been rendered most complicated and unsatisfactory by the utter unreliability of Mr W. Morrison.

You will have gathered from cables sent you that as a result of the interview with Captain Roberts, the Morrison family insist on the sale of the property and I note from your message of 1st inst. that it has been arranged that we manage the farm until the end of the year. Gilruth has taken an inventory of all stores etc. and the Camp Manager has retained the shepherd working there under the supervision of Mr. Langdon.

Enc. Copies of correspondence on this subject are sent for your information.

10. "LAFONIA", returned from ~~Montevideo~~ Montevideo on 12th October and sailed on 14th for Magellanes via the West. She returned to Stanley on 29th idem, having landed 9 Corriedale rams on Tickle Island. The vessel loaded some 467 tons coal and a quantity of

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of timber at Isla Riesca: 500 tons of this coal were discharged here into hulk "Fleetwing" and I cabled you on 4th instant to insure this against fire in the sum of 2500, as according to the Fire Insurance Schedule in my possession, no cover is allowed for merchandise in that hulk. "Fleetwing" leaks badly when loaded and has to be pumped out twice daily: she will require repairs as soon as possible or a new storage provided for such coal.

"Lafonia" sailed on 1st instant for a tour around the Islands, with stores for sale to the Farms and returned on 9th instant. I enclose list of goods sold. His Excellency the Governor made the tour in her. 375 sheep were brought ~~in~~ in from Bleaker Island for Stanley Butchery.

"Lafonia" sails on the night of 14/15th for Darwin, Albemarle, Foxbay, Hill Cove, Pebble Island and Montevideo. Before leaving on this voyage one boiler will be blown down and cleaned and the other will be done during loading at Albemarle.

11. STEAMERS' MOVEMENTS. R.R.S. "Discovery II" arrived on 10th instant. m/v "Losada" arrived on 12th. It is most inconvenient ^{so} this vessel being/delayed as a quantity of cargo on board is required for transshipment to "Lafonia" for Darwin. I hope, however, to be able to arrange this.

H.M.S. "Durban" is expected here on 19th inst.

12. NEW CLUB. Good progress is being made with the conversion of the old Millinery Store premises into the new Club rooms, of which no doubt Mr. Young has spoken to you, and the outside work on the whole of Marmont Row is nearing completion.

13. FLOATING DOCK. The actual site of the Dock is 74° and 3 cables distant from the North East end of the Public Jetty.

Six hands are being put off this week, of whom 3 go out to Darwin to work on Bodie Creek Bridge.

A certain amount of difficulty was experienced in placing a 2 ton water circulating tank on the top of the engine room, this was, however, accomplished by fitting schooner "Lafonia's" main

No No.742 per "Lafonia" 11/11/32. No 14 11/32.

ENCLOSURES

boom to "Fleetwing" though the operation involved considerable

anxiety. Mr Thomson's report of 11th November is enclosed for

your information. No. 45.

Remarks on accounts No. 1 am,

Remarks on Naval Fuel Depot Sir,

Store Incent No. 709. your obedient servant,

Remarks on stores No. 709.

Return of Establishment & Wages, Sept. 30, Stanley.

do. do. do. p.p. Manager. D.H., W.D., E.A., S.I.

do. do. do. do. Fitzroy.

Coasting Insurance - September & October 1932.

Stanley Ledger Balances at 30th Sept. 1932.

Coal Statements September & October 1932.

Abstract of Farm Account, September Quarter.

Engineer's Reports (2) on s.s. "Afterglow".

"Lafonia" Manifests, Voyages A.23 & 24.

Falkland Islands Gazette, 1st October 1932.

Photographs.

F.I. Shipping Report No. 3/32.

Correspondence :-

With Messrs Dick & Bravo, Melbourne, Victoria, State.

Hon. G. Roberts re survey of "Falkland" boiler.

SPECIALSATIONS.

Handwritten notes and signatures, including 'J.B.' and 'F.I. Shipping Report'.

No. 742 per "Lafonia" 11/11/32
boom to "Lafonia" though the operation involved considerable
anxiety. Mr. Thomson's report of 11th November is enclosed for

Your information.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

P. P. Manser.

~~Enclosures~~
~~(Continued)~~

- 19. Eng's Report on Floating Dock.
- 20. H. Wilson's report dt- 30/9/32.
- 21. Summary of goods sold on Joy. B. I.
of "Lafonia" to Farm Strs.
- 22. 2 envelopes containing various
Farm returns.

No. 742 per "Lafonia" via Montevideo 11/11/32.

ENCLOSURES

1. Despatch No. 742.
2. Statement on accounts No. 44.
3. Remarks on accounts No. 44.
4. Remarks on Naval Fuel Depot No. 23.
5. Store Indent No. 709.
6. Remarks on Stores No. 709.
7. Returns of Establishment & Wages, Sept. Cr., Stanley.
8. do. do. do. do. D.H., W.C., N.A., S.I.
9. do. do. do. do. Fitzroy.
10. Coasting Insurances - September & October 1932.
11. Stanley Ledger Balances at 30th Sept. 1932.
12. Coal Statements September & October 1932.
13. Abstract of Farm Account, September Quarter.
14. Engineer's Reports (2) on s.s. "Afterglow".
15. "LAFONIA" Manifests, Voyages A.23 & 24.
16. Falkland Islands Gazettes, 1st October/1932.
17. Photographs.
18. F.I. Shipping Report No. 9/32.

Correspondence :-

With Messrs Dick & Bravo, Magallanes re Bluff Cove Estate.

Hon. G. Roberts re survey of "Falkland" boiler.

SPECIFICATIONS.

<u>MARK.</u>	<u>WOOL.</u>	<u>SKINS.</u>	<u>TALLOW.</u>
F S	-	27	-
H & B	14	11	-
J.H.D. PEBBLE	19	-	40
J.H.D. -K-	47	-	-
F B	-	8	-
F	-	8	-
A.P.	-	13	-
J.B.	-	7	-
B	19	15	-

No. 743, 7/12/32, per H.M.S. "DURBAN" via Buenos Aires, sailing 9th December, 1932.

P R E C I S.

1. Confirms No. 742 and acknowledges No. 1353.
2. Sealing Co. Reports shipment of 333 tons oil from Albemarle, per "Lafonia", November.
3. "Lafonia" Voyage B.2, reports shipment of produce etc. etc.
4. H.M.S. "DURBAN". Reports arrival & business at Stanley, 20th November / 9th December.
5. "Falkland". Boiler surveyed by Ch. Engineer "Losada", and
6. Produce shipments - Space reserved for 2400 bales "La Paz", January, 1932.
7. Magallanes coal in "Fleetwing" - Reports steps taken after spontaneous combustion.
8. G. Walsh - reports injury to.
9. Cash - reports present position.
10. Floating Dock. - staff reduced.
11. Bodie Creek Bridge - repair operations postponed.
12. (a) Mail despatched per H.M.S. "Durban".
(b) Mr Vincent confined to bed temporarily.

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MANAGING DIRECTOR
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...attached to copies of the local bill of lading. Messrs. Maclean & Stapledon were also specially reminded of the customs requirements in connection with the transshipment at their port. ... In addition to the seal oil, 35 tons of wool and skins were lifted at Pebble Island, and we were advised that these were transhipped at Montevideo on the 20th November. "Lafonia" also earned freight to Montevideo on the H.M.S. "Durban" and "Dauntless". ... H.M.S. "Durban" arrived on Sunday, 20th November, and the ... During the next fortnight her men were ... and the ... operations proceeded for the next 2 days, and 100 tons of "sacked" wool and seal were ... being kept by Mr. Thompson for future use. A ... of good coal was then discharged into the ...

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engaged in transporting the 6" gun from Sparrow Cove to Sappers Hill, for which purpose they hired one of our iron lighters for carriage from Sparrow Cove to Dockyard Jetty. The Commodore

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743. cover the special risk to the lighter whilst under their control. The lighter was taken on the evening of the 28th November and returned safely to anchorage on the evening of the 30th.

We confirm our Despatch No. 742 of 14th November and acknowledge receipt of your No. 1353 of 5th October per "Lesada" has been carried out.

2. 1353 - 13. Falkland & Dep. Sealing Co. Ltd. "Lafonia" left Stanley on the night of the 14th November and lifted 1701 drums of Seal Oil at Albemarle.

Gross Weight:- 373.9 tons
Nett Weight:- 333.3 tons.

Captain Roberts was given all the necessary documents in skeleton before leaving, including the new certificate of origin form 120A, attached to copies of the local bill of lading. Messrs Maclean & Stapledon were also specially reminded of the customs requirements in connection with the transshipment at their port.

"Lafonia" - Voyage B.2. In addition to the seal oil, 86 bales of wool and skins were lifted at Pebble Island, and we are advised that these were transhipped at Montevideo on the 24th November. "Lafonia" also earned freight to Montevideo on two Naval towing targets ex H.M.S. "Durban" and "Dauntless" - works matter of 18 tons measurement.

H.M.S. "Durban" arrived on Sunday, 20th November, and the next day took in 506 tons of oil fuel and her stores from our

lighters ex "Lesada". During the next fortnight her men were engaged in the useless seal dumped. Operations proceeded for the next 2 days, and 100 tons of "soaked" seal and ash were dumped, samples being kept by Mr Thomson for future use. A further 40 tons of good coal was then discharged into the shed at West

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A further 442 tons of oil was delivered to her on 6th December.

During her visit the usual inspection and mustering of stores at the Depot has been carried out.

5. "Falkland" The chief engineer of the "Losada" duly surveyed this vessel's boiler, and sent his report direct to Lloyds.

6. Produce Shipments. The contents of your telegram of 14th November were telephoned to Captain Roberts at Darwin and we have asked Valparaisa to allow us space for 2400 bales in "LaPaz" due here about 19th January.

7. Magallanes coal in "Fleetwing". We telegraphed you on 1st instant informing you that owing to spontaneous combustion of this coal we were dumping a quantity of the stock. The total amount in "Fleetwing" was 300 tons, which had been on board since 31st October. All 3 hatches had been off all the time and the gang had been working on the craft, off and on, during the month, but

owing to an exceptionally dry spell of weather, there was no sign of anything untoward until a very heavy rainfall in the morning of 30th November caused clouds of steam to rise. Mr J.M. Thomson inspected immediately and Mr George Roberts, Director of Public Works, was also called in by us as Lloyds Agents for an independent survey. It was found that, though no flame had broken out, the

fore and aft heaps of coal were more or less "cooked" right through. Their joint decision was that "Fleetwing" should be taken out to Port William and the useless coal dumped. Operations proceeded for the next 2 days, and 100 tons of "cooked" coal and ash were dumped, samples being kept by Mr Thomson for future use. A further 40 tons of good coal was then discharged into the shed at West

Jetty to give plenty of room to spread out the remaining coal. Much of the remaining stock was very warm, though not actually dangerous, and experiments will have to be made to discover what percentage of deterioration it has suffered. "Lafonia"

Reports from Mr Roberts and Mr Thomsen, and a claim, will be submitted in due course, as we assume that an insurance was duly effected on receipt of our telegram of 4th November.

The claim will be fully detailed as a part of it (i.e. labour, towage etc.) may be regarded as general average.

8. G. Walsh. A.B. "Lafonia" This man sustained an accident to his left forefinger while loading drums of seal oil at Albermarle, and was landed at Brenten Loch on "Lafonia's" way up Falkland Sound. After treatment by Dr Wilson he was hersed to Stanley where an X-Ray photograph showed that the bone of the top joint of the finger is broken. Extract of log, medical reports and statement of claim for medical fees and half-pay compensation etc, during incapacity, will be forwarded to you on completion of the case to enable you to recover from Insurance.

9. Cash. The Crown Agents' £1000 at end of November was not needed and we hope to get through December without having to call on you. In January, however, we are almost certain to require a large remittance for duty if we are shipping about 3000 bales of wool.

10. Floating Dock. The gang has been reduced to 8 hands, and from 1st December 3 of the local riveters are being reduced from 1/4 to 1/2 per hour as they are now only engaged in painting and other unskilled work. At the moment there is nothing further to add to Mr Thomsen's Report of 11th November.

11. Badie Creek Bridge. In view of our 742 & 13, you may be interested to learn that the hands which were to go out to set up the tie-rods etc, declined to accept Camp Wages terms, and the matter has therefore been postponed until Mr Young's return.

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12. Mail. This mail closes on Friday morning, 9th December, for despatch per H.M.S. "Durban" via Buenos Aires. "Lafonia" should arrive from Montevideo tomorrow, but in case she should be delayed by weather this is being signed in the absence of Mr Vincent who, unfortunately, has been confined to bed by doctor's orders since 18th November.

6. Specification of "Lafonia's" shipment via Montevideo, 14th November, 1912.

7. Coal Statement, 30th November, 1912.

8. "Lafonia" Manifest, Voyage No. B 1.

9. "Lafonia" - amended itinerary to 30th January, 1913.

10. P.S.M.C. Account, 30th November, 1912.

I am,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

Specifications:-

Mark	Wool	Skins	Hides
DAS	17	3	28

Sup. Manager.

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No. 743, dated 7th December, 1932, per H.M.S. "DURBAN", 9/12/32.

ENCLOSURES.

1. Despatch No. 743.
2. Statement on Accounts, No. 45.
3. Remarks on Accounts, No. 45.
4. Remarks on Naval Fuel Depot, No. 24.
5. Remarks on Stores, No. 709 A.
6. Specification of "Iafonia's" shipment via Montevideo,
14th November, 1932.
7. Coal Statement, 30th November, 1932.
8. "Iafonia" Manifest, Voyage No. B 1.
9. "Iafonia" - amended itinerary, to 30th January, 1933.
10. P.S.N.C. Account, 30th November, 1932.

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SUPPLEMENTARY ENCLOSURES - DESPATCH No. 747 per H.M.S. "DURBAN"

9th December, 1932.

1. Demand & Delivery Notes for oil fuel to "Durban",
and invoice for handling charges - 245.1 tons.
2. Coasting Insurances, - November, 1932.
3. Letter from Camp Manager (Despatch).

F R E C I S

23. Reports recent visit of Francis, North Arm, San Carlos and Port San Carlos.
1. Reports arrival of Mr. Young on 8th December 1932.
2. Confirms No. 743 of 7th ulto. and acknowledges receipt of your Nos. 1354 & 1355 of 11th & 17th November.
3. Floating Dock - conveys Mr. Thomson's thanks of your appreciation of his services.
4. s.s. "Afterglow" - voyage to North Arm for medical case - Mrs Pallini - grant to employee not recommended in this case.
5. s.s. "Lafonia" - enclosed itinerary to 20th March next. advises progress of produce collection.
6. Light on Bull Point - reports as to its value follows by later mail. Advises payment of £60 by Government for detention of "Lafonia" during erection of light.
7. North Swan Island - matter discussed with Government. Advises arrangement come to. Requests copy of Messrs Bischoff's chart of Lafonia lands be sent out.
8. Bluff Cove - A. Morrison. - matter having attention.
9. Messrs Dean & Co. Port Stephens - notes alteration in future sale and consignment of produce.
10. Provident Fund for Employees - report in detail follows.
11. Encloses copies of correspondence with Government regarding -
 - (a) Payment of wool tax for 1 year.
 - (b) Payment of land purchase instalments.
12. P.S.N.C. Wool contract - encloses copy of circular letter to Clients.
13. Dormant Contract "Lafonia" - acknowledges receipt.
14. Franco Reflex Signs - notes you have accepted their offer. Asks prices for units.
15. Eagle Oil & Shipping Co. Ltd. - insufficient inducement offered for purchase of their products.
16. Staff - encloses Medical report ~~of~~ case of Mr A.W.N. Vincent.
17. Admiralty - "O.C.82" will be docked after sailing of "Durban". Advises intended stay of "Durban" from 10th/19th prox.
18. Speedwell Island - leave of absence J. Clark - propose to grant him two intermediate class passages. Confirms cabled values for fire insurance, for house and woolshed.
19. Bodie Creek Bridge - men not being sent out until Camp wage accepted.
20. Pebble Island - advises additional shipment of wool ex Pebble Is.
21. Coal - note contract entered into with Wilsons for 1933.
22. Labour - advises Government now employing about 98 men. Reports completion of agreement of D. McDonald (Mason)

23. Reports recent visit of Mr. Young to Darwin, North Arm, San Carlos and Port San Carlos.
24. Through & return bookings with R.M.L. & P.S.N.C. - encloses memo and detailed passage charges.
25. Encloses application from A. McLeod Senr. for a pension, together with service record.
26. "Fleetwing" - claim for damaged coal follows. January, 33.
27. Centenary - encloses programme of celebrations. Advises special excursion to Port Louis by "Lafonia".
28. Hulk "Fennia" - advises easier working of produce with this hulk. Propose to have hull chipped & painted soon.
29. "Great Britain" - survey on this hulk will be held; report and recommendations will be sent you.
30. Dip - confirms cabled order for 55 cases Cooper's quick acting dip.
31. Requests despatch of £150 bank notes to Montevideo for each voyage of "Lafonia" to cover disbursements etc. as
32. Remittances - do not anticipate usual payment required will be required for January.
33. "Lafonia" - encloses Mr Thomson's report. Advises touching of bottom by vessel in North West Passage last November with no resultant damage.
34. Steamer movements.
35. Buildings - advises progress of work at Marmont Row.
36. Arrangement come to with Mr Role Evans for ~~concerned~~ this year's shipment of horses ex Coast for 1 year.

"G.O. 82" will be packed under "Durban" has sailed, about 20th prox.

4. 1354-4. S.S. "STERILOW". I have discussed the matter of granting some assistance to Pallini whose wife was recently brought into Stanley as an urgent medical case, with Mr G. Goddard and we agree that this is a case where we cannot recommend a grant.

5. 1354-7. S.S. "LAFONIA" made an excellent passage from Montevideo in December last sailing at about 9 p.m. on 3rd inst. she arrived at 2 a.m. on 8th and averaged just over 10 knots on 9 1/2 tons per day all purposes.

She sails for Montevideo on 14th inst. and again about 4th March next.

Programme of sailings to 20th March next is enclosed. You will observe that owing to the Centenary she has a very full

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programme to get through in the next two months.

Collections of produce for March Sales are excellent and I expect to ship about 2,700 bales wool/skins per "Lafonia" and 800 bales per "Lafonia"/"Bellucia" (due to sail from Montevideo 23rd inst.) This I think constitutes a record and there is no reason that

"Lafonia" via Montevideo,

12th January,

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produce ready. I expect to ship about 2,300 bales per "Lafonia" and 800 bales per "Lafonia" via Montevideo both early March, for the March Sales.

Sir,

I arrived here per s.s. "Lafonia" on 8th December last.

2. I confirm my Despatch No. 743 dated 7th December, 1932 and have to acknowledge receipt of your Nos. 1354 & 1355 dated 11th and 17th November last respectively, with enclosures as detailed.

3. 1354-3. FLOATING DOCK. Mr Thomson requests me to thank you for your appreciation of his services. A brief resume of the work done on the Dock has been prepared by him and is enclosed herewith. Machinery will shortly undergo tests after which sinking and raising tests will be carried out to train the men concerned in their duties.

"O.C.82" will be docked after H.M.S. "Durban" has sailed, about 20th prox.

4. 1354-4. S.S. "AFTERGLOW". I have discussed the matter of granting some assistance to Pallini whose wife was recently brought into Stanley as an urgent medical case, with Mr G. Goddard and we agree that this is a case where we cannot recommend a grant.

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Collections of produce for March Sales are excellent and I expect to ship about 2,700 bales wool/skins per "LaPaz" and 800 bales per "Lafonia"/"Bellucia" (due to sail from Montevideo 23rd inst.) This I think constitutes a record and there is no reason that we should not do as well every year providing Farmers have sufficient produce ready. I expect to ship about 1,300 bales per "Laguna" and 850 bales per "Lafonia" via Montevideo both early March, for the May Sales. His Excellency the Governor toured East and West Falklands from 22nd to 31st December last.

The vessel was surveyed for the Convention Freeboard Certificate at Montevideo in November last. The Surveyor took exception to the doors to the stokehold and No. 3 hatch being made of timber and has referred the matter Home. It is possible that we may have to replace them with iron doors.

When she was drydocked the hull was carefully examined for further signs of corrosion. The hull generally was found to be in excellent condition, the pitting on the bow plates appears to have been arrested but corrosive action on these plates cannot be wholly avoided on account of the chafe from cables when mooring ship. It may be found advisable to fit chafing strips along the landing edges of the bow plates at some later date.

6. 1354-8. LIGHT ON BULL POINT. I will report as to the value of this light at a later date. Clark of Speedwell Island speaks well of its visibility and usefulness. Government are paying us £60 for detention to "Lafonia" in addition to passages and freight £ 25.

7. 1354-9. NORTH SWAN ISLAND. I have discussed this matter at length with Government. As I anticipated they do not admit/they are in error and it was obvious that if we adopted an aggressive attitude they would defend their action. An agreement was, however, arrived at on the understanding that the present lease was allowed to run but that on its expiry Government will tacitly recognize our title to its ownership (Copy of Government's letter No.181/32 dated 4th inst. enclosed). I trust that you will consider this a

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satisfactory settlement. I understand that Mr Evans' intention was to run silver fox on this island but Government do not favour this; also that Mr Evans would now like to be forced to relinquish the lease so that he could claim compensation for such work as he has already put into the project.

It appears that applications for leases for most of our Islands in Falkland Sound have been made to Government but they have informed such applicants that they are not available.

Mr G. Goddard has had stock put on practically all Islands. There was some doubt as regards Calista but as I have reason to believe that Government regard this as ours, stock is being put on also. Please let me know if this is included in Lafonia lands. Would you kindly advise me if the coloured chart filed by Messrs. Bischoff & Co. (your 1192-11) was accepted as correct by the Colonial Office and if so let me know what proof you hold of their acceptance - it would also be useful if a copy of the chart referred to could be sent out for reference here in case of need. Government inform me they have no chart themselves but that their records do show that a chart of Lafonia was actually prepared in Governor Moody's time.

I understand that Mr Evans is negotiating with Mr. G. Bonner for a lease of the Outer North West Island.

8. 1354-11. BLUEF COVE - A. MORRISON. This matter is having my attention. We are carrying on the managership for the present and I have suggested that they depute a responsible member of the family to visit Stanley with a view to arriving at a settlement. I have not heard whether Mr. Hamilton is still negotiating but with their views as regards values, i.e. £4,000 to £5,000, I cannot think there is much possibility of their effecting a sale.

9. 1354-12. MESSRS. DEAN & Co. PORT STEPHENS ACCOUNT.

I note that Mr. W.M. Dean has agreed to ship and consign his produce to us for sale and that the account is therefore to probable yearly requirements would be :-

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be treated as from 1st July, 1932 on exactly the same terms as regards interest and all other matters as other clients of the Company.

10. 1354-15. PROVIDENT FUND FOR EMPLOYEES. This has generally been well received. I will report in detail when all signed acknowledgements have been received. I have nominated Mr G. Goddard as a Trustee and have suggested that the men discuss the matter of the third Trustee when they are in Stanley for the Centenary.

11. 1354-16. EXPORT DUTY & LAND SALE PURCHASE PAYMENTS. I have since been advised by Government re -

(1) Payment of wool tax.

(2) Payment of land purchase instalments.

and enclose copies of their letters. As regards the Land Tax this will, of course, be dealt with by you.

12. 1354-16A. P.S.N.C. WOOL CONTRACT FOR 1933. I enclose copy of my letter dated 16th December to Shippers in this connection - you will note that the rates quoted are "per 1,000 kilos or 40 cu.ft. at ship's option".

13. 1355-1. DORMANT CONTRACT - s.s. "LAFONIA". Copy to hand.

14. 1355-2. FRANCO REFLEX SIGNS. I note you have accepted the offer of the Franco-British Electrical Co. and that the sign will be shipped out to connect with "Lafonia" at Montevideo, January. Please let us know their price for units as we might make up signs here to meet our requirements should the trial sign prove satisfactory.

15. 1355-3. EAGLE OIL & SHIPPING CO. LTD. I have gone into this matter very carefully and regret that there is not sufficient inducement in their offer to warrant our going further with the matter. We shall therefore continue to purchase petrol, and kerosene and gas oil in the open market but we are prepared to consider holding a sole Agency for Messrs C.C. Wakefield & Co's. products. I understood from their S.M. Ballance when he called on me in London that they would be prepared to entertain this. Our probable yearly requirements would be :-

- 12 - 20 barrels Marine Engine oil - price to be about 2/- gallon
 1 " Steam Cylinder oil
 10 - 15 " Oil similar to Motorine E.
 5 " "A" Extra Heavy Oil Engine Oil.

A drum of the last named was sent us for trial vide your letter dated 14th October, 1931 addressed to me and has been found quite satisfactory as has the "Vaclory" oil.

We should be prepared to carry a small stock of oils suitable for Ford, Morris and Citroen tractor cars, in 5-gallon drums and would also like to have details of their full range of products.

16. STAFF - A.W.N. Vincent. I regret to inform you that on my arrival here I found that Mr. Vincent had been confined to his bed with Neurosis and Gastritis since about 18th November last. Dr. Moir took a serious view of his case and recommended that he be given as long^a rest as possible and that he sailed by a vessel carrying a doctor. I enclose a copy of the Medical Certificate granted in this case.

I have therefore decided that Mr. Vincent shall not return to work and that he and his family sail per M/V "Reina del Pacifico" (second class) on 12th prox. via Valparaiso. I do not anticipate that his absence will delay the completion of 1932 accounts to any material extent.

Mr Vincent carried out his duties satisfactorily during my absence from the Colony and the grant of 6 months leave pay may be confirmed. During his illness Mr. Creamer carried on creditably. Mr. Creamer will take charge of the Stores and Butchery Department from the date Mr. Richardson sails early in March next.

17. ADMIRALTY. "O.C.82" will be docked after H.M.S. "Durban" has sailed in February next and a report on her condition will then be made.

H.M.S. "Durban", Flagship of South American Squadron, is due here on 10th February next and sails on 19th idem.

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I understand that she will probably be replaced by a larger cruiser when her present commission is completed in 1934.

18. SPEEDWELL ISLAND. I regret to inform you that Clark is in Hospital with acute Gastritis but he appears to be making satisfactory progress. I understand that Mr. G. Goddard is writing to you by this mail re granting him Home leave this year. If sanctioned, please cable me. We propose to allow intermediate class passages for himself and wife. House, has been completed and is now in occupation. Furniture is being supplied but not plate and linen (your cable dated 23rd ult.) Woolshed has also been completed and I cabled you on 21st ulto. requesting you to insure against fire, House £1,100, Woolshed £700, details of cost of both will be sent you by next mail.

19. 743-11. BODIE CREEK BRIDGE. I am not sending out men until I can get them at Camp wages. I anticipate there will be no difficulty in this when the Centenary is over.

20. PEBBLE ISLAND. In addition to the 86 bales reported in my 743-3, 50 bales wool were shipped per "Lafonia" in December last and go forward per "LaPaz".

21. COAL. I note that you were enabled to renew the contract with Messrs. Wilson Sons & Co. Ltd. @ 37/- less 1/6d. I have not yet decided whether to purchase coal at Magallanes in April - I do not anticipate that any Sandy Point timber will be required until the Spring.

22. LABOUR. Government are now finding work for about 98 men, a few are working with the Whaling Companies who will probably employ a few more next season.

D. McDonald, bricklayer mason, leave our employ on the termination of his agreement.

23. I recently visited Darwin, North Arm, San Carlos and Port San Carlos. I hope to tour the West Falklands before the Winter.

24. THROUGH AND RETURN BOOKINGS WITH R.M.L. & P.S.N.C.

Enc. I enclose fare schedules showing how the respective proportions

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are arrived at by an explanatory memo, as requested by you.

25. I enclose an application ~~from~~ from A. McLeod Senr. for a pension together with his service record.

26. "FLEETWING". With reference to my 743-7 coal was again found heated on 12th December last and after consultation with Mr. G. Roberts a further quantity was discharged. Since then there has been no sign of trouble. "Lafonia" has taken bunkers from the balance remaining and about 60 tons are still on hand. I will submit our claim when discharge has been completed and quantities have been finally checked. I anticipate that the total loss will be about 150 - 175 tons valued at £300 - £350. No fire damage appears to have been caused to "Fleetwing".

27. CENTENARY. Arrangements are bearing completion and a copy of the programme is enclosed.

At the request of the Committee a special trip to Port Louis per s.s. "Lafonia" was arranged for 8th instant. Earnings were about £37. An account of this excursion is also enclosed.

I understand that about 175 sheep have been entered for the Stock Show and the Judge is to be Mr. T. Norris, late Manager of the Argentine Southern Land Company.

Government are declaring 15th, 16th, 17th and 18th February as Public Holidays.

28. HULK "FENNIA" is now being used for the storage of wool. She is very handy and easier to work than "Great Britain". "Lafonia" has discharged 800 bales into her in a working day. I estimate that if we used the forward and aft compartments she would carry not less than about 4,500 bales. I propose to have her hull chipped and painted as soon as possible.

29. HULK "GREAT BRITAIN". It has been noticed that a number of rivet heads are beginning to go and a careful survey of this hulk will therefore be made in the near future and a report made to you with recommendations.

30. DIP. After consultation with Mr. G. Goddard and in consideration of the correspondence exchanged with Messrs.

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Cooper, McDougall & Robertson referred to in your Despatch to the Camp Manager dated 11th November last, we decided to cable for 55 cases quick acting powder for shipment by "Reina del Pacifico". 30 cases of this will go to the Farm and the balance for stock.

31. BANK NOTES TO MACLEAN & STAPLEDON. Please send £150 in notes to Messrs. Maclean & Stapledon for each voyage of "Lafonia" to Montevideo until further notice. These can be exchanged at a profit and the proceeds utilised for her disbursement account.

32. REMITTANCES. I do not expect that I shall require any remittance from you at the end of January but it is probable that we shall have to meet heavy payments on account of Centenary during February. The wool tax on January shipments will not become payable until April/May.

Enc. 33. "LAFONIA" again. I enclose a note from Mr. Thomson with his remarks on Messrs T.T. Kennaugh's letter dated 29th September last. I should like to have their views on the M.P. slide valve which you will note continues to wear in spite of drilling and grooving.

With reference to Mr. Thomson's remarks on her boiler, we have stopped taking water from the 90-ton reservoir and are now taking it from the Town supply. The question of condensing a certain quantity of water by directing the exhaust steam which goes to the atmosphere, to the main condenser, is being gone into.

"Lafonia" touched the ground in the North West passage on her last voyage to Montevideo but no damage was done - she was of course docked at Montevideo that voyage for painting and Convention Load line.

34. STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

H.M.S. "Durban" arrived on 20th November and sailed on 9th Decr.

M/V "Laguna" " " 25th December " " " 26th "

"LaFaz" is due on 19th January and sails 22nd idem

H.M.S. "Durban" " 10th February " " 19th "

M/V "Reina del Pacifico" is due on 12th February and sails same day.

M/V "Laguna" is due early March.

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Amongst the probable passengers for United Kingdom this Autumn are Hon. J.M. Mrs Ellis, Mr. & Mrs. W.H. Juxton, Mr. & Mrs. Pole Evans, Dr. & Mrs Wilson and Mr & Mrs Vincent travel per "Reina del Pacifico"; Mr. & Mrs Richardson and Mr A. Barrett, wool classer per "Laguna" early March.

Trains Homeward are :-
 "Lafonia" 14th January
 "LaPaz" about 21st January
 "Lafonia" about 4th March
 "Laguna" early March
 "Lafonia" late April.

35. BUILDINGS - Marmont Row. After dealing with the wall

of the Ship Hotel referred to in my 740-10, the walls of the whole of this block, back and front, were found to be more or less unsafe. The necessary work is in hand and the whole block will be greatly improved thereby.

The conversion of the Millinery portion for the use of a Club is nearing completion and an agreement for three years @ £60 per annum will be entered into shortly. Should the agreement not be renewed on expiry the work done provides a most suitable addition to the Ship Hotel. A copy of the Mason's report on this block is enclosed.

36. Referring to my 737-5 Mr G. Goddard has arranged with Mr. R.C. Pole Evans that no horses shall be shipped by Menendez this year and that the agreement for purchase shall be extended one year.

I am, re Port Louis wool.

wireless.

Sir, Please closet.

P.R. Burgoyne your obedient servant,

Copy of letter from Government re ownership North Swan Island.

suspension of instalments of land purchase 1933.

payment Manager's tax.

A. McLeod Senr. re pension.

88 Clients re freight rates on produce 1933.

No.744 per "Lafonia" via Montevideo 12/1/33.

ENCLOSURES.

1. Despatch No. 744.
2. Statement on accounts No. 46.
3. Remarks on accounts No. 46.
4. Store Indent No. 710.
5. Remarks on Stores No. 710.
6. "Lafonia" Manifests Voys. B 2, 3, 4, 5 & 5a.
7. "Lafonia" itinerary to 20/3/33.
8. Return of Establishment & Wages - Decr. Qr. - Stanley.
9. Engineering Remarks Nos. 1/33, 2/33 & 3/33.
10. P.S.N.C. Account dated 31st Dec.1932.
11. Memo & Return fare schedules.
12. Coasting Insurances - December.
13. F.I.Gazettes 1/12/32.
14. Medical report on Mr Vincent.
15. F.I.Shipping Report No. 1/33.
16. Coal Statement - December.
17. Programme of Arrangements for Centenary.
18. "Penguin" Report on Port Louis excursion.
19. Mason's report on work done at Marmont Row.

CORRESPONDENCE :-

- Original letter to Managing Director enclosing Indent for "Lafonia" wireless.
- " " " " " re Port Louis wool.
- " " " " " " Elsan closet.
- " " " " P.B.Burgoyne & Co. London.
- Copy of letter from Government re ownership North Swan Island.
- " " " " " suspension of instalments of land purchase 1933.
- " " " " " payment of wool tax.
- " " " " A.McLeod Senr. re pension.
- " " " " to Clients re freight rates on produce 1933.

ENCLOSURES PER NY "LAFONIA".

23rd JANUARY 1932

SPECIFICATIONS.

1. Statement on accounts No. 57.

2. Remarks on accounts No. 47

MARK.	WOOL.	SKINS.
N A	189	15
S	169	7
H & B	132	
L	70	8
J L W	232	14
D & S	110	
J H D		
Pebble	50	
Triangle F B	145	1
HEART	93	9
Z	96	13
S CLUB B	99	2
W.P. (sundry)		
T R		
Port Louis	66	5 (5)
F	147	4
A P	113	
H P	73	3
B	18	
S & S	47	7

3. Remarks on Naval Fuel Depot

4. Engineering Remarks No. 4/3

5. Store Ind. No. 711.

6. Remarks on Stores No. 711.

7. "Lafonia" account to 31st Dec 1932.

8. Duplicate Specification of "Lafonia" shipment 14/1/33

CORRESPONDENCE

Originals from Managing Director enclosing "Lafonia" 4/27

Copy of letter to Mr G. Roberts re repairs to Barber Wall.

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ENCLOSURES PER M/V "LAFONIA".

23rd JANUARY 1933.

1. Statement on accounts No. 47.
2. Remarks on Accounts No. 47.
3. Remarks on Naval Fuel Depot No. 25.
4. Engineering Remarks No. 4/33.
5. Store Indent No. 711.
6. Remarks on Stores No. 711.
7. "Lafonia" account to 31st October 1932.
8. Duplicate Specification of "Lafonia" shipment 14/1/33

CORRESPONDENCE :-

Original letter to Managing Director enclosing "Lafonia" A/c.

- " " " " " " " handbooks of Falkland Is.
- " " " " " " re sawing & planing machines.

Copy of letter from Mr G. Roberts re repairs to Camber Wall.

SPECIFICATIONS.

MARSHES, WOOL, SKINS, TALLOW.

is mainly due to D.H. reduction in costs and less expenditure than livestock. F.S. will be noted as 15 4
 made a loss in J.B. not 15 4 for the sale of mutton
 sheep to the V.M.C. by 193. See remarks on the
 letter account H.V. 19 2
 J. Lighter W. & R.H. page 7. Loss 34
 Revenue in 1931 £ 2,100. Revenue in
 considerably down due to less imports and more produce
 being rented via Montevideo but the decline is more than
 effect by the reduction in expenses.

4. Baithy A/c. 1932 - 1931
 Shows a small increase of £ 6. . . .

5. Naval Fuel Depot. Shows a decline of £ 48 10 0 mainly due to
 nothere being less oil handled and less work done than
 during the previous years.

No. 745. Per "Lafonia" via Montevideo. 1/3/33 Page. 2

5. Pacific Agency and Passages A/c.

The decrease of £ 212 -19 - 9 in Pacific Agency Account and the increase of £ 35 . 6 . 4 in Passages

"Lafonia" via Montevideo. Increased activities March 1st

33

745. Stores - Decrease £ 2033 .17 . 7.

There is a decline in the profits of all stores

with the exception of Fitzroy and Port Louis. Sales are

down by £ I beg to enclose the Annual Accounts for 1932

showing a profit of £ 12,373 .16 . 5 as compared with

£ 12,714 .12 .11 in 1931, the decrease of £340 .16 . 6

being mainly attributable to the decline in the

profits of the Stores and minor departments.

2. Farm. Increase £ 1157 .19 .13 but that the ratio

of savings Revenue from all sources is less by £1149 .1.3

as compared with 1931 and the increase in profit is

mainly due to the reduction in wages and less expenditure

on livestock. It will be noted that Fitzroy would have

made a loss had it not been for the sale of mutton

sheep to the Stanley Butchery. See my remarks on the

latter account. The whole of the surplus produce is

3. Lighterage & Hulkage - Loss £ 738 . 6 . -

supplied Less 1931 £ 1,100 -12 - 0. Revenue is

considerably down due to less imports and more produce

being routed via Montevideo but the decline is more than

offset by the reduction in expenses. to shipping.

4. Smithy A/c. 1932 - 3210

Shows a small increase of £ 4 . - . 8

5. Naval Fuel Depot. were sold at Christmas at 12/6 each

Shows a decline of £ 41 .19 . 2 mainly due to

there being less oil handled and less work done than

during the previous year. This department must be considered

the satisfactory price credited to Farm for

was a better market this account would

E.B.GODDARD ESQ.,

MANAGING DIRECTOR,

L O N D O N .

No. 745 . Per "Lafonia" via Montevideo. 1/3/33 Page. 2

6. Pacific Agency and Passages A/c.

The decrease of £ 212 -19 - 9 in Pacific Agency Account and the increase of £ 36 . 6 . 4 in Passages Account is due to the increased activities of "Lafonia"

7. Stores - Decrease £ 2933 .17 . 7.

There is a decline in the profits of all stores with the exception of Fitzroy and Port Louis. Sales are down by £ 6,960 .19 . 4 which may be attributed to the fact that all Farms are keeping their purchases down to a bare minimum and the reduced earning capacity of the people. I understand that the reduction in camp wages has had the effect of making employees do without certain more or less unnecessary commodities but that the ratio of savings to wages received is actually higher now than before the cut. Store sales are therefore being affected in two ways. I see no reason to expect any improvement in this Department at present. The reduction of stocks on hand is most satisfactory.

8. Garden A/c.

Practically the whole of the surplus produce is supplied to "Lafonia". The actual weight of vegetables so supplied in 1932 was 9988 lbs.

9. Butchery A/c. Loss £ 762 . 9 . 4.

Competition is still keen and with the exception of E.M. Ships no sales have been made to shipping.

Sheep Killed 1932 - 3210

Mutton Sold 129,238 lbs.

A few lambs were sold at Christmas at 12/6 each. Plenty of beef has been available and the quality of the mutton has improved. We are now holding our own with our competitors. The loss on this department must be considered together with the satisfactory price credited to Farm for supplies. If skins were a better market this account would

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F R E E

make a much healthier showing. I note that in 1930 the nett proceeds of Butchery skins sold were £ 1538 .8 .9 as compared with £ 232 .17 .9 in 1932.

10. Stanley Wages - £ 12,902 . - .11.

Show a reduction of £1179 . 3 .11 as compared with 1931.

For the ensuing year I anticipate a further decline in wages paid and possibly in Deliveries but I see no reason to expect any improvement in the Steres and miscellaneous accounts until conditions materially improve.

Remittances - advises position. D I am,

Centenary - reports successful

Sir,

"Lafonia" - advises additional

Your obedient servant,

"Great Britain" - reports

"Fleet" - Chain for coal net

Manager.

Advises working produce - matter discussed separately. Arrangements made for

Advises Government regarding shipment of produce via Buenos Aires, effect on P.S.N.C.

Reports H.M.S. "Dauntless" & "Durban" by H.M.S. "York" and "Exeter" on South American Squadron.

Milton Ham - encloses correspondence.

Free occupation of Harcourt Row cottage by Mrs Ryan - advises proposal.

Speedwell Island - notes sanction of leave to J. Clark on full pay whilst in U.K. and grant of passages to family.

Steamer movements.

Advises probable mail departures from the Colony for 1933.

Black Cove - matter discussed fully - with our proposals.

No. 746 per "Lafonia" via Montevideo 3/3/33.

P R E C I S

1. Confirms No. 744 and acknowledges receipt of your Nos. 1356 (2) & 1357.
2. "Lafonia" - notes freeboard assigned to this vessel.
3. "Lafonia" - notes entry in Lloyds Register re requirements of Survey.
4. Swan Island - advises lease to Mr Pole Evans for 3 years only.
5. "Fennia" - advises easy working facilities of this hulk with P.S.N.C. vessels.
6. Wireless communications - regret you have had no success with Imperial & International Communications.
7. "Lafonia" beginning - advises we have one under this category at present.
8. Freight Contract with Clients 1933 - 1934 with shipments of produce.
9. Presentation of coat of arms of Colony - to be most appropriate.
10. Remittances - advises position. Denotes date of payment 14th February.
11. Centenary - reports successful.
12. "Lafonia" - advises additional cargo being negotiated for.
13. "Great Britain" - reports completion of hull for approval to place this hulk in service.
14. "Fleetwing" - Claim for coal not yet settled.
15. "Lafonia" loading produce - matter being dealt separately.
16. "Lafonia" co" - advises arrangements made for tonnage.
17. A.P. ...
18. Advice made by ... Government regarding shipment of produce via Buenos Aires. Effect on P.S.N.C.
19. Reports replacement of H.M.Ss. "Dauntless" & "Durban" by H.M.Ss "York" and "Exeter" on South American squadron.
20. Matton hams - encloses correspondence.
21. Free occupation of Marmont Row cottage by Mrs Ryan - advises proposal.
22. Speedwell Island - notes sanction of leave to J. Clark on full pay whilst in U.K. and grant of passages to family.
23. Steamer movements.
24. Advises probable mail departures from the Colony for 1933.
25. Bluff Cove - matter discussed fully - with our proposals.

No. 744 for "Lafonia" 1/3/33.

"LAFONIA" via Montevideo. 3rd March, 33.
746.

Sir,

I have to confirm my Despatch No. 744 and to acknowledge receipt of your Nos. 1356 (2) and 1357 with enclosures as detailed.

2. 1356 (Supp) s.s. "LAFONIA". Note the freeboard assigned to this vessel under the International Load Line Convention, 1930. The points referred to in my Despatch No. 744 were not raised by the Surveyor.

3. 1356. 2. s.s. "FALK". Note that the entry "Requirements of Survey have not been complied with" has been entered against this vessel in Lloyd's Register.

4. 1356. 3. NORTH SWAN ISLAND. I understand that Mr Pole Evans was recently advised by Government that the three year lease of the Island to him would be all that he would be allowed but would not be renewed as Government were recognising the title to it. Mr Evans then stated that he would fight the question of our title with the Colonial Office. It is, of course, obvious that he can have no locus standi as his lease is being allowed to run and come to an end. The matter is ended so far as he is concerned.

5. 1356. 5. "FENNIA" has proved a remarkably fine hulk to work P.S.E.C. ships which go alongside her to load. We loaded into "LaPas" 1,819 bales 23rd January, and 862 " 24th " making 697 tons weight.

6. 1356. 13. WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS. I regret that you have had no success with Imperial & International Communications. I understand that this Government has been discussing this question.

MANAGING DIRECTOR,
LONDON.

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with them but there appears to be little possibility of from
 Montevideo settlement being arrived at. I enclose pamphlet
 regarding the Madrid Telegraphic Conference 1932, for your reference
 this occasion, a payment of £200 only. This will make 7 voyages

during 1935. 15. "LAFONIA" BEGINNERS. We have no one coming
 in the categories referred to, at present. I cabled for an M.P.

value, 1935. 17. FREIGHT CONTRACT WITH CLIENTS, 1933. Messrs.

is considered Ltd. 1933 wool clip has all been shipped as has
 the Estate Blake & Company's, Estate J.J. Felton's, Douglas Station,
 James MacCulloch and George Souner. A further 50 bales has been
 special voyage to Island before and three after to

Montevideo. Part was able to ship as much of the wool away as
 Darwin
 had hoped to, before the arrival of "Laguna" making it necessary
 for us to arrange my loading programme at the last moment to
 ensure that the space reserved in her was filled. I will ship
 the balance in time for the September sales. Ages we carried

1937. 3. "LAFONIA" - COMPANY'S COAT OF ARMS. The
 presentation of a carved replica of the Coat of Arms of the Colony
 by the Lafone family is most appropriate.

10. REMITTANCES. I required the usual £1,000 at the end of
 February. Between 1st - 31st February, i.e. prior to the Centenary
 celebrations we paid out £5,746 of which £5,564 was on Clients'
 accounts. May, June, August, September and November.

11. CENTENARY. The Celebrations were carried through most
 successfully. The weather throughout was good, visitors were
 numerous and there is no doubt that the occasion was one which
 will long be remembered by the people of the Colony.

Your message to His Excellency the Governor dated 11th
 instant was duly communicated to him and I give below copy of
 letter No. 50/33 dated 27th idem in reply - every hope that we

"I am directed by the Governor to acknowledge the receipt of your
 letter of the 12th of February, 1933, and to request that you
 will convey to the Board of Directors of your Company His
 Excellency's sincere thanks for and warm appreciation of their
 kind congratulations and good wishes on the occasion of the
 Centenary of the Colony".

and tobacco to Montevideo.

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12. S.S. "LAFONIA". The January round voyage to and from Montevideo was made in 12½ days.

An additional mail voyage will again be made to Montevideo this year for a payment of £200 only. This will make 7 voyages during the year.

in June Valve - With reference to my 744. 33. I cabled for an M.P. valve, packings etc. as the continued wear on the one now fitted is causing us some anxiety.

Centenary - By arrangement with Government reduced return fares were charged for persons coming in for the Centenary. Three special voyages were run before and three after to

Port Howard and Foxbay
Darwin
Salvador Waters

Passage earnings were about £250 in addition to which stock was brought in and a certain quantity of produce was picked up for "Laguna". I estimate that on these voyages we carried inwards about 300 adults and not less than 100 children.

Programme of sailings to end of June next is enclosed.

Rio Grande do Sul - Following on conversations I had with a representative of Messrs Cranston Woodhead & Co. (of Rio Grande and Porto Alegre) when at Montevideo in December last, I offered "Lafonia" for a voyage to these ports in March and further voyages in May, June, August, September and November.

Messrs Branston Woodhead advised us on that prospects for a March voyage were excellent but I have just received a cable advising prospects are not so good, in which case the March voyage will not be made. Negotiations are continuing for this and later voyages.

In view of the lack of local cargoes it is imperative that we secure some outside work and I have every hope that we may be able to work up a useful connection in the South Brazilian - Montevideo trade. The commodities usually shipped are salt from Montevideo and wet & dry hides, rice, timber, mandioco flour, and tobacco to Montevideo.

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The next voyage to Magallanes will probably be October/November next.

South Georgia - I thank you for your cable dated 24th ulto. quoting additional premiums for voyages to South Georgia and Deception Island.

I understand that "Fleurus" definitely goes off the run in June next. I am offering to make two voyages in September and December next for a payment of £750 for each voyage and I enclose copy of my letter dated 2nd instant in this connection. If this is accepted negotiations for a contract will be opened after we have made our first voyage.

Timber ex "Bertha" - We have a timber merchant in Montevideo interested in the cedar logs ex this vessel. He has offered us 7 cents per super. ft. for a sample shipment of 15 logs landed Montevideo and I hope to ship them by an early opportunity.

13. "GREAT BRITAIN". I recently made a careful examination of this hulk with Captain Roberts and we are of opinion that it is advisable she should be either moved or grounded in a position where she can do no harm if she sinks or breaks adrift.

Corrosion is particularly bad in way of rivet heads and I fear that if by any mischance she sank in the Inner Harbour Government would insist on our removing her which might prove very costly. Her usefulness as a hulk is finished but it might be possible to ground her in a position where she would usefully form part of a bridge such as is required across the Fitzroy river and this proposal will be investigated as soon as possible.

In the meantime I request your sanction to remove her to a more suitable anchorage or utilise her as seems best.

14. "FLYING WING". "Lafonia" has not as yet been able to take the balance of the coal remaining in this lighter for bunkers and until this is done I cannot complete our claim.

15. "LAGUNA" - loading produce in Port William. This matter has been dealt with in separate letters.

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16. "REINA DEL PACIFICO". The usual arrangements were made for tourists visiting Stanley and the Penguin Rookery and were carried through satisfactorily. At the request of the ship visitors from shore were restricted which slightly affected our earnings but despite this they totalled -

"Lafonia" £ 40. 16. -. "Kelp" £ 30. 5. -. .

17. Mr. A. BARNETT, wool classer, sailed per "Laguna". He was desirous of returning per "Reina del Pacifico" and in the event of his coming out to us again will you please consider this and if you approve book his return passage accordingly. The relative return fares out and home by cargo boat, and out by cargo boat and home by "Reina del Pacifico", 2nd class, are £ 84. 12. -. and \$105. 13. -. respectively.

18. I understand that the Argentine Government has decreed that wool ex Patagonia must be routed via Buenos Aires and not via Magellan. This is having a prejudicial effect on the P.S.N.C. and they are said to be reducing their Homeward sailings via Straits.

19. I understand that H.M.S. "York" and H.M.S. "Exeter" will replace "Durban" and "Dauntless" which now constitute the South American Squadron, within the next twelve months. This should benefit us in several directions.

20. MUTTON HAMS. You will recollect that when trying out at Goose Green last season. Mr Goddard had a small quantity of mutton hams pickled and some dry salted. We examined these in December last and they were found to be in excellent condition. The dry salted ones are too salt for local taste but the pickled hams were sent in to the Butchery and found a ready market. I am of opinion that we shall have no difficulty in disposing of the limited quantity which can be pickled. Apart from local sales, we can try the whaling stations. A few were tried by H.M.S. "Durban" and copies of correspondence are enclosed.

21. 729. 16. & 1342. 12. re Cottage occupied rent free by Mrs Ryan.

and I now place the following before you.

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I have been into this matter again and enclose extracts from the following despatches -

Stanley 219 - 6; & 225 - 4.

Head Office 961 - 9 & 965 - 4.

Mrs Ryan has been allowed to occupy a cottage rent free since 1903 despite the implication made in your 965 - 4. All her children are now grown up, one son is employed by Government, another is on the Coast and there is a married daughter. I am of opinion that this concession should not be continued indefinitely and I have therefore informed her that it must cease but that she will be allowed twelve months or so to secure other quarters.

22. SPEEDWELL ISLAND. I note that you have sanctioned leave to Clark on full pay and that he, Mrs & Miss Clark may be given intermediate class passages. They will probably sail per "Lafonia" & "Highland Chieftain" sailing from Montevideo on 4th May next. Clark is much better and returned to Speedwell on 28th January last.

23. STREAMER MOVEMENTS -

m.v. "LaPaz"	arrived on 22nd January, sailed 24th Jan. for U.K.
"Reina del Pacifico"	" 12th February and sailed same day for Magallanes.
m.v. "Laguna"	" 20th February and sailed on 26th Feb. for U.K.
H.M.S. "Darben"	" 10th February and sailed on 18th idem for Darwin, leaving that port for Talcahuano on 20th February.

Messrs Hodgson and Fearon arrived by "Reina del Pacifico" on 12th ulto. Dr. Wilson and Mr Vincent sailed by her and I also met Mr Goodhart who was a passenger on this vessel.

24. MAILS TO U.K.

Approximate dates for mails to leave the Colony for United Kingdom this year are -

- 26th April
 - 17th June
 - 5th August
 - 12th September
 - 20th November
- } all per s.s. "Lafonia"

your obedient servant,

25. BLUFF COVE.

I enclose copies of correspondence exchanged with Messrs A. Morrison & Co. Ltd. also details of shearing. Mr Goddard and I have discussed the matter of the actual value of this farm at present and I now place the following before you.

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Land 15,485 acres under purchase @ 3/- per acre £ 2,322. 15. -.

This is being paid for presumably in accordance with the relative land Ordinance, i.e. 10% down and 30 equal instalments of £107 being principal and interest, of which 13 have been paid. Doubtless you have a record of what has been paid and can therefore arrive at what portion of the principal has been paid - on the above basis I make it about £1,137.

Buildings - House, woolshed, store, garage, furniture £ 700.

Fences

In addition there are stores, fencing material etc on hand valued at £350, tractor £150.

Stock, say 1,836 sheep	} @ 4/- each	£ 487.
599 lambs		

13 horses @ 26

78.

20 head cattle @ 30/-

30.

£ 595.

Produce unsold - 15 bales wool T. 5 - 0 - 3 - 5 nett
300 skins unpressed.

Will you please let me know what you would be prepared to pay for the land, buildings and fences only, taking over stores, fencing materials and stock at a valuation. Produce on hand to be sold for Messrs A. Morrison & Co's credit. Kindly cable your views.

Mr Langdon is of opinion that this land should easily carry 4,000 dry sheep.

It would probably be necessary for the purchase of the land to be completed by payment of the balance due before the land could be conveyed to us.

I am,

Sir,

your obedient servant,

Manager.

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No. 746 per "Lafonia" 3/3/33. - 8 -

BLUFF COVE - continued.

I understand that Bluff Cove fences are
about 4 miles boundary with Robson

Statement " 3 " " " Falkland Islands Company
both need entirely renewing. Also about 5 miles interior fences
which need attention but can be put in order.

Stores No. 712. I am,
Stores No. 712. Sir,
Camp Manager's letter
your obedient servant,

Manager.

- Falkland Islands Gazette, 1/1/33
- Duplicate - notification of ...
- Royal Mail - 1/4 - 1/4
- "Lafonia" - 1/4 - 1/4
- Coal Statement - 1/4 - 1/4
- "Lafonia" Itinerary to 30/3/33
- Engineering Reports No. 1/33
- Engineer's Report on Floating ...
- Coasting Instruments - January
- Handbook re Telegraphic Code ...
- Photos
- Diaries (Dec - 1932) all Sections excepting ...
- Lamb Marking ...
- Shearing returns ...
- Return of ... & Wages 4 December 33. - all Farm Sections.
- Extract from ... re Occupation of Cottage - rent free - Mrs Ryan.
- Copies (6) of special issue of "Penguin" re Centenary.

- to Managing Director enclosing Centenary medal.
- re methylated spirits.
- re "Lafonia" shipment (2).
- enclosing copies of "Penguin" & letter from Messrs G. Bonner re Pass.
- of letters exchanged with Harrison Estate re Bluff Cove.
- of letter to J.D. Drenner re appointment as Chief Storekeeper.
- from Colonial Secretary re Centenary arrangements.
- to Government re "Lafonia" proposed voyages to Dependencies.
- to & from "Barban" re wutton hams.

REPLICATIONS (OVER)

ENCLOSURES

- 1. Despatch No. 746.
- 2. Statement on Accounts No. 48 (& Supplement). 79
- 3. Remarks on Accounts No. 48. 79
- 4. Remarks on Naval Fuel Depot No. 26. 36
- 5. Store indent No. 712.
- 6. Remarks on Stores No. 712.
- 7. Camp Manager's letter dated 27th February (& Wool Classers report)
- 8. Falkland Islands Gazette, 1/1/33
- 9. Duplicate specification of "~~Shipment~~ ^{Lafonia} Shipment ~~5/2/33~~.
- 10. Royal Mail Bill A/c - January 1933.
- 11. "Lafonia" Manifests - Tons. B 6 - 10.
- 12. Coal Statement - January.
- 13. "Lafonia" Itinerary to 30/5/33
- 14. Engineering Remarks No. 5/33.
- 15. Engineer's Report on Floating Dock - 2/33.
- 16. Coasting Insurances - January.
- 17. Handbook re Telegraphic Conference, Madrid 1932.
- 18. Photos.
- 19. Diaries (Dec & Jan) all Sections excepting Speedwell Island.
- 20. Lamb Marking Returns do. do. do.
- 21. Shearing returns do. do. do.
- 22. Return of Establishment & Wages - December Qr. - all Farm Sections.
- 23. Extract from Despatches re Occupation of Cottage - rent free - Mrs Ryan.
- 24. Copies (6) of special Issue of "Penguin" re Centenary.

RESPONSE :-

- Letter to Managing Director enclosing Centenary medal.
- " " " re methylated spirits.
- " " " re "Lafonia" shipment (2).
- " " " enclosing copies of "Penguin" & letter from Messrs G. Bonner re Rams.
- Class of letters exchanged with Morrison Estate re Bluff Cove.
- of letter to J.D. Creamer re appointment as Chief Storekeeper.
- " " from Colonial Secretary re Centenary arrangements.
- " " to Government re "Lafonia" proposed voyages to Dependencies.
- " " to & from "Durban" re mutton hams.

SPECIFICATIONS (OVER)

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<u>MARK.</u>	<u>WOOL.</u>	<u>SKINS.</u>	<u>HIDES.</u>
D.H.	203	2	
FIC. S.I.	54	5	
N.A.	420		79
H & B	151 (1 rebaled)		36
J.L.W.	124		
D & S	122		
J.H.D. Pebble	50		
Z	106	2	
W.P.	35		
H.G.C.	99	4	
F	123	1	
J.B.	96		
A.P.	27	3	
T.R. Fitzroy	28		
B	60		
H		8	
R.B.C.	41		
M.V.	10	1	
W.K.C.	127 127	9	

... ..

I enclose a copy of the Sealing Company's letter dated 20th inst. in this connection.

With reference to your telegraphic query re the estimated amount of seal oil next season and my reply giving 2-300 tons. It will be worth while sealing for a few months during the height of the season with a view to turning the frams, coal etc. on land into cash. I trust that you will be enabled to make the

LONDON.

No. 747 Despatch "Lafonia" 24/4/33

Sealing Company an offer.

3. 1358. 5. MARALMANES COAL REFINERY. The claim amounting to 2367. 30. 0. is now enclosed.

4. 1358. 6. G. WALSH - A.B. "LAFONIA". The claim against the "LAFONIA" via Montevideo. 24th April, 33. is now enclosed.

747. 1358. 7. CASH PAYMENTS TO CROWN AGENTS. I did not require a remittance at the end of March last and do not require one this Sir, I shall probably require a large remittance at the end of

I have to confirm my Despatches Nos. 745 and 746 dated 1st and 3rd March, 1933 and to acknowledge receipt of your No. 1358 dated 17th February last.

2. 1358. 2. F.I. & DEP. SEALING CO. LTD. I note all you write regarding the quality of the seal oil per "Balzac". With reference to the marks "A" & "B", the Sealing Company state definitely that these are not their marks; they have never graded their oil and the sample on which the parcel was sold was drawn from more than 300 drums. They would like further information regarding the marks "A" & "B", size, colour of paint etc.. It is impossible to prove their contention at this stage though it may be noted that the "Balzac" Bill of Lading does not show any such distinguishing marks.

Please take up this matter with Messrs. David Geddes & Co. as in view of the Sealing Company's very definite repudiation of the marking, this appears to be a matter which calls for investigation.

Enc. I enclose a copy of the Sealing Company's letter dated 20th inst., in this connection.

With reference to your telegraphic query re the estimated catch of seal oil next season and my reply giving 2-300 tons. At the displacement or docking weight of the vessel was about 220 tons \$16-217 it would be worth while sealing for a few months during the height of the season with a view to turning the drums, coal etc. on hand into cash. I trust that you will be enabled to make the

THE MANAGING DIRECTOR,

LONDON.

Forward and after buoyancy compartments to be sealed, cleaned out and given two coats red lead paint (Note this work has been

Sealing Company an offer. "Durban").

Enc. 3. 1358. 5. MAGALIANES COAL IN "FLEETWING". The claim amounting to £367. 10. 8. is now enclosed.

Enc. 4. 1358. 6. G. WALSH - A.B. "LAFONIA". The claim against the Club amounting to £ 17. 17. 2. is now enclosed.

5. 1358. 7. CASH PAYMENTS TO CROWN AGENTS. I did not require a remittance at the end of March last and do not require one this month. I shall probably require a large remittance at the end of May to meet payment of the wool tax on January shipments.

Enc. 6. 1358. 8. FLOATING DOCK. The 500-ton Naval Oil Fuel Barge was successfully dry docked on March 3rd. The barge was previously towed to the Camber wharf and the surplus oil in her tanks pumped out during which time the bilge blocks of the dock were regulated and fitted with special soft wood caps to take the bottom form of the vessel. After preliminary trials on March 1st and 2nd at which the dock was submerged to pontoon deck level, she was again submerged on the 3rd in preparation for docking "O.C.82". Submerging was started at 10 a.m. and all inlet valves were closed at 11 a.m., the draught then over keel blocks being 7 ft. forward and 7 ft. 6 ins. aft. Although the draught of "O.C.82" was only 2 ft. forward and 2 ft. 4 ins. aft., it was necessary to submerge the dock to a sufficient depth to allow "Kelp" to steam through the dock towing the vessel into position. The vessel was offered to the dock at 11.5 a.m., in position at 11.20 a.m., pumping started at 11.30 a.m. and the pontoon decks were clear of water at 1.20 p.m. It may be ~~not~~ stated that the pumping machinery was not run at full power. The displacement or docking weight of the vessel was about 220 tons. The following repairs to "O.C.82" are in hand. The hull plating to be scaled and given two coats of red lead paint, one coat anti-corrosive and one coat anti-fouling to light line. Topsides to be given two coats of red lead paint and two coats bitumastic solution. Forward and after buoyancy compartments to be scaled, cleaned out and given two coats red lead paint (Note this work has been put forward.

partly completed by H.M.S. "Durban").

All loose and broken cement in these compartments to be cut out and renewed. Defective rivets in decks and hull plating to be cut out and renewed. Deck plating to be scaled and given two coats bitumastic solution. All water tight hatch covers to be re-rubbered and securing strips renewed where required. Wing nuts and bolts to overhaul and renew where required. Defective wood rubber to be cut out and renewed, rubber face plates to remove, fair and refit with new fastenings. Rudder to be lifted and new riser washer to fit. Defective hull plating to be patched where perforated and defective rivets to be renewed. (The hull plating especially in way of both buoyancy compartments is particularly bad and in some places corroded through).

A report on the general condition of the vessel is being prepared and will be forwarded on completion. She will be undocked some time during May.

The portable end platforms of the dock have not yet been fitted, these not being required for present operations.

7. 1358. 9. s.s. "LAFONIA".

Rio Grande do Sul. I enclose copies of correspondence exchanged between Messrs Maclean & Stapledon and Messrs Cranston Woodhead & Co.. Although the latter firm then considered future prospects to be hopeful, I have now heard that there is nothing offering for a May voyage.

I understand that politics are again disturbing South Brazil, which may account for the present disappointing position. As regards South Georgia, I understand that the Tonsberg Company are reconsidering the matter of withdrawing "Fleurus" but that Government will probably make an early decision.

Grounding. I discussed this matter with Captain Roberts at

Montevideo in December last after the vessel had been docked and surveyed for the Convention Load Line - there was no damage of any kind and we did not consider it a case where a claim should be put forward.

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M.P. Slide valve and packing rings were received by "Highland Brigade".

Damage to propeller. On her last voyage from Montevideo at about 5.45 p.m. on 19th ulto. unusual movement and vibration aft was noted and revolutions increased from 95 to 101 per minute with no increase in speed by the log. There was a moderate following wind and sea. On arrival at Fort Stanley next morning, the vessel was tipped to enable the propeller to be examined. One blade was found broken off short presumably due to having struck some submerged object. It was decided to despatch vessel to Darwin, beach her at Goose Green (Floating Dock being occupied by "O.C.82") and fit the spare propeller. She sailed for Darwin on 22nd idem and Engineer's report on the work done is enclosed herewith.

Enc.

I have cabled you for a new propeller. Our claim on Underwriters will be forwarded you for collection in due course.

Alteration to winch exhaust steam pipe. Engineer's report on this job done at Montevideo in March last is enclosed. This has reference to my 744. 33.

Enc.

Future sailings are - 25th May East and West Falklands
8th June Montevideo.

If no Rio Grande do Sul voyage is arranged she will be due back in Stanley about 22nd idem, will make a short voyage around East Falkland and probably sail for Montevideo again about the middle of July instead of on 5th August.

In view of the continuance of low produce prices, I do not propose to add to our stock of Sandy Point timber this year and shall not therefore make a voyage to Magallanes in the Spring. It will probably be necessary to make a voyage about this time next year when a cargo of timber and coal can be brought back.

8. 1358. 10. NORTH SWAN ISLAND. I thank you for your detailed reply re Calista Island. The coloured chart is being returned to you by this mail. With reference to the copy handed to Sir R.T. Goldsworthy, this appears to have been given him in

London as he left there some time in March 1891, arriving in the Colony on 13th April 1891, on his first appointment.

9. 1358. 11. BLUFF COVE. A. MORRISON. The contents of your cable dated 18th instant are carefully noted. I expect to hear from Messrs. A. Morrison & Co. by the mail due here early in May. The freight and insurance is debited to the relative Farm Store accounts.

Bluff Cove sheep have been dipped and there is a loss of 123 between shearing and dipping tallies. Their ratio of profit is therefore proportionately less than that on similar goods sold in the Stanley Store. With regard to Farm consumption charges the Store Department have been charging employees in the Colony 195 have joined the Provident Fund to date. 10% (except large items) - this is in addition to landing, storing and re-shipping charges. The Establishment charges debited to the quarter and I am writing you separately re investment.

10. 1358. 12. PROVIDENT FUND. I note your ruling. Of 292 employees in the Colony 195 have joined the Provident Fund to date. 10% (except large items) - this is in addition to landing, storing and re-shipping charges. The Establishment charges debited to the quarter and I am writing you separately re investment.

11. 1358. 15. FRANCO REFLEX SIGNS. This is being erected on the headland at Darwin Narrows. We took a piece of the sign with us to Mare Harbour and tried it on a dark night during heavy rain. It was picked up by the searchlight and shone brightly at a distance of more than 1/2 mile distant. With reference to the Store charges of 10% it is admittedly open to criticism but on certain items which are supplied from stock and on which there is a certain amount of handling and wastage, it is fully justified. Timber and oils are similarly treated, i.e. "Lafonia", Lighterage etc. etc.

12. 1358. 18. SPEEDWELL ISLAND. I note that Clark is granted intermediate passages Home and out, full pay during his stay in England but not when on passage also that Miss Clark will not be paid whilst on leave. Clark should return in time to catch "Lafonia" at Montevideo probably late September. He has been advised accordingly. The 10% surcharge shall be abolished and the Farm shall pay the Store a lump sum of £300 per annum for services rendered, as from 1st July, 1933.

13. 1358. 19. BODIN CREEK BRIDGE. Two men (on Camp Wages) are now working on the bridge in charge of Fullendorff who is being paid the Stanley rate. The accounts have since been closed this matter has been dropped but I would point out that in these days of reduced expenditure the Lighterage Department cannot but make a loss, which in 1932 was £738. 6. - The gang is reduced to a minimum but you will appreciate that it must be of sufficient size to undertake the heavy jobs which frequently arise, such as hauling lighters on to the slipways, raising lighters ashore, handling heavy gear etc. etc. and undertakes much work for which it cannot be credited with adequate remuneration. The gang is on a 40-hour week.

14. LIVELY ISLAND. I have discussed this matter with Mr. C. Goddard and we are agreed that it would be much more satisfactory if this Farm could be worked as an integral part of our Farm. At present Mr. Goddard has no real authority over Coutts - will you kindly consider this matter and discuss it with Captain Cobb. In this case the Lively Island account could be kept at Darwin. I presume that Coutts keeps them at present. In any case it should be clearly laid down as to how much authority is delegated to Mr. Goddard.

Goddard and Coutts advised direct by Capt. Cobb.

15. STANLEY CHARGES. Goods sent out to the Farm Stores for sale are not charged c.i.f. plus 10%. With a few exceptions they are charged at Stanley landed cost and sold at Stanley prices and the freight and insurance is debited to the relative Farm Store accounts. Their ratio of profit is therefore proportionately less than that on similar goods sold in the Stanley Store. With regard to Farm consumption stores - the Store Department have been charging 10% (except large items) - this is in addition to landing, storing and re-shipping charges. The Establishment charges debited to the Farm are a proportion of the expenses of my Office, which do not include the Store Department Administration. Other Departments are similarly treated, i.e. "Lafonia", Lighterage etc. etc.

With reference to the Stores charge of 10%, it is admittedly open to criticism but on certain items which are supplied from stock and on which there is a certain amount of handling and wastage, it is fully justified. Timber and oils are a case in point. I have, however, discussed this point with the Camp Manager and we have agreed that, subject to your approval, the 10% surcharge shall be abolished and the Farm shall pay the Store a lump sum of £300 per annum for services rendered, as from 1st July, 1933.

With reference to the case of the lorry shipped out in December last, as the accounts have since been closed this matter has been dropped but I would point out that in these days of reduced imports the Lighterage Department cannot but make a loss, which in 1932 was £738. 6. -. The gang is reduced to a minimum but you will appreciate that it must be of sufficient size to undertake the heavy jobs which frequently arise, such as hauling lighters on to the slipways, raising lighters anchors, handling heavy gear etc. etc. and undertakes much work for which it cannot be credited with adequate remuneration. The gang is on a 40-hour week.

Mr H. Thompson is now making a tour of the Farm Stores, going into accounts matters etc.

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16. SPEEDWELL ISLAND. I regret to confirm that Dwelling at House, No. 188 on the last Insurance Schedule was burnt to the ground on 7th March last. The fire started about 11 a.m. I enclose a report made by Mr. B. Elliott in this connection. I understand the men were away from the Settlement at the time and the only occupants of the house were a woman and some children.

I understand that the Camp Manager proposes to replace it by removing a house from the mainland but will advise you later as to this.

17. FLOATING DOCK (Cont'd). Four additional anchors have now been laid, making 8 in all. The anchor at the South West corner has dragged slightly and will be lifted and relaid shortly.

18. LIGHTERS "FLIGHTING" AND "LAFONIA" (No. 7) dragged their anchors during the night of 19th April during an exceptionally heavy blow from the South. The stock of the anchor of the latter ~~broke~~ broke but fortunately caught up in the Oil barge moorings which held her otherwise she would have doubtless gone ashore on the North shore.

19. BARRELS FOR TALLOW. With reference to the view that Younger's beer barrels were not suitable for tallow owing to their being coated with a substance which damaged the tallow, I find that their barrels which carry a yellow mark at the top are not so coated. Please instruct them to only ship beer in similar uncoated barrels to us in future without fail. Our stock of these has been sent to the Farm and I have also sent the coated barrels as I find that the coating can be cleaned off without much difficulty which can be undertaken in bad weather during the Winter. Other miscellaneous barrels have also been sent out and I do not think it will be necessary to import any for the 1934 trying out.

20. MUTTON HAMS. I understand that the Camp Manager has had about 22 barrels each containing about 75 mutton hams, pickled this year.

21. Mr H. Thompson is now making a tour of the Farm Stores, going into accounts matters etc.

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22. With reference to your claim on the Lighterage Department of the Montevideo Port Authorities for 1 bale skin marked S.I. 8 short ex "Aylesbury", when I was in Montevideo there was a dispute with them regarding the overweight of the bales shipped per "Bellucia", January last. You are aware that our D.H. and W.A. bales are very heavy and they had a good case but as they were eventually persuaded to withdraw their claim I deemed it advisable to instruct Messrs Maclean & Stapledon to withdraw our claim for this 1 skin which please note. Part lots of which were shipped

Inc. 23. I enclose a copy of the Veterinary Officer's report on the Centenary Stock Show for your information. The title there was

24. STOCK INSPECTOR. Mr Morton, Veterinary Officer has been transferred to Nigeria and leaves by this "Lafonia". The post of Veterinary Officer is being abolished and Government propose to appoint a Stock Inspector on Agreement for three years commencing at £300 rising by £25 to £350, and applications are being invited from persons resident in the Falkland Islands.

25. THE LATE MR. A.W.M. VINCENT. As cabled you Mr. Vincent had to go into hospital at Valparaiso where his complaint was diagnosed as cancer and he died at sea on 25th March last.

26. PASSENGER MOVEMENTS. Amongst the passengers by this "Lafonia" are Mr & Mrs Luxton, Mr. Mrs & Miss Clark and Mr & Mrs Morton all of whom tranship to "Highland Chieftain" due London 25th May. Mr. & Mrs J.M. Ellis sail per "Losada" via Valparaiso early in May. His Excellency Sir James O'Grady made the voyage per "Lafonia" to Darwin and Mare Harbour and is now away on the Falkland Sound and Salvador Waters voyage.

29. WOOL SALES. I regret to note the decline in prices realised at the March sales presumably due to the financial crisis in U.S.A. I trust that there will be some improvement in the latter part of the season's trying out. This is

30. DISPATCH OF PRODUCE. "Lafonia" will carry 552 bales wool; 22 bales skins; 123 bales hides; 50 bales tallow; the latter being 15 tons of this season's trying out. This is

27. I understand His Excellency proposes to nominate the

Honourable G.J. Felton for the vacancy on the Executive Council caused by the retirement of Mr. George Bonner, in view of his length of service in the Legislative Council.

28. TIMBER EX "BERTHA". "Lafonia" lay at Mare Harbour from 13th to 17th April. Mr G. Goddard joined the vessel at Darwin and supplied the lorry and 7 men - two days bad and two days fine weather were experienced. Of the 113 logs put on the East Cove shore in October 1931, 5 were shipped to Montevideo in March last, the balance 113 were shipped on "Lafonia", a further 134 from Wreck Bay were transported to East Cove of which 96 were shipped (total shipment 209) and 38 piled ready for "Lafonia's" next call. The shipping of the logs is regulated by the tide. These were discharged at Goose Green, there being insufficient space available in Stanley. Mr G. Goddard is having the logs classed and measured and a specification will be sent you in due course.

The position as regards logs available is now as follows :-

Logs landed at Darwin, April 1933	...	...	209
Logs ready for shipment at East Cove	...	...	38
Logs available on beach not yet handled	...	...	151
Logs taken to Darwin for slip	...	...	30
Logs taken to Montevideo, March 1933	...	...	5
			<u>433</u> logs

We hope to complete the work on our next visit which will probably be made on a Darwin voyage when there is time in hand. Photos enclosed.

With reference to the 5 logs shipped to Montevideo the buyer will report to us by next mail.

29. WOOL SALES. I regret to note the decline in prices realised at the March Sales presumably due to the financial crisis in U.S.A.. I trust that there will be some improvement in May.

30. SHIPMENTS OF PRODUCE. "Lafonia" lifts this voyage :-
552 bales wool; 22 bales skins; --- Hides; 50 barrels tallow.
the latter being 15 tons of this season's trying out. This is

being transhipped to s.s. "Westbury" at Montevideo about 3rd prox. On her next voyage she will take a full load of wool and skins and I hope to clear the balance of our produce excluding tallow by this opportunity.

31. CAMP TRACKS AND FITZROY BRIDGE.

I understand that Government are sanctioning a payment of £125 for improvement to the Mount Pleasant/Fitzroy track during 1933 but nothing on account of the Fitzroy bridge at present. In any case this matter requires further investigation before a definite scheme of work can be got out and I hope to arrange for a meeting of the Colonial Engineer, Camp Manager, Captain Roberts and myself on the site some time this year.

I am,

Sir,

your obedient servant,

Manager.

- North Swan Island - Thanks you for...
- Coloured chart...
- Staff Cove - A. Morrison - work...
- Provident Fund - separate...
- Trance Reflex Sign - erection...
- use of portia...
- Speedwell Island - J. Clark - work...
- Bodie Creek Bridge - work...
- Lively Island - matter discussed with...
- Stanley Charges to Farm - proposal to...
- substitute lump sum payment...
- Speedwell Island - confirms...
- Floating Dock - reports laying...
- Lighters "fleetwing" & "Lafonia" (No. 7) -...
- Barrels for tallow - Younger's...
- Mutton hams - advises further 22 barrels...
- H. Thompson - now touring Camp Sections...
- Claim for shortage of 1 skin on "Westbury" -...
- Encloses Veterinary Officer's report on Centenary...
- Reports post of Veterinary Officer abolished, Post to be filled locally...
- Confirms cabled advice re death of Mr A.V.H. Vincent.
- Passenger movements.
- Understand H.E. the Governor proposes to nominate...
- Executive Council vice Mr G. Bonner (resigned).

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P R E C I S .

1. Confirms Nos. 745 & 746 and acknowledges receipt of your No. 1358.
2. Sealing Co. - notes your remarks re "Balzac" shipment of oil.
Confirms estimated catch next season as 2/300 tons oil.
3. Magallanes coal in "Fleetwing" - enclosed claim.
4. G. Walsh, A.B. "Lafonia" - encloses claim re injury.
Government are assent/Pitzroy tract.
matter will be dealt with later.
5. Cash payments to Crown Agents - advises position.
6. Floating Dock - progress report on "O.C.82" repairs.
7. "Lafonia" - Rio Grande voyages - disappointing position.
Grounding - consider claim unwarranted.
Slide valve & packings - acknowledges receipt of.
Propeller damage - confirms telegraphic advice.
Alteration to winch exhaust - encloses Engineer's report.
Future sailings.
8. North Swan Island - thanks you for detailed reply.
Coloured chart being returned this mail.
9. Bluff Cove - A. Morrison - acknowledges receipt of your cabled offers.
10. Provident Fund - separate letter addressed to you.
11. Franco Reflex Sign - erection at Darwin Narrows. Advises successful
use of portion at Mare Harbour.
12. Speedwell Island - J. Clark - notes terms of leave and salary.
13. Bodie Creek Bridge - work commenced under Fuhlendorff.
14. Lively Island - matter discussed with Camp Manager.
15. Stanley Charges to Farm - proposal to abolish surcharge of 10% and
substitute lump sum payment of £300, if approved.
16. Speedwell Island - confirms dwelling house burnt out 7th March, 1933.
17. Floating Dock - reports laying of 4 additional anchors.
18. Lighters "Fleetwing" & "Lafonia" (No.7) - dragging on 19th instant.
19. Barrels for tallow - Younger's beer casks being cleaned for use.
20. Mutton hams - advises further 22 barrels pickled on Farm this year.
21. H. Thompson - now touring Camp Sections re accounts matters etc.
22. Claim for shortage of 1 skin ex "Aylesbury" - our claim withdrawn.
23. Encloses Veterinary Officer's report on Centenary Stock show.
24. Reports post of Veterinary Officer abolished. Post to be filled locally.
25. Confirms cabled advice re death of Mr A.W.N. Vincent.
26. Passenger movements.
27. Understand H.E. the Governor proposes to nominate Hon. G.J. Felton to
Executive Council vice Mr G. Bonner (resigned).

- 28. Timber ex "Bertha" wreck - advises quantity of logs recovered to date.
- 29. Regrets to note decline in wool prices at March Sales.
- 30. Shipment of produce per this "Lafonia".
- 31. Camp tracks and Fitzroy Bridge - understand Government are sanctioning payment of £125 for Mt. Pleasant/Fitzroy tract. Fitzroy bridge - matter will be dealt with later.
- 1. Naval Fuel Dept. Remarks
- 2. Engineering Exam ...
- 3. Store Invent No. 715
- 4. Remarks on Stores No. 715
- 5. Return of Establishment & Pages (Farm Section) (Stanley)
- 6. Pages Comparative Statements Nos. 1, 2 & 3
- 7. P.S.M.S. Account - February
- 8. Coal Statement - March
- 9. Coasting Insurance - February
- 10. "Lafonia" Manifests - Vesp 2 12 & 13
- 11. " " Library
- 12. Duplicate Specifications "Lafonia" shipment 2/2/33
- 13. Claim for "Steeking" Coal
- 14. " " re A.S. Harold Walsh, "Lafonia"
- 15. Photos
- 16. Royal Mail Lines 9/2 - March
- 17. Y.I. Journal 1/2/33, 1/3/33 & 1/4/33 & 20/4/33
- 18. Report on Centenary Store Book (2 copies)
- 19. Camp Manager's Despatch & enclosures

CORRESPONDENCE :-

- Letter to Managing Director re President Fund.
- From S. Elliott, North Arm re fire on Speerwell Island.
- Copies of letters re His Grace's de Sal Voyages of "Lafonia"
- " Letter from Sealing Co. re "Lafonia" shipment.

Specifications :-

NO.	MARK.	WOOL.	WIGGS	TALLOW.
1.	N.A.	17		
2.	F.I.C.			147
3.	S.I. VIC.	100		
4.	F.T.A.			
5.	Port Louis	40		
6.	"	15		
7.	N.S.	18		
8.	S & S	100		

No. 745 per "Lafonia" via Montevideo 7/3/33.

P R E C I S

No. 747 per "Lafonia" via Montevideo 25th April, 1933. of your

1. Enclosures. Accounts - details Captain's salary Novr. 1931 - Oct. 1933.
2. Account will be closed at 31st December each year.
3. Voyages to South Georgia - 4 voyages arranged.
4. Despatch No. 747. Life insurance premiums quoted too high.
5. Statement on Accounts No. 49. Insurance for cargo and livestock.
6. Remarks on Accounts No. 49. Lion Finder - considers installation
7. Naval Fuel Depot Remarks No. 27.
8. Engineering Remarks 6/33 & 7/33. Correspondence enclosed.
9. Store Indent No. 713. Arrangements for collection being made.
10. Remarks on Stores No. 713. - received. Claim follows.
11. Return of Establishment & Wages (Farm Section)
12. " " " " (Stanley)
13. Wages Comparative Statements Nos. 3, 4 & 5. tions.
14. P.S.N.C. Account - February.
15. Coal Statement - March. Stanley - notes premium.
16. Coasting Insurances - February.
17. "Lafonia" Manifests. Vess B 13 & 15.
18. " Itinerary.
19. Duplicate Specification "Lafonia" shipment 3/3/33
20. Claim for "Fleetwing" Coal.
21. " re A.B. Gerald Walsh, "Lafonia". for extra lighters.
22. Photos.
23. Royal Mail Lines a/c - March. charges on this department detailed.
24. F.I. Gazettes 1/2/33, 1/3/33 & 1/4/33 & 20/4/33
25. Report on Centenary Stock Show (5 copies) discuss matter with
26. Camp Manager's Despatch & enclosures. England.

CORRESPONDENCE :-

- Letter to Managing Director re Provident Fund.
- " from B. Elliott, North Arm re fire on Speedwell Island.
- Copies of letters re Rio Grande de Sul voyages of "Lafonia"
- " letter from Sealing Co. re "Balzac" shipment.

Specifications :-

14. MARK. WOOL. SKINS TALLOW.
15. N.A. 17
16. F.I.C. 147
17. S.I. FIC. 106 3
18. T.R. 42
19. Part Louis 42
20. M 15 3
21. B.B. 12 2
22. S & S 100 1
23. Reports work on "O.C. 82" almost completed.
24. Bluff Cove - A. Morrison - no reply yet received from Hagallance.
25. Fitzroy North - encloses correspondence re exchange of land.
26. Advises work on Bodie Creek Bridge completed.
27. Encloses correspondence re improvement of tracks & proposed bridge over Fitzroy river.

No. 748 per "Lafonia" via Montevideo 7/6/33.

27. Encloses copy of letter to Stanley re soundings taken in Stanley Bay. P R E C I S .
1. Confirms No. 747 of 24th April and acknowledges receipt of your Nos. 1359, 1360 & 1361.
 2. "Lafonia" accounts - details Captain's salary Novr. 1931 - Oct. 1932. Account will be closed at 31st December each year. Voyages to South Georgia - 4 voyages arranged. Considers insurance premiums quoted too high. Requests rates of insurance for cargo and livestock. Wireless direction finder - considers installation of set justified.
 3. Wood working machinery - thanks you for quotations.
 4. "Albemarle" towage to Stanley - notes premium.
 5. Oils - matter dealt with separately.
 6. Reports death of A. McLeod Senr.
 7. "Laguna" loading - February 1933. Claim for extra lighterage.
 8. Annual accounts - Lighterage - charges on this department detailed.
 9. North Swan Island - understand Mr Evans will discuss matter with Colonial Office whilst in England.
 10. Montevideo offer for timber ex "Bertha" declined.
 11. "Great Britain" - notes your views as regards disposal of this hulk.
 12. Mutton hams - propose to send barrel to you for examination & report.
 13. Advises occupation (rent free) of Gardener's House by R. Aitken.
 14. Fruit from U.K. - arrival in excellent condition.
 15. Sheepowners Association - notes action you have taken.
 16. Acknowledges your reply re Freezer.
 17. Pleased to note slight rise in wool prices at May series of sales.
 18. Seal oil - confirms cable asking for price of forward sale.
 19. Speedwell Island dwelling house fire - unable to say cause of outbreak.
 20. Advises sailing of "Losada" ex U.K. 23rd September next.
 21. Rams - notes intended purchase of 10/20 Romney Marsh for Farm. Also purchase of rams for Port San Carlos.
 22. Reports work on "O.C. 82" almost completed.
 23. Bluff Cove - A. Morrison - no reply yet received from Magallanes.
 24. Fitzroy North - encloses correspondence re exchange of land.
 25. Advises work on Bodie Creek Bridge completed.
 26. Encloses correspondence re improvement of tracks & proposed bridge over Fitzroy river.

- 27. Encloses copy of letter to Harbour Master re soundings taken in Stanley Harbour by Capt. Ridyard, m.v. "Losada" (May).
- 28. Advises tour of inspection of Camp Stores by H. Thompson.
- 29. Encloses list of mails (provisional) to end of year.
- 30. Remittances - advises coming alteration of telegraphic instructions re payments at your end.
- 31. Details information of financial position of Colony.
- 32. Unemployment - situation relieved temporarily by Whaling Companies.
- 33. Movements of H.M. Ships.
- 34. Staff- advises T. Smith (Carpenter) pensioned as from 25th May 1933. J. McAtasney (Striker) services not yet dispensed with. Reduction in Stanley wages to end May - £770.
- 35. "Stanley Arms" - new building project abandoned for present. Improvements and repairs to present building will be put in hand.
- 36. Advises progress of work on Ship Hotel and Marmont Row buildings.
- 37. Tour of Storekeeper' per "Lafonia" B. 19.
- 38. Recommends condemnation of lighter "Rosa Baker".
- 39. Reports on Craft and lighters.
- 40. Passengers per "Lafonia" this voyage include Mr Pole Evans, Mr H. Thompson and part Bisley team.
- 41. Encloses claim re coal in "Fleetwing" - fire.
- 42. Encloses notes made by Mr T. Norris in February last.
- 43. Encloses copy of letter from Government re Centenary celebrations.

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When receiving the several insurances on the vessel, it is to arrange to be payable for them to run from 1st January - 31st December in each year.

Voyages - South Georgia & South Sandwich. You will see from the copy of letter dated 30th May to the Colonial Secretary that I have arranged as follows - providing we are able to make 2 voyages during the twelve months the payment for such voyages will be reduced to £350, all other conditions to be as stated in my previous letter. I understand that "Flourus" received £2,000 for 2 voyages, and for the 12th voyage will be £350.

THE MANAGING DIRECTOR,

LONDON

LAFONIA via Montevideo.

7th June,

Less additional expenses 748.

Insurance, 1932	275
Coal	522

Sir,

BALANCE confirm by Despatch No. 747 dated 24th April, 1933 and acknowledge receipt of your Nos. 1359, 1360 & 1361 dated 3rd March, 7th & 23rd April 1933 respectively.

2. 1359. 4. s.s. "J. S. GILLES" ACCOUNTS. I have now arranged that the Shop will be overlooked by the Storekeeper, the Store being debited with an amount for rent etc. and will receive all profits as there may be.

Salary of Captain 2750 is made up as follows :-

August, September & October 1931 (Standing by vessel)	2150.
November 1931 - October 1932.	2600.
Following would be acceptable -	<u>2750.</u>

I note that you are agreeable that the Accounts be closed at 31st December in each year. The next period will therefore cover from 1st November 1932 to 31st December, 1933.

When renewing the several insurances on the vessel, would it be possible for them to run from 1st January - 31st December in each year. half of October 1933

Voyages - South Georgia & South Shetlands. You will note from the copy of my letter dated 20th May to the Colonial Secretary that I have amended my offer as follows - providing we are assured of 4 voyages during the twelve months the payment for each voyage would be reduced to 3350, all other conditions to be as stated in my previous letter. I understand that "Fleurus" received 24,000 per annum for 6 voyages. Main marine insurance rates for general

THE MANAGING DIRECTOR, R - P.P.A. and all risks to South Georgia.

L O N D O N is very little passenger and cargo traffic

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The round voyage should not take more than 12 days and will be made at such times as the vessel would in any case be in commission and ordinary running expenses incurred.

4 voyages @ £650 each ... £ 2,600.

Less additional expenses :-

Insurance, say £375

Coal " £700 1,075.

BALANCE towards ordinary running expenses .. £ 1,525

Subject to confirmation by the Secretary of State, I understand that our offer will be accepted.

The additional insurance rates quoted for voyages to South Georgia & South Shetlands appear to be high and judging by what one has heard of these particular voyages from the experience of others, it would be difficult to justify them. Our present offer is for 4 voyages only during the year and $1\frac{1}{2}\%$ would be a heavy tax on us. Will you please take up the matter with Underwriters again.

I suggest that if you cannot do better and to meet them, the following would be acceptable -

20/- % to extend the warranty as to limits of employment to South Georgia up to and including 4 voyages there; any additional voyages made 5/- % per voyage.

The dates for the voyages have not yet been fixed but the first two will probably be made - first half of October 1933 - first half of October 1933 - but I will cable you when the first voyage is fixed to enable you to complete the insurance.

Government has made no mention of voyages to South Shetlands but 20/- % for one voyage appears to be excessive and Underwriters might also reconsider this.

Please also obtain marine insurance rates for general cargo and livestock - F.P.A. and all risks to South Georgia.

There is very little passenger and cargo traffic

Port Stanley and South Georgia but a certain amount of trade is done in mutton and live sheep. As you know, this has been done almost entirely by Port Howard but whilst we cannot refuse outside cargo we should be able to secure this trade eventually.

I do not know exactly how the business was worked but understand that Port Howard sold to the Tensberg Company at about 8/6d f.o.b. who resold in South Georgia, but this matter will have my attention. I shall endeavour to visit South Georgia myself in October or December next.

Wireless Direction Finder. With reference to your advise that the makers of "Lafonia's" wireless set had now completed a wireless Direction Finder. I have discussed this matter with Captain Roberts and we are agreed that in view of the contemplated South Georgia voyages we should be justified in installing it and trust that you will approve, in which case kindly put the order in hand. I understand that the cost will be about £75.

Outside Work. Letters dated 21st April last and 16th May from Messrs. Cranston Woodhead & Co., Rio Grande do Sul to Maclean & Stapledon (copies enclosed) explain the present position. I have offered "Lafonia" for a voyage between 14th & 23rd instant

Messrs Maclean & Stapledon recently asked for quotations for 1,500 tons salt from Viedma to Montevideo and I have quoted 15/- per ton free discharge.

Boilers & M.P. Valves. Messrs Kennaugh's letter dated 20th February last to hand. The new M.P. valve has since been fitted. As regards water, Government have made us an offer reducing the rate for water but in my opinion this is still too high. I am therefore going into the question of increasing our supply of rain water - by taking the deep tanks out of "Fennia" and "Lady Elizabeth" and catching the rain water off "Egeria" Shed roof. I will advise you later as to this.

Propeller - 1360. 9. The new propeller has been received and the claim on Underwriters will be sent you by next mail.

Future programme. A provisional programme of sailings to the

BMS

Enc. of the year is enclosed. "Lafonia" is now on a voyage to East and West Falkland ports.

Working her at Stanley has much improved, for example on her last voyage she arrived from Montevideo at 2 p.m. on 24th May. 242 tons cargo and 110 tons bunker coal were handled and she was completed and ready for sailing late the following night. Labour worked out to just under 2/6d per ton.

3. 1359. 6. WOOD WORKING MACHINERY - RED PINE LOGS. I thank you for these quotations.

4. 1359. 8. "ALBEMARLE" TOWAGE INSURANCE. I note that an additional rate of 10/- % on the harbour risks policy has been quoted in this case. I will advise you in good time if she is shifted. There is a quantity of coal etc. on board which may come in but I will declare this in the usual coasting insurances.

5. 1359. 9. C.C. WAKEFIELD & Co. This matter is being dealt with separately.

6. 1359. 10. A. McLEOD, SENR. This man has since died and no gratuity has therefore been paid.

7. 1360. 2. "LAGUNA" LOADING - EXTRA LIGHTERAGE INCURRED. The extra cost of labour in this case amounts to £ 58. 11. 8. to which has to be added hire of lighters for which a charge of, say 2/6d per ton (370 tons) would be most reasonable = £46. 5. -- or a total of £ 104. 16. 8. The rate of 7/6d per ton previously given you is not at all excessive as it is half our current rate for import cargo. This would amount to £138. 15. -- and I trust you will be able to settle our claim at somewhere between the two figures.

8. 1360. 3. ANNUAL ACCOUNTS. Lighterage & Hulkage Account.

I am of opinion that the credit passed to this account for handling produce is sufficient and covers the work entailed. The work of handling produce was completed this season between 19th December 1932 and 23rd February last for which the account will get credit for about £1,200.

This account has always been debited with several charges

12. 1360. 12. MUTTON HAMS. I propose to send a barrel Ham which do not strictly pertain to it. The Engineer's salary is one for your examination and report - although with the & Working in such item and since opening the Floating Deck Maintenance/Account business in our hands we may be able to sell to the Whaling I propose to debit £400 of his salary to that account and the balance to "Lafonia". Insurance is another heavy item most of which is taken on the Company's account. If you have not already done so "Samson" & "Rosa Baker" are to be deleted therefrom and I would also suggest that "Lady Elizabeth" be deleted.

13. 1360. 13. THE GARDENER. There is another somewhat similar case but in view of the man's age and length of service with the Company, I do not propose to do anything in the matter. This Department does a certain amount of work for other Departments for which it is difficult to make adequate remuneration - an example is when "Lafonia" is discharging bunker coal into lighters for temporary storage. "Lafonia" is debited with the labour but nothing for lighter hire although the Lighterage Department is debited with repairs and insurance on the lighters used; store and sand is won for the Masons, the same applies: I do not think it worth while making charges to cover these services. There are bound to be certain anomalies in the accounts pertaining to most Departments and to adjust them strictly in accordance with facts would only increase work without compensation. Another such anomaly is in the loading of outward cargo in Stanley. "Lafonia" is debited with the whole of the labourage but strictly speaking it should only be debited with the cost of the labour working on board.

9. 1360. 9. NORTH SWAN ISLAND. Mr R.C.Pole Evans proceeds to United Kingdom by this "Lafonia" and I gather that he hopes to make trouble with the Colonial Office over this matter.

10. 1360. 10. TIMBER EX "BERTHA". The offer from Montevideo was not sufficiently interesting to pursue. We shall complete the gathering of the logs when an opportunity occurs and have them stacked at Goose Green where there is ample room and they are available when required.

11. 1360. 11. "GREAT BRITAIN". I thank you for your permission regarding ~~the~~ hulk and will only dispose of her as stipulated.

12. 1360. 15. MUTTON HAMS. I propose to send a barrel Hams for your examination and report - although with the South Georgia business in our hands we may be able to sell to the Whaling Factories. Kindly let me know the current price.

13. 1360. 16. MRS RYAN. There is another somewhat similar case but in view of the man's age and length of service with the Company, I do not propose to do anything in the matter.

R. Aitken worked for the Company from 1885 to 1926 when he was granted a pension of £45 per annum. Although your sanction was never asked he was allowed to continue occupation of the Gardener's House rent free and he still occupies it. His age is now about 83. I realize that this was never your intention and will see that similar cases do not occur again.

14. 1360. 21. FRUIT FROM UNITED KINGDOM. The importation per "Highland Brigade" arrived in excellent condition and I have written you separately re a standing order.

15. 1360. 24. SHEEPOWNERS ASSOCIATION. I am pleased to note the action you have taken in this matter. I have not seen a copy of the Association's letter in question but understand that it criticises a position which was actually abolished early in 1931 - that of Assistant Colonial Secretary. This position was created by the previous Governor.

I understand that Government have under consideration the revision of leave and passage regulations. No appointment to the Executive Council has yet been announced but I understand that Mr. G.J. Felten will probably be nominated.

16. 1360. 25. FREEZING WORKS. I thank you for your detailed reply to this query and note your views.

17. 1360. 26. I note that there was some slight improvement in prices during the progress of the May Sales and trust that they may be sustained.

18. 1360. 27. SEAL OIL. I confirm my cable dated 25th ulte. asking for a reply re forward sales by the end of May. This is necessary as if a sale is possible production should commence in

ly and a certain amount of preliminary work is required.

19. 1360. 29. SPEEDWELL ISLAND DWELLING HOUSE FIRE. It is impossible to say whether the two fires have been caused by carelessness. It was suggested that in the second fire the occupants' children were playing with matches but he, needless to say, vigorously denies this and blames a faulty chimney.

20. 1360. 30. The Pacific Steam Navigation Co. have advised me that the sailing after "Lautaro" on 8th July next will be "Losada" on 23rd September.

21. 1361. 4. RAMS. I note that you may purchase 10 - 20 Remney Marsh Rams and ship them per "Lautaro". Government have been duly advised.

Mr N. Cameron has cabled Mr Rowland Bird requesting him to enquire if you will purchase and ship 6 rams for Port San Carlos.

22. FLOATING DOCK. Work on "O.C.82" has almost been completed and she will be undocked shortly.

23. 747. 9. BLUFF COVE - A. MORRISON. There has been no mail from Magallanes since February last but I am cabling them to reply via Montevideo.

24. FITZROY NORTH. J. Robson recently enquired if we would consider transferring some land adjacent to the Port Louis North boundary in exchange for the lease of Fitzroy North. Kindly let me have your views. I enclose a summary of recent correspondence on this subject.

25. 747. 13. BODIE CREEK BRIDGE. This work has since been completed.

26. 747. 31. TRACK AND PROPOSED BRIDGE ACROSS FITZROY RIVER. Copies of correspondence with the Director of Public Works enclosed. You will note that Government will assist up to £105 being half cost of cutting 15 miles of track at £14 per mile on the Mount Pleasant/Fitzroy track but that they cannot assist us at present with the Fitzroy River bridge project.

27. SOUNDINGS - INNER HARBOUR PORT STANLEY. Copy of my letter dated 12th ulto. to the Harbour Master enclosed. Capt. Ridyard was

instructed to take these soundings in connection with our claim against "Laguna" in February last. I understand that his opinion is that a vessel drawing up to 26' 6" can go alongside hulk "Fennia".

28. INSPECTION OF CAMP STORES ETC. H. Thompson was sent on tour from 17th April to 6th May and visited Speedwell Island, North Arm, Darwin and Fitzroy. Copy of his report is enclosed and the several points raised are being dealt with.

29. MAILS TO AND FROM U.K. TO END OF DECEMBER NEXT.

Provisional timetable enclosed.

30. REMITTANCES. Despite our having to pay £3,500 wool tax and £800 import duty "Losada" ~~was~~ ^{last} month/only required the usual £1,000 at the end of May. I probably shall not require a remittance at the end of June.

From copies of correspondence enclosed you will note that after the end of June telegraphic instructions will be sent by Government to the Crown Agents when a remittance is required and if no telegram is sent it will be understood that no remittance is required, thus reversing the present procedure.

31. FINANCIAL POSITION OF THE COLONY. The following information was recently given me by Mr. Craigie Halkett regarding the present financial position of the Colony.

The Secretary of State having issued instructions that the market value of investments must be shown in the accounts instead of the face value as formerly, the various investments held by the Colonial Government were revalued at the middle market price on 31st December last as shown by the 8th Ex Official list. The total nett appreciation in value amounted to £ 88,367. 7. - which sum was allocated as follows :-

Note Security Fund	3,552.	16.	9.
Land Sales Fund	24,074.	15.	1.
Savings Bank Fund	17,563.	2.	7.
Research Fund	39,053.	14.	2.
Falkland Islands Revenue	485.	7.	4.
Falkland Islands Reserve Fund	3,637.	11.	1.
	<u>£ 88,367.</u>	<u>7.</u>	<u>-.</u>

After providing for the requisite cover of 110% of the

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value of the Note issue £2,942. 6. 5. was transferred from the Note Security Fund to Revenue. Similarly, £10,205. 8. 9. was transferred from the Savings Bank Fund to Revenue after providing for the cover of 110% of the total amount due to depositors. I estimate the

Consequently, at 31st December last the Colony has a balance of Revenue amounting to £11,756 and a Reserve Fund of £37,637. apart from the increase in Land Sales and other Funds. Had the cost price of investments been taken there would have been a deficit of revenue of over £2,000. Work on the South side is

32. UNEMPLOYMENT. Government is still having to find work for a large number of men but the few who went whaling last season did well and the Whaling Companies have agreed to take more men next season. It is hoped that about 85 will be taken on, which will temporarily ease the position here.

33. MOVEMENTS OF H.M. VESSELS. - South American Squadron.
H.M.S. "Dauntless" will arrive at Port Stanley on 14th October next. H.M.S. "Exeter" relieves H.M.S. "Durban" about September next and may be here about Christmas time.

H.M.S. "York" relieves H.M.S. "Dauntless" early in 1934.

34. STAFF. With reference to my 740. 4. Smith retired on pension as from 26th ulto.. It has not yet been possible to put J. McAtasney off. During the Winter months I shall have a further number of men off.

Stanley

The reduction in ~~standing~~ weekly wages for the period 1st January to end May is £770. as compared with 1932 and £1,800 as compared with 1931. 10 "ROSA BAKER" built 1857, acquired 1860.

35. STANLEY ARMS. You will recollect that the rebuilding of the Stanley Arms has been under consideration for some time past. I have been going into plans and costs but under present conditions am of opinion that this project must of necessity be deferred for some years. It therefore becomes imperative to put the present building into better order, necessary improvements and repairs having been deferred for some time past in view of the possibility of rebuilding. The following is required - provision of a fireplace

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and chimney in the billiard room, repairs to wall plates, framing and weather boarding of billiard room and West wing, new floor joists and flooring as required in the billiard room; improvement of approach to private bar; new urinal for bar. I estimate the cost at about £300 and when the work has been completed the building should serve its purpose for a number of years. Work will be commenced shortly. When completed, the concrete path referred to in my 715. 4. will be completed right up to John St.

36. SHIP HOTEL AND MARMONT ROW. Work on the South side is still in progress. Urinals and W.C's. with running water are being put into the Ship Hotel - the present arrangements are unsatisfactory.

37. STOREKEEPER'S TOUR TO EAST AND WEST FALKLANDS.

Mr E.C. Per J.D. Creamer travelled round per "Lafonia" B. 19 selling certain Stores direct to Farmers as was done twice last year. The following was disposed of :-

that 15 0 bags flour	}	£ 755. 7. 6.
136 bags pollard		
on fire. 150 bags sugar		
12 drums paraffin		
practically 70 cases paraffin		
6 drums petrol		
certain 148 bags maize		
5 bags crushed maize		
that about 9 bags wheat		
1 bag bran		
light load 12 cases coffee	}	
10 cases butter		
and other 8 cases onions		
25 bags oats		
have to use 9 cases fresh fruit		

38. LIGHTER No. 10 "ROSA BAKER" Built 1867; acquired 1900.

This lighter, which is built of soft wood is in poor condition and has a reputation for leaking badly at times. I do not require her and consider that she should be condemned otherwise a certain amount of work must be done on her in the near future. I can probably find use for her at the proposed Fitzroy bridge if she can be got down to the site.
 (Information for your information.)

39. GRAFF AND LIGHTERS GENERALLY.

"Gwendolin" - the masts, rigging, deck etc. have recently been overhauled.

Wooden lighters 1, 2 & 3. are in good condition.

"Kelp" & Iron lighters Nos. 4 & 5. will shortly be slipped and overhauled.

No. 6 ex "Nimrod" has recently been overhauled and repaired where necessary.

No. 7 ex "Lafonia" I have recently had the cabin accommodation gutted out which was useless and in a very dirty state. The masts have been taken out and other necessary work is in hand.

No. 8 "Fleetwing". There is still some caulking to be completed - necessitated by the Magallanes coal which was on fire.

No. 9 "Capricorn" leaks but is not worth spending much on.

No. 11 "Samson" - abandoned on North East beach. Inner Harbour.

Mail lighter. is on the slip being chipped and painted.

40. Among the passengers per "Lafonia" this voyage are Mr R.C.Pole Evans, Mr H.Thompson of this Office and three members of the Bisley team transhipping to "Asturias" 14th June.

41. "FLEETWING". Fire Insurance on hull. It became apparent that "Fleetwing" has sprung a leak after the coal was found to be on fire. She was therefore pumped at regular intervals until practically all the coal was out of her when she was beached and a certain amount of caulking done. On reexamination ~~it~~ was found that about 3,500 running feet caulking was required above her light load line and this is being got on with as and when weather and other circumstances permit. Special care will be taken if we have to use her in the meantime but I do not expect that this will be necessary. These expenses should surely be recoverable under the fire insurance on the hull and I now enclose our claim.

42. Government are circulating to Farm Managers copies of some notes made by Mr T.Norris on his tour around East Falkland Islands and I enclose a copy.

43. I enclose copy of a letter received from Government in connection with the Centenary Celebrations for your information.

I am,
Sir,
your obedient servant,

Manager.

Enc.

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No. 748 per "Lafonia" via Montevideo 7th June, 1933.

Enclosures.

- No. 1. Despatch No. 748.
2. Statement on Account No. 50.
3. Remarks on Accounts " "
4. " " Naval Fuel Depot. No. 28.
5. Store Indent. No. 715
6. Remarks on Stores. No. 715
7. Stock Sheets 1932.
8. Memo re Calendars 1934 with specimen.
9. P.S.N.Co., Account 31/5/33
10. Copy of notes made by Mr. T. Norris.
11. Report on Camp Stores and Accounts.
12. Cutting re New S. American Squadron.
13. Centenary Medallions for B. Stickney.
14. Extract from H.O. and Stanley Despatches re purchase of Fitzroy N.
15. Engineering Remarks No. 8/33.
16. F.I.Gazette - 1st May.
17. List of Mails to end of year.
18. Stanley Ledger balances at 31st March, 1933.
19. Claim Lighter Fleetwing - Fire.
20. Coal Statement, Apr/May.
21. Coasting Insurances Mar/Apr.
22. R.M.L.Account. April,
23. "Lafonia" Provisional programme to 31st Dec., 1933.
24. "Lafonia" Manifest B.16.

Correspondence.

- Original letter to Managing Director re A.E.Felton.
 " " " " " re supplies of fruit.
 " " " " " re vacancy for riveter.
 Copy of letter to and from Mr.M.Craigie Halkett re remittances.
 " " " " Messrs. Cranston Woodhead & Co., to Maclean y Stapledon re Rio Grande voyages.
 " " " " Government re improvement of tracks.
 Copy of letter from Government re Centenary.
 " " " to Government re Soundings Stanley Harbour.
 " " " to Government re S. Georgia Voyages.

Specification.

MARK	WOOL	SKINS	TALDOW	HIDES
N.A.		8		
D.H.		30		170.
F.I.C. (S.I.)	62.			
S	156	6		80.
H & B.		15.		
D & S	4	3		
J.L.W.		7		
E.E.M.	3.			
W.K.C.	35.	18.		

THE MANAGING DIRECTOR,

LONDON.

"LAFONIA" via Montevideo.

749.

the second condition. In the meantime you were enabled to offer
and a license was issued for July, August and September 1906.
Sir,

I have to confirm my Despatch No. 745 dated 7th June and
acknowledges receipt of your No. 1362 dated 2nd ult.

2. I regret to inform you that His Excellency the Governor
went into hospital on 1st instant and on the 3rd the Principal
Medical Officer decided that it was advisable he should return
England without delay. I understand that he is suffering from
phlebitis. The matter of getting him away was referred to me and
I proposed that B. 22 voyage should be put forward from 21st to
8th instant and a connection could be made at Montevideo with

"Highland Chieftain" on 14th which is due London on 3rd August.

"Lafonia" will await "Highland Brigade" due Montevideo
27th inst. and I have cabled Maclean & Stapledon enquiring if
they can arrange a voyage to South Brazilian ports during the
interim.

Apart from a bad leg His Excellency appears to be well.
In any case I fear that it is unlikely he will return which is
be regretted. I have always found him to be reasonable and just.
he had a keen perception of the difficulties of the Farmers but
has been greatly handicapped during his administration by the
legacies left him by his predecessor and by unemployment.

3. 762. 2. F. I. & D. Sealing Co. Ltd. I note all you write
re the "Balzac" shipment which certainly puts a very different
complexion on the matter. I am taking this up with Mr D. Watson
also the matter of communicating direct with Messrs D. Gadden & Co.

THE MANAGING DIRECTOR,
LONDON.

No. 109 per "Sealings" 7/7/03.

With reference to your cable dated 6th June offering £14 per ton for 300 tons of coal. This was very low - the difficulties arose with the Colonial Office over the granting of a license - they insisting on a sealing officer accompanying the expedition and no sea elephants to be taken, eventually modifying the second condition. In the meantime you were enabled to offer £15 and a license was issued for July, August and September only - your offer was then accepted. "Port Richard" sailed for Albany on 28th ulto. with Mr. D. Watson in charge of the Expedition and they hope to secure the full 300 tons in these three months. At best there can be no profit at the price but it will turn stocks of coal, drums etc. into money and should thus enable them to reduce their overdraft to a certain extent.

"Port Richard" was docked on 22nd ulto. and undocked the following day. Her hull was found to be in good condition - it was scraped and given one coat paint and some necessary repairs were made to the rudder.

"Afterglow" has been renamed "Port Richard" and "Belief" has been renamed "Albania".

It is probable that the attitude of the Colonial Office has taken has been brought about by a Mr. J.H. Hamilton one time West Falkland Magistrate who was seconded to the Discovery Expedition - his post with them is likely to be abolished and it is thought he may be endeavouring to make a post for himself in the Colony again.

Sealings. Is there any market for these and would you indicate current prices? I note that the Newfoundland Sealers have been out this year. It is said that all species of seal are more plentiful than ever around these Islands.

Sealing on Company's Camps. With reference to the recent correspondence on this subject and the Managing Director's letter to the Under Secretary of State dated 16th July, 1903. I have issued qualified permit to the F. I. & Dependencies Sealing Company to

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take seals from Lafonia (copy enclosed) and have advised Government that I have done so and with authority. A further question however arises - Ordinance No. 1 of 1899, Seal Fishery, Sections 4 & 5 appear to have been framed to cover such cases as our rights in Lafonia but Ordinance No. 8 of 1921 a Consolidating Ordinance, does not include such Sections and this Ordinance therefore appears to abrogate our rights. If this is so the position is not as is stated in the Managing Director's letter referred to above. I am of opinion that it is very desirable this matter should be cleared up and request that you will favour me with your views. To a layman it would appear that this Government cannot withdraw by legislation or otherwise a right which the Crown included in the Lafonia Grant.

4. 1362. 4. REMITTANCES - CROWN AGENTS. I do not anticipate that I shall require a remittance at the end of July or August - I have just under £3,000 on hand at the moment and I shall probably be able to accumulate sufficient to pay the tax on the May Sales wool and have sufficient balance to carry on with.

5. 1362. 5. FLOATING DOCK. "O.C.82" was undocked and "Port Richard" docked without a hitch. I hope to dock "Falkland" in the near future and "Lafonia" during August.

Re "O.C.82" repairs - I am dealing with this in a separate paragraph.

6. "LAFONIA" (1362. 6.) I am pleased to confirm that Government has accepted our offer for 4 voyages to South Georgia during 1933/4 and will pay us £650 per voyage. The first voyage will probably be made between 12/26th October next and the second early in December.

s.s. "Fleurus" sailed for Norway on 2nd instant.

Government require still another sailing ^{to the north} this year, thus making 8 in all. Of these, five are contract, two additional to the contract on payment of £200 each and one on our own account. The remaining voyages will probably commence on the following dates - 8th July, 30th August, 27th September and 24th November.

Enc.

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\$200 is of course inadequate remuneration for a full year's voyage but Government cannot pay more and it is believed that the best course to pursue is one of giving the Government the right to run the voyage though such voyages may not be profitable in the year of the 1933 running expenses as a certain number of passengers and cargo will reasonably be expected.

With regard to the voyage made on our account in January last - if possible I propose to repeat this in 1934 as it enables us to get a good knowledge of the conditions of the March sales which is usually to be expected and trust that you will agree it is desirable to make this additional voyage.

Enc.

I enclose a Memo re 1934 sailings which is for the basis of a discussion with Government. The proposal, if accepted, will be much more satisfactory to everyone as sailings would be made at regular intervals.

Damage to propeller. The claim goes forward by this mail.

7. 1362. 10. FRANCO REFLEX SIGNS. Capt. Roberts' new reports as follows :-

The square sign sent out has been divided into four separate signs. Two have been placed in position at the entrance to Darwin Harbour. On a normally dark night with clear atmosphere the marks were easily distinguishable at the extreme range of the searchlight - 1,000 yards and may be considered a safe and necessary aid to the approaches of harbour during hours of darkness in normal weather. It is suggested that a consignment of larger lenses - say 3" in diameter - be forwarded unmounted and in three colours, say 24 of white, red and green if the latter colour is obtainable. The lenses can be mounted here on wood posts or frames.

With reference to his proposal - please advise me as to what are available and the price before sending any out.

Enc.

8. 1362. 13. LIVELY ISLAND. I enclose copies of my letters to the Camp Manager and J. Gault. The arrangements made should be

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much more satisfactory.

9. 1362. 14. STANLEY CHARLES. I note that the proposal is approved.

10. 1362. 18. MUTTON HAMS. There is a slow but sure sale in Stanley. I am hoping to dispose of the bulk of the 1933 pickling to South Georgia.

11. 1362. 20. STOCK INSPECTOR. I understand that this position will be offered to W.Clement and that he will be expected to commence duty on 1st prox.

12. 1362. 21. I understand that Government decided that as it was the Centenary year an effort should be made to send a telegram to Bisley.

13. 1362. 23. "BERTHA" WRECK TIMBER. It is very interesting to note that Messrs. W.H.Johnson & Sons of Liverpool have been interested in these logs. The best offer we have received so far from Montevideo is \$0.065 per super foot whilst the Manager of Maples Ltd. who has seen a sample, assures us that it is worth \$0.10 per super foot.

I am shipping to you this voyage via Montevideo to Liverpool 6 logs marked F.I.O. LIVERPOOL 1/6. 1 to 3 are a fair sample of the best and 4 to 6 of the worst - that are suitable for shipment. Messrs Maclean & Stapledon will send you the Bill of Lading direct.

Their dimensions are :-

- 1. 9' 6" x 33" x 29"
- 2. 12' 6" x 18" x 17"
- 3. 11' 6" x 12" x 12"
- 4. 9' 6" x 18" x 12"
- 5. 15' x 12" x 12"
- 6. 9' x 13" x 15"

I understand that there are 74 grade 1 logs and 71 grade 2 at Goose Green and about as many again to be lifted from Hare Harbour - making about 280 logs in all suitable for shipment. badly split ones which would not be shipped can be made use of here.

14. SHIPMENT OF PRODUCE by this "Lafonia". I expect to ship

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Bales wool; Bales sheepskins; barrels of tallow and Hides. Owing to the necessity of sailing for Montevideo on 3th instant it may not be possible to collect everything for this voyage but it may be assumed that practically the whole of the Colony's produce has now gone forward.

In August next I hope to ship a portion of the seal oil which can be used for stock which are then quantified in

15. 1362. 27. "LAFONIA" AND CONNECTIONS AT MONTEVIDEO. I am cabling you the sailings of "Lafonia" from Montevideo you may understand that she will always await passengers, cargo or mail ex Royal Mail Lines vessels due on or immediately before that date for them to be guaranteed on one of our Islands.

Will you kindly advise the Post Office and Royal Mail Lines of this.

16. 1362. 17 & 18. BARRELS FOR TALLOW. This is very satisfactory.

17. 1362. 29. WOOL MARKET. I am very pleased to note the advance in prices and trust that it will be maintained.

18. STOCK. I note that you are shipping 22 Romney Marsh for our Farm also 2 sheep dogs for Mr. Luxton per "Lantare". The Stock Department has been advised.

19. INSURANCE "PORT RICHARD". I confirm that she is to be insured against usual marine risks for 3 months from 27th June for £2,500 including one boat valued at £50 and two at £12 each. It is possible this may have to be extended by 15 days but I will cable you in due course.

Enc. 20. I enclose copy of a letter dated 30th May last from the Secretary, Zoological Society of London for your information. Mr. A.G. Bennett, who took home two penguins for the Society and I did not make any charge for them and requested the Royal Mail Lines to also carry them free, to which they agreed.

21. CHURCH GREEN. With reference to your 1344. 20 I understand that Mr V.A.H. Biggs has revived his claim for a portion of Lot 9 which I understand he bases on the fact that the piece of land originally held by J. Biggs shows no record of having been

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conveyed by him to Mr J.M. Dean. When the matter was referred to me I informed the Acting Colonial Secretary that our title was undoubtedly good and that the claim was frivolous.

22. RAIS. When importing rais in future would you consider the possible benefits gained in having them shipped ^{via} Montevideo P.S.N. cargo vessels usually take about 42 days to Port Stanley which cannot be good for stock which are then quarantined in Stanley and reshipped. If it were possible to ship by "Highland" vessels and tranship direct to "Lafonia" the time taken en route would be shortened and it would doubtless be possible to arrange for them to be quarantined on one of our islands.

The gain is therefore a quicker passage and less handling - the matter of comparative expense can be better gauged by you as I do not know the freight on stock to Montevideo.

23. MR. A. E. WILTON of West Point Island died on 10th ulto. The lease of the Island, stock etc. is left to his wife in trust for his daughter and I understand that they propose to carry the Farm on.

Enc.

24. RINGWORM. I enclose a Circular letter recently issued by Government in this connection.

25. SHIPMENTS OF STORES. You will have noted that I am increasingly ordering forward stores for transhipment at Montevideo in preference to awaiting P.S.N. direct sailings even where the freight by the former route may be higher.

Apart from our desire to support "Lafonia" as much as possible this is necessitated by our efforts to keep our stock on hand down to the lowest possible figure and more frequent opportunities for importing facilitate our efforts in this direction. I realise that this raises difficulties in so far that the regular supplies of certain articles may not be so placed that they can ship via London or Southampton without making an additional charge; in such cases it will be necessary to arrange for suppliers who are well placed to ship from these ports.

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Therefore request that you hold in all cases ship our orders by the route and sailing indicated by us in our telegrams and manifests unless for some unforeseen reason it is absolutely impossible for you to do so. - It goes back to

Mr Hudson. I appreciate that this diversion of traffic will not please the P.S.N. Company but if we relied solely on their present infrequent service I am of opinion that we should have to carry between £7,500 - £10,000 additional stock which even they will doubtless agree is a very serious matter.

26. FRUIT EL U.K. The last shipment again arrived in quite a condition. This has given our friends at Haveridge and elsewhere considerable cause for thought. I am sure the Governor also

27. GOVERNMENT STAFF. I understand that Mr G. S. ... being pensioned and will not be replaced - his various duties divided amongst other officers. Mr Byron, Electrical Department is transferred to Sierra Leone and will not be replaced. These changes, and that brought about by Mr Horton's transfer will mean a satisfactory reduction in the next Estimate and possibly I understand that the matter of leave and passages for Government servants is also under reconsideration.

28. RAMS FOR PORT SAN CARLOS. I understand that these are to be purchased at the Ashford Sales.

29. UNEMPLOYMENT. With reference to my 748, 32. I understand that the men who went whaling last season returned with between £100 and £145 each and a large number have put their names down for next season.

Recently there has been a certain amount of criticism of the Company and Farmers for putting men off, instigated by Breck S. Parnes, Howatt and a few others of that type, and arose through a number of men recently being paid off at Douglas Station, Teal Inlet and Johnsons Harbour and in Stanley during the past two years.

A person representing the International Bible Society arrived here by "Reina del Pacifico" and is still here. It was

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as we have ample lighter tonnage to handle imports or P.S.N. thought that he had been sent here to stir up trouble but he is a vessel. One is down on the slipway, wooden cross bulkheads are men of no personality and if that was his intention I doubt if he has the ability. Personally I am of opinion that the Government has handled the whole question/badly - it goes back to Mr Hodson's administration when he shortened hours and increased wages and stated publicly "you come to Stanley, we will find you work".

I doubt if the Farms will at any time absorb more than 25 of the men now employed on what is truly relief work. The population is increasing fast and for the bulk of the children of today there can be no future in the Colony and we are undoubtedly going to be faced with a very serious problem in the near future. I have discussed the matter several times with His Excellency the Governor also with Mr. Ellis and have suggested that the possibilities of immigration should be explored particularly with Western Australia. The Dominions will have to encourage immigration once world conditions show some improvement and the youth of this Colony are particularly suitable for a Colonial life. I understand that His Excellency instructed Mr. Ellis to discuss the matter with the Colonial Office and possibly Dominion representatives in London.

30. "LAFONIA". With reference to my 746. 2. sub para. Boilers and H.P. Valves - I have been endeavouring to come to terms with Government regarding the supply of water. Town water is now 2/6d per ton. I offered £ 37. 10. - for the first 500 tons, then 1/- per ton but they ask £50 for the first 500 tons then 1/9d per ton and the cost of a meter estimated at £35. which is too high. Between 12th November and 1st April last water in Stanley cost us £ 56. 7. 6. We cannot get sufficient water off the roofs the East Office and other buildings to keep the reservoir filled - in the past this was also filled with surface water from the hill behind which is now unsuitable due to the dwellings which have been erected on the drainage area. After careful consideration I have decided to adapt one of the iron lighters for the purpose of a water boat. She can be spaced

29. "LAFONIA" - Claim for propeller. I now enclose further report on damage repairs giving the Superintending Engineer's recommendations. Repairs Account "A" detailing work done with relative vouchers amounting to £220. - - - - - Repairs Account "B" detailing work to be done when vessel goes on drydock next month - amounting to £ 162. 15. - - - - -

28. "LAFONIA" - Note of Protest. I do not think this claim calls for any special comment except that the vessel "Lafonia" could not then be docked at Port Stanley as the "O.C. 82" was occupying the dock at the time and had her boilers removed. It was therefore decided to beach the vessel at Green Cove as the dock would not be available for some time. Further repairs recommended by the Superintending Engineer are to be put in hand early next month. The prices given are our quotation for the work and amounting to £ 360. 15. 2. (in duplicate)

27. "LAFONIA" - Repairs Account. I now have to enclose Repairs Account "A" detailing work done with relative vouchers amounting to £ 220. - - - - - Repairs Account "B" detailing work to be done when vessel goes on drydock next month - amounting to £ 162. 15. - - - - -

as we have ample lighter tonnage to handle imports ex P.S.N. vessels. One is now on the slipway, wooden cross bulkheads are being built in her and she will be filled from the tank in the West Yard and from the roof of the Egeria shed.

occasionally
apart from "Lafonia" this may/enable us to sell water to outside vessels.

Enc. 31. "LAFONIA" - Claim for propeller. I now enclose -

Further report on damage repairs giving the Superintending Engineer's recommendations.

Repair Account "A" detailing work done with relative vouchers amounting to ~~£270. 15. 6.~~

Repairs Account "B" detailing work to be done when vessel goes on Drydock next month - amounting to £ 162. 15. -.

A certificate to the effect the work has been completed will be sent you by next mail.

Total claim £ 432. 15. 6.

Extract from Ship's log. Note of Protest.

I do not think this claim calls for any special comment except that the reason "Lafonia" could not then be decked at Port Stanley was that "O.C.82" was occupying the Dock at the time and had shell plates removed. It was therefore decided to beach "Lafonia" at Goose Green as the Dock would not be available for some long time.

The further repairs recommended by the Superintending Engineer detailed in account "B" are to be put in hand early next month - the prices given are our quotation for the work and are reasonable.

Enc. 32. "O.C.82" REPAIRS ACCOUNT. I now have to enclose -

- (1) Details of repairs carried out. (in duplicate)
- (2) Repair account amounting to £1,360. 15. 2. (in duplicate)
- (3) Letter from Commodore South American Squadron dated 9th December, 1932 with defect list for Oil fuel lighter.
- (4) Superintending Engineer's remarks on repair account.

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With reference to the query raised in the third paragraph of your 1362. 5. - please note the Commodore's letter (Item 3) above. It would, of course, be impossible to estimate for a job of this nature before commencement when the thorough examination alone is an item of considerable expense. The work done is the minimum which was required to be done for the safety and maintenance of the barge so that she can continue to undertake the work she is required for. The Superintending Engineer's report previously sent you will have given you and the Admiralty some idea of her condition. If she were required to carry on here for very much longer it is probable that heavy and costly repairs will be necessary particularly in way of the oil tanks and deck.

As regards our charges - our schedule charges for decking and unhooking are £30 and Deck rent is £10 per working day. The lighter was on the deck 75 working days due to our not having sufficient suitable labour available at the time and this charge has therefore been reduced to £3 per day.

I do not think that our charges for towage, use of plant, tools, launches etc. can be criticised as work of this nature was not considered when you entered into agreement re the Naval Oil Fuel Depot.

Labour and materials have been charged at actuals plus 10%. One month's salary of the Superintending Engineer has been charged, etc.

When passing the accounts/on to the Admiralty will you please advise them that we would like to dock O.C.82 during the visit of H.M.S. "Dauntless" next November & this would enable them to see the condition of her hull. Kindly let us hear.

This is our first job on the dock and I am very satisfied with the manner in which the work was carried out; it must be remembered that this was the first real overhaul it has been possible to give "O.C.82" since she came here in 1924, considerable depreciation was expected in view of ^{the} ~~her~~ age of the vessel and the length of time which had elapsed without decking and I am satisfied

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that we have put her into fair working condition without undue expense.

1. Confirms No. 7123 - For your information, we have reason to believe that the large was built about 1905.
2. Sealing - notes your remarks on "Balzar" shipment. Confirms I am, expense of 215 per ton for forward sale of 300 tons. Docking of "Sir, Richard" (ex "Afterglow") Sealakers - requests correct prices. Sealing on your obedient servant, as discussed.
4. Resilience - is not anticipated any required for July or August.
5. Floating Dock - advises unloading of "D.C. 32" & docking of "Port Richard" - no difficulties.
6. "Lafonia" - Confirms 4 voyages arranged for South Georgia 1933/4. Reports "Fleurbaey" departure for Norway. Advises Government requires an additional voyage to Montevideo, making 5 in all for 1933. Propose to repeat voyage in January next with produce. Encloses memo re 1934 mail sailings.
7. Franco Reflex signs - report thereon.
8. Lively Island - correspondence passed on to Camp Manager & J. Cout.
9. Stanley Charges - notes your approval of proposal.
10. Mutton skins - advises sale but steady sale in Stanley. Hope to dispose of balance of 1933 pickling to South Georgia.
11. Stock Inspector - understand position being offered to W. Clement.
12. Bisley - understand Government decided to send team being Centenary year.
13. "Bertha" Wood timber - advises shipment of 6 logs to Liverpool. Pleased Messrs Johnson of Liverpool are interested.
14. Shipment of produce - advises quantities going forward this voyage.
15. "Lafonia" connections at Montevideo - ~~perhaps~~ confirms vessel will sail H.M.S. vessel arriving on or immediately before date indicated by us.
16. Barrels for tallow - notes your remarks.
17. Wool market - pleased to note advance in price.
18. Stock - notes you are shipping 22 tons for Company & 2 sheepskins for St. Linton - Stock Department advised.
19. Insurance "Port Richard" - confirms cable.
20. Encloses copy of letter from Zoological Society of London re receipt of 2 penguins from Falklands.
21. Church Green - reports Mr V.A.H. Bligh's claim revised.
22. Rams - requests you to consider shipment of rams (when next importing) via Montevideo.

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P R E C I S

1. Confirms No. 748 dated 7th June & acknowledges your No. 1362 of 2nd
2. Regrets to report return to U.K. of H.E. the Governow or account of ill health.
3. Sealing Co. - notes your remarks re "Balzac" shipment. Confirms acceptance of £15 per ton for forward sale of 300 tons. Docking of "Port Richard" (ex "Afterglow") Sealskins - requests current prices. Sealing on Company's camps - matter discussed.
4. Remittances - do not anticipate any required for July or August.
5. Floating Dock - advises undocking of "O.C.82" & docking of "Port Richard" present no difficulties.
6. "Lafonia" - Confirms 4 voyages arranged for South Georgia 1933/4. Reports "Fleurus" departure for Norway. Advises Government requires an additional voyage to Montevideo, making 8 in all for 1933. Propose to repeat voyage in January next with produce. Encloses Memo re 1934 mail sailings.
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10. Mutton hams - advises slow but steady sale in Stanley. Hope to dispose of balance of 1933 pickling to South Georgia.
11. Stock Inspector - understand position being offered to W. Clement.
12. Bisley - understand Government decided to sent team being Centenary year
13. "Bertha" Wreck timber - advises shipment of 6 logs to Liverpool. Pleased Messrs Johnson of Liverpool are interested.
14. Shipment of produce - advises quantities going forward this voyage.
15. "Lafonia" connections at Montevideo - ~~xxxxxxxx~~ confirms vessel will admit R.M.L. vessels arriving on or immediately before dates indicated by us.
16. Barrels for tallow - notes your remarks.
17. Wool market - pleased to note advance in prices.
18. Stock - notes you are shipping 22 rams for Company & 2 sheepdogs for Mr Luxton - Stock Department advised.
19. Insurance "Port Richard" - confirms cable.
20. Encloses copy of letter from Zoological Society of London re receipt of 2 penguins from Falklands.
21. Church Green - reports Mr V.A.H. Biggs' claim revised.
22. Rams - requests you to consider shipment of rams (when next importing) via Montevideo.

- 23. Advise death of Mr A.E. Felton of West Point Island.
- 24. Encloses a circular letter issued by Government re ringworm.
- 25. Shipments of stores - route via Montevideo enables stocks being kept down to minimum.
- 26. Reports arrival in excellent condition of last fruit ex U.K.
- 27. Government staff - reports pensioning of Mr G.R.L. Brown whose post will not be filled by new official. Advise transfer of Mr F.A.W. Byron to Sierra Leone.
- 28. Understant runs for Port San Carlos are being purchased at Ashford Sales.
- 29. Unemployment - advise position.
- 30. "Lafonia" - water supply. advise new arrangements made.
- 31. "Lafonia" - enclosed propeller claim.
- 32. "O.C.52" repairs account enclosed.

Letter to Managing Director...
 "Lafonia" connection at Montevideo.
 Copy of letter to Hulsan & Stapleton re "Lafonia" movements.
 Sealing Company re sealing on our Camps.
 Colonial Secretary re carriage of mails - S. Georgia.
 from Zoological Society of London re penguins.
 to Colonial Secretary re mail service.
 Camp Manager & J. Coutts re Lively Island.
 Circular letter from Government re ringworm.

SPECIFICATIONS.

MARK.	WOOL.	SKINS.	TALLOW.	HIDES.
16. 	19		3	44
17. 				
V.P.			8	5
J.H.D.			9	
J.I.	38			
	6 cedar logs			

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F R E I S

No. 749 for "LAFONIA" via Montevideo - 7th July, 1933.

both of 7th July.

F.I. Sealing Co. Ltd. - acknowledges receipt of contract and correspondence.
Drums - anticipate difficulty in supply.

Enclosures.

1. Despatch No. 749. - due 28th inst. 44 days from Liverpool.
2. Statement on Accounts No. 51.
3. Remarks on Accounts. No. 51. - up matter of delayed mail which left
4. Remarks on Naval Fuel Depot No. 29. June last, with Uruguay P.O.
5. Engineering Remarks Nov. 9/33, 10/33, 11/33.
6. "Lafonia" propeller damage claim, discussed with you by Camp Manager when
7. Store Indent No. 716. at Home in 1934.
8. Remarks on Stores No. 716.
9. Royal Mail Lines A/c - June. - if extension to insurance required.
10. F.I. Gazette - 1st June.
11. Coasting Insurances - May. - which have been communicated to Camp
12. Duplicate Specification "Lafonia" Shipment 7/8/33. - Manager.
13. Photos. - Mail Lines cannot consider business of Montevideo shipments.
14. Memo re Overseas Mail service.
15. Correspondence :- has been granted 4 months leave and is making good progress.

Letter to Managing Director re Kodak Camera. satisfactory.

- " " " " " " " " "Lafonia" connection at Montevideo.
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- 13. " " Circular letter from Government re ringworm. 15/19th inst.

SPECIFICATIONS.

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| 14. Goose Green Jetty - subject to your sanction. | | | | | |
| 15. Advice on George Island will be held back until January 1934. | F | | 19 | 3 | 44 |
| 16. Reports on drydocking of "Lafonia", "Kalp" and Iron Lighter No. 4. | J.B.L. | | | | |
| 17. Anson Cottage - sale of. - difficulty of repair. - supply. | W.P. | | | 8 | 5 |
| 18. Chasch Pebble - work on this side resumed. | J.H.D. | | 9 | 59 | |
| 19. Debris - will require further remittances this year. | J.H.D. | | | | |
| 20. Advice arrival of "Lovart" under charter by Mr J. Hamilton. | J.I. | 38 | | | |
| 21. Report appointment of W. Stewart as Stock Inspector. | F.I.C. | | 6 cedar logs | | |
| 22. Enclosed are Stores Order books. | | | | | |
| 23. Enclosed letter to Salvagee re sale of meats etc. to Whaling Coys. | | | | | |
| 24. Advice Magillanes has been made with respect to the | | | | | |

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P R E C I S

1. Acknowledges receipt of your No. 1363 and confirms No. 749 both of 7th July.
2. F.I. & D. Sealing Co. Ltd. - acknowledges receipt of contract and correspondence.
Drums - anticipate difficulty in supply.
3. Rates per "Lantaro" - due 28th inst. 44 days from Liverpool.
4. Advises Government have taken up matter of delayed mail which left Stanley on 8th June last, with Uruguayan P.O.
5. Ketch "Ilen" - matter will be discussed with you by Camp Manager when at Home in 1934.
6. "Port Richard" - will cable you if extension to insurance required.
7. B. Elliott - notes your remarks which have been communicated to Camp Manager.
8. Notes Royal Mail Lines cannot consider business of Montevideo shipments.
9. Understand Governor has been granted 4 months leave and is making good progress.
10. Wool Markets - July sales prices more satisfactory.
11. N.F. Depot - Report on cleaning No. 1 tank enclosed.
12. "Lafonia" - Regret voyage to Rio Grande in July not made.
Propeller - reports surface wear.
Advises movements of vessel.
13. Fitzroy River Bridge - reports visit to site on 18/19th inst.
14. Goose Green Jetty - proposes to use "Lady Elizabeth" to strengthen, subject to your sanction.
15. Advises wool ex George Island will be held back until January 1934.
16. Floating Dock - reports on drydocking of "Lafonia", "Kelp" and Iron lighter No. 4.
17. Anson Cottage - sale of. Difficulty as regards the supply of drums is
18. Church Green - work on this site resumed.
19. Do not anticipate will require further remittances this year.
20. Advises arrival of s.s. "Levant" under charter by Mr J. Hamilton.
21. Reports appointment of Mr W. Clement as Stock Inspector.
22. Encloses new Stores Order code. "Lantaro" is now one on
23. Encloses letter to Salvesens re sale of meats etc. to Whaling Coys.
24. Advises Magallanes has been made a free port, continued at the quarantine station. I hope... also the... out to Darwin on Voy. B 29.

THE MANAGING DIRECTOR,

LONDON.

No. 750 per "Lafonia" 26/8/33. - 2 r.

Montevideo on 13th June and did not arrive at Liverpool until 8th July. Transshipment is in the hands of the Uruguayan Postal authorities and the Government here have taken the matter up with them.

"Lafonia" via Montevideo.

26th August, 1933.

750.

I have discussed the matter with Mr G. Goddard and we consider it is a matter which may be held over until he comes home next year. "Ilor" is coming Sir,

I have to acknowledge receipt of your Despatch No. 1363 dated 7th ulto. and to confirm my No. 749 of 7th idem.

2. 1363. 2. F.I. & DEP. SEALING CO. LTD.

Contract covering the sale of 300 tons seal oil to hand also copies of correspondence exchanged with Messrs. Seddes & Co. and Messrs. E. Highgate & Company's instructions re certificates of origin are to hand and have my attention. About 150 tons will be shipped by this opportunity and I will advise you later as to whether the next shipment will go forward in September or November.

Apart from one or two minor breakdowns I understand that everything is progressing satisfactorily at Albemarle and Capt. Roberts who recently called in there speaks well of Mr. D. Watson's management.

I fear that a difficulty as regards the supply of drums is to be anticipated in the future. The light drums ex Montevideo have gone up in price and the quantity available is much reduced. When "Lafonia" goes to South Georgia in October I will ascertain if there are any 90 gallon drums still available.

3. 1363. 2A. RAMS PER "LAUTARO". "Lautaro" is now due on 28th inst. - 44 days from Liverpool. Mr G. Goddard is in Stanley and will receive them and they will be quarantined at the Quarantine Station. I hope to ship them out to Darwin on Voy. B 29.

4. 1363. 3. The mail which left Stanley on 8th June and should have been transhipped to "Asturias" at Montevideo 14th idem, due U.K. 3rd July was transhipped to "La Rosarina" which left

THE MANAGING DIRECTOR,

LONDON.

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Montevideo on 13th June and did not arrive at Liverpool until 8th July. Transshipment is in the hands of the Uruguayan Postal authorities and the Government here have taken the matter up with them.

5. 1353. 4. KETCH "ILEN". I have discussed the matter of the Bolinder engine and of the general suitability of this vessel with Mr G. Goddard and we consider it is a matter which may be held over until he comes Home next year. "Ilen" is coming in next week and her engine will be overhauled before Clark arrives. I have not heard any definite reports of "Penslope's" engine except that she has trouble with her air bottles at times.

6. 1363. 6. "PORT RICHARD" - late "AFTERGLOW". The insurance on this vessel will probably require extension for 15 days but I will cable you in good time as to this.

7. 1363. 7. BIRT ELLIOTT. I note that he is confirmed as Assistant Manager, North Arm Section and receives an increase of £50 per annum as from 1st April last. The Camp Manager has been advised accordingly, also of your further remarks which will be passed on to Mr. Elliott.

8. 1363. 9. MONTEVIDEO SHIPMENTS BY R.M.L. VESSELS. I note that the Royal Mail Lines cannot consider this business.

9. 1363. 10. H.E. THE GOVERNOR. I hear that the Governor has been granted 4 months leave and is making good progress.

10. 1363. 11. WOOL MARKET. The July Sales are more satisfactory and I trust that prices will be fully maintained in September when we shall have a considerable offering.

11. NAVAL FUEL DEPOT. - Cleaning of Storage Tanks. The Engineer's report on the cleaning of the first tank is sent by this mail. Work on the second is now in hand and the Admiralty may be advised that I expect to be completed by mid

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September and should they desire to make arrangements for the replenishing of the stock they may safely do so at any time now.

The cleaning of these tanks is a new undertaking for us and the work on the one completed has been carried out satisfactorily. The whole of the plating inside was found to be covered with scale but after scraping and wire brooming, the plating and rivetting were found to be in good order.

12. "LAFONIA" - RIO GRANDE DO SUL.

The projected voyage in July last was not made and from the copies of correspondence exchanged between Maclean & Stapledon and Cranston Woodhead & Co. enclosed herewith you will note the reasons. This is most disappointing - I cannot now undertake any outside business for "Lafonia" until April/May 1934 but am considering putting her definitely on the Montevideo - Rio Grande berth for three voyages between April/September 1934 and carry them out whatever may be offering. At the worst the loss would not be so great which the possible advantages fully outweigh.

When I next visit Montevideo I shall endeavour to go on to these South Brazilian ports as a personal visit is necessary before taking such action as outlined above.

PROPELLER. The surface wear on the propeller replaced in March last was considerable in view of the short period the vessel had been in service. On examining the spare fitted at Darwin extensive erosion and honey combing was found to be going on around the tips of the blades and for a few inches back. If this continues the tips will soon be irregular and liable to fracture. Please inform suppliers and ask for their views. I request that you will consider the supplying of a bronze propeller (Stone's metal); the first cost will appear to be heavy but from my previous experience, I am of opinion that it is justified and although the increase in speed or saving in coal gained thereby is small and difficult to prove in a vessel of this size, it is there.

Request your sanction to this proposal.

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Should the pitting on the present propeller continue it will probably require replacement within a year or so. This matter might be referred to Mosell & Pollock and a quotation obtained.

III. MOVEMENTS. "Lafonia" arrived from Montevideo on 2nd instant and sailed for Albemarle, Foxbay, Egg Harbour (where 497 sheep ex Swan Island were embarked for Stanley Butchery) and Salvador Waters arriving on 5th. She docked on 10th, undocked 12th, sailed for Bull Point and Fitzroy River on 17th, returning 21st. She leaves on 28th instant for Albemarle, Foxbay and Montevideo and is due back on 11th prox.

Itinerary and Mail Schedule to the end of the year is enclosed.

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13. FITZROY RIVER BRIDGE.

The site of the proposed bridge was visited on 19th/20th instant by Mr G. Roberts, Director of Public Works, Mr G. Geddard, Captain Roberts and myself. Soundings and levels were taken and other observations made and Mr. Roberts has kindly prepared a plan for us utilizing "Great Britain" and the Findley Creek bridge.

The total length would be 607 feet, 225 of which would be built over a beach which is uncovered at L.W.O.S.T. The greatest depth found was 16' 7" L.W.O.S.T. The construction presents no insuperable difficulties - a full report, estimate and copy of plan will be forwarded you by next mail. In the meantime I am approaching Government as regards financial assistance for this undertaking and enclose copy of my letter dated 25th instant.

Inc,

14. GOOSE GREEN JETTY. The Goose Green jetty requires strengthening and Mr. Geddard would like to place a bulk on the face were one available. I am of opinion that we can spare "Lady Elizabeth" which is suitable for the purpose. I see no prospect of our requiring her and we should have to spend a considerable amount to make her suitable for stowing anything but coal. She will be of practical use at Goose Green and I request your sanction to this proposal.

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15. WOOL- GEORGIA ISLAND. About 40 bales have to be shipped but I propose to hold these over for the January wool vessel.

16. FLOATING DOCK. "Lafonia" was drydocked on 10th inst. and undocked on 12th. The vessel's hull was scraped and cleaned down and 2 coats 'Red Hand' ~~antirrust~~ anticorrosive composition applied to load line, 1 coat 'Red Hand' antifouling composition to light line and 1 coat boot topping.

With the exception of the stem plating which had been chafed by the anchor cables, the hull plating generally was clean and fairly free from marine growth. The dock started to submerge at 10.45 a.m. and was stopped at 11.25 a.m. with a draught over the keel blocks of 10 ft. 6 ins., the vessel's draught being 8 ft. forward and 9 ft. 8 ins. aft. The vessel was offered to the dock at 11.50 a.m., in position at 12.35 at which time the pumps were put into operation, and the dock dry at 3 p.m. This lengthy time was given to the pumping to allow the vessel to discharge her ballast tanks, the weight of the vessel when dry being approximately 766 tons. In landing, the vessel touched on the bilge blocks before landing on the centre line, crushing some of the bilge blocks and slightly ^{a few} indenting ~~some~~ of the hull plates. The double bottom tanks in way of these indents have been examined and no strained or started rivets found.

On the 16th inst. tug "Kelp" and Iron Lighter No. 4 were dry docked for cleaning and painting and undocked on 21st. The hull plating of "Kelp" was scraped and cleaned, 2 coats of 'Red Hand' anti corrosive composition and 1 coat anti fouling applied to water line and one coat grey to topsides. Small repairs were also carried out to hull plating and sea cocks opened up for examination, and overhauled.

The lighter's hull plating was scaled and wire broomed, 2 coats Greyhound anti corrosive composition and 1 coat anti fouling applied to water line and 2 coats bitumastic ~~composition~~ composition applied to topsides.

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Repairs were also carried out to the hull plating.

The deck on this occasion was submerged to a depth of 6 ft. over the keel blocks in 25 minutes, the pumps put in operation at 11.30 a.m. and the deck dry with a freeboard of 12 ins. by 12.30 p.m., the weight lifted being approximately 90 tons.

The deck has now made four lifts and I am very well satisfied with the manner in which it has been handled. The lack of experienced hands has given us cause for anxiety especially when docking "Lafonia" but the shipwrights' work and pumping control has shown steady improvement. The slight mishap experienced by "Lafonia" was due to over anxiety in getting the bilge blocks into position too quickly.

17. ANSON COTTAGE. I have disposed of this cottage re-erected in Stanley on buyers land for £475. The Farm will receive credit for £175. The dismantling and re-erection is being done on contract for £145 which leaves £155 to cover transport and new material which will be required.

Mr Goddard considered the re-erection of this cottage at Speedwell but the tenders for the work were so high and that we agreed this was the best means of disposing of the building. When it has been shipped the Anson jetty will not be required and I can probably sell this to Robson, Port Louis.

18. CHURCH GREEN. With reference to my 749. 21. Government stopped work for some weeks but have now resumed. The ground is to be levelled off and re-turfed and a stone erected recording that the land was presented by the Company to the Public on the occasion of the Centenary. I will send you a photo of the work when completed.

19. REMITTANCES. So far as I can judge at present it is doubtful whether any further remittances will be required from you this year.

20. S.S. "LOVARD" (BRANN & Blanchard) is said to be under charter to Mr John Hamilton at £50 per day. She has been on the

West discharging at Weddell Island, Chartree and Pebble Island and arrived Stanley yesterday. She has been under charter since about 1st August and his venture will prove somewhat expensive.

21. The appointment of Mr Wickham Clement as Stock Inspector has been announced.

22. STORES ORDER CODE. This has been revised and coded in 4-letter groups. The ordering of stores by cable is working satisfactorily and the revised code will make for economy.

23. SALE OF MEAT, etc. TO WHALING COMPANIES. I enclose copy of a letter addressed to Messrs Salvesen - should they advise you of their requirements please cable them to us promptly. If these be considerable, sheep and carcasses will be shipped direct from the Farm and not Stanley Butchery.

24. MAGALLANES. has been made a free port as from 1st July last.

I am,

Sir,

your obedient servant,

Manager.

CORRESPONDENCE :-

- Letter to Managing Director re Oils.
- Letter to Managing Director re Charts for "Lafonia".
- Catalogues of marine motors.
- Copy of letter to Messrs Salvesen & Co. re supply of meat etc. to whalers.
- Colonial Secretary re track improvements.
- Remission of wool tax.
- Copy of correspondence re Rio Grande do Sul.

SPECIFICATIONS.

<u>WHEAT.</u>	<u>WOOL.</u>	<u>SKINS.</u>	<u>HIDES.</u>
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TRIANGLE P.B.

J.M.D. PERRELL

No. 751 per "Lafonia" via Montevideo 27th September, 1933.

No. 750 per "Lafonia" via Montevideo 25/8/33.

ENCLOSURES

1. Despatch No. 750.
2. Statement on accounts No. 52.
3. Remarks on Accounts No. 52.
4. Store Indent & Remarks on Stores No. 717.
5. Supplementary Store Indent & Remark on Stores.
6. Remarks on Naval Fuel Depot. No. 30.
7. Camp Manager's Despatch dated 25th August, 1933.
8. Photos.
9. Revised Stores Order Code.
10. Comparative Statement of Wages, No. 6.
11. Return of Establishment & Wages - Farm Sections.
12. F.I. Gazettes 1st & 8th July, 1st August 1933.
13. Stanley Ledger Balances, June 1933.
14. Coasting Insurances July & July 1933.
15. "Lafonia" Itinerary to end of 1933.
16. Royal Mail Lines a/c - 31/7/33.
17. List of Mail arrivals and departures to end of year.
18. Duplicate Specification "Lafonia" Shipment 8/7/33.

CORRESPONDENCE :-

- Letter to Managing Director re Oils.
- Memo to Managing Director re Charts for "Lafonia".
- " " " " Catalogues of marine motors.
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- " " " Colonial Secretary re track improvements.
- " " " " remission of wool tax.
- Copies of correspondence re Rio Grande do Sul.

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P R E C I S

1. Acknowledges receipt of your Nos. 1364 & 1365 and confirms No. 750.
2. "Lafonia" - Notes arrangements made re insurance.
Direction Finder - no difficulty arising in fitting.
South Georgia - notes additional premiums.
Reports examination of propeller boss.
Encloses correspondence re South Brazil voyages.
Advises probable voyage to Magallanes ~~month~~ January 1934.
Encloses provisional programme for 1934.
3. A. Annual Accounts - advises dissection of Engineer's salary.
4. North Swan Island - Mr Evans' appeal has been sent to local Government.
5. Matton Hams - sample being sent you in November.
6. Rams per "Lautaro" arrived safely.
7. Track - Fitzroy/Mount Pleasant - work commenced.
8. Remittances - advises extra payment of £3,000 required.
9. Financial position of the Colony aided by Centenary issue of Stamps.
10. Unemployment - Whaling Industry absorbs 30 men this season.
11. Storekeeper's tour of Islands will be repeated on Voyage B 30.
12. Encloses copy of letter to Government re Mr T. Morriss' report.
13. Sealing - matter of sealing of sealing on "Lafonia" has been taken up with Sealing Company.
14. Transshipment of cargo at Montevideo - note all you write.
15. Marine Superintendent's House - Mr G. Bonner - noted.
16. Re A.E. Felton deceased - matter dealt with separately.
17. Wool Market - trust rise of price will be maintained.
18. "Bertha" wreck timber - no definite offer will be made.
19. Church Green - work proceeded with.
20. Rams shipped via Montevideo - if adopted, must ensure direct transshipment
21. Notes re-engagement of Mr A. Barrett - wool classifier.
22. Shipments of produce 1934 - presume you will contract as last year.
23. Lighterage of import cargo - propose to maintain lighters for 600 tons.
24. 'Ilen' - reports overhauling of engine at Stanley.
25. "Lovart" - trading of.
26. Reports record run of "Lafonia" ~~San Carlos~~ Montevideo B. 25. Encloses translation of a cutting from Montevideo paper.
27. "Lafonia" - carving presented by Lafone family safely to hand.
Expresses appreciation.
28. Steamer movements.

- 28. Passengers per "Lafonia" this voyage.
- 29. Advises probable visit to South Georgia of Mr J.M.Thomson.
- 30. F. & D. Sealing Co. - Insurance "Pert Richard" - confirms cable. Oil - advises shipment of 100 tons this voyage.
- 31. Fitzroy River Bridge - matter dealt with fully.
- 32. Remittances - ~~mirks~~ confirms cable of 27th inst. reducing amount to be paid to Crown Agents at end of September.
- 33. "Lafonia" steel decks - asks for prices & quotations for covering.

... your Despatches No. 1355 dated 21st July and 15th August last respectively and the ... dated 21st August.

I note that you will arrange for the insurance in the vessel to run concurrently with the ...

So difficulty will arise in fitting this ... therefore called you ... as requested.

I note that intermediaries have agreed to extend the warranty on the hull policies to cover up to and including 4 voyages at an additional premium of 20/- per voyage ...

"Lafonia" arrived at Stanley at 7.45 a.m. on 15th inst. ... 7.30 a.m. on 15th inst. She worked ... 22 tons general cargo and 887 empty drums. During her stay in port she was ... by the head for propeller loss ... which delayed cargo work for half a day.

I enclose copy of a letter dated 23rd July last from Messrs. Cranston Woodhead & Co. to Messrs. ... which is of much interest. I trust you will approve of my proposal to make several voyages to South Brazilian Ports next year ... in my 750. 12 - you will observe that Messrs.

The Managing Director,
London.

No. 751 per "Lafonia" 27th September, 1934.
 Cranston Woodhead & Co. inform us that they are to be instructed to
 of Montevideo inform us that they are to be instructed to
 amount of business in both directions. As we previously mentioned
 "Lafonia" via Montevideo.
 27th August and early October.

I cabled you on 13th inst. re the above. I am
 probably taking a voyage to Montevideo in the second half of
 year. I have to acknowledge receipt of your Despatches Nos. 1364
 and 1365 dated 21st July and 18th August last respectively and to
 confirm my No. 750 dated 26th August.
 No. 2. 1364. 2. "LAFONIA". I note that you will arrange for
 the insurance on the vessel to run concurrently with the accounts
 closing on 31st December.

Direction Finder. No difficulty will arise in fitting this and
 I therefore cabled you WIAOW as requested.
South Georgia. 1364. 32. I note that Underwriters have agreed to
 extend the warranty on the hull policies to cover up to and
 including 4 voyages at an additional premium of 20/-; any
 additional round voyage 5/-; South Shetlands an additional 20/-
 per round voyage.

Work. s.s. "Lafonia" arrived at Stanley at 7.45 a.m. on 13th inst.
 from Montevideo and sailed 7.30 a.m. on 15th idem. She worked
 318 tons general cargo and 885 empty drums. During her stay in
 port she was put by the head for propeller boss examination which
 delayed cargo work for half a day.

South Brazilian Ports. I enclose copy of a letter dated 24th
 July last from Messrs. Cranston Woodhead & Co. to Maclean &
 Stapledon which is of much interest. I trust you will approve of
 my proposal to make several voyages to South Brazilian Ports next
 year referred to in my 750. 12 - you will observe that Messrs.

The Managing Director,
 London.
 I understand that Mr Craigie Halkett has no doubt that
 this Island is part of the Lafonia Grant and will doubtless inform

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Cranston Woodhead & Co. welcome the proposal and Messrs. Wilson & Co. of Montevideo inform us that they may be able to influence a certain amount of business in both directions. In my provisional timetable for 1934 I have allowed for voyages in early June, second half July, and August and early October.

I cabled you on 13th instant to the effect that "Lafonia" would probably make a voyage to Magallanes during the second half of January next and requesting you to inform Messrs. Holmsted Blake & Co.Ltd. and J.L.Waldron Ltd. as they may wish to import rams then.

I have a fortnight in hand about that time and rather than lie idle I propose to make a voyage for certain sizes of timber, our stock of which is very low, and coal.

Inc. Programme 1934. A provisional programme for 1934 is enclosed. No voyages to South Georgia after June have been allowed for as these have yet to be negotiated. The Montevideo service is at approximately six weekly intervals from 22nd February onwards; this implies two additional voyages which have not yet been agreed to. Three voyages to Magallanes are provided. I purchased a small quantity of Magallanes coal ex ~~Mina~~ Mina Elena from s.s. "Lovart" which was very much better than our last shipment from Mina Magallanes and if we can get coal of this quality I can use more of it, both for bunkers and for sale.

2. 1364. 4. ANNUAL ACCOUNTS - LIGHTERAGE & HULLAGE.

The following debits will be made in this year's accounts -

Chief Engineer's Salary £500.	s.s. "Lafonia"	£ 100
	Naval Fuel Depot	175
	(this has been put in his charge)	
	Floating Dock	175
	Farm	50

s.s. "Lafonia" will be debited yearly and Lighterage & Hullage a/c credited with £100 for miscellaneous services rendered such as storage of coal and not otherwise charged.

3. 1364. 5. NORTH SWAN ISLAND. Mr Pole Evans' appeal to the

Colonial Office has been sent out to the local Government for remarks. I understand that Mr Craigie Halkett has no doubt that this Island is part of the Lafonia Grant and will doubtless inform

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the Colonial Office accordingly.

4. 1364. 7. MUTTON HAMS. I have not yet sent you a sample but will do so in November, my object in doing so being to obtain an opinion as to quality and value as compared with other sources of supply. I hope to sell the bulk of this year's pickling to South Georgia.

5. 1364. 10. RAMS PER "LAUTARO" arrived safely and are still in quarantine. They will be shipped out to Darwin on voyage B 29, en route to South Georgia.

I have notified Government of the shipments on account of Mr W.M. Dean and Port San Carlos Ltd.

6. 1364. 14. TRACK & FITZROY RIVER BRIDGE. Work on the track has commenced. I will revert to the bridge later.

7. 1364. 18. REMITTANCES. Owing to heavy payments on account of wool tax, import duty, cheques for Savings Bank etc. I have had to cable you for a remittance of £3,000 at the end of September.

8. 1364. 19. FINANCIAL POSITION OF THE COLONY. Thanks to the Centenary Postage Stamp issue I understand that so far this year's revenue has been satisfactory but I fear that we cannot expect any windfalls in 1934.

9. 1364. 20. UNEMPLOYMENT. The Whaling Industry will only take 30 men for the coming season. These will travel per "Lafonia" to South Georgia.

10. 1364. 24. STOREKEEPER'S TOUR OF ISLANDS. This will be repeated on voyage B.30. Mr Creamer will probably visit South Georgia on voyage B 29.

11. 1364. 28. MR T. MORRIS'S REPORT. As it appeared desirable that Government's request for comments on this report should be taken notice of, I replied and enclose a copy of my letter dated 2nd instant to the Colonial Secretary.

12. 1364. 29a. SEALING. You will note from my 749. 3. that the matter of permitting sealing on Lafonia had been taken up with the

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Sealing Company. Since then, after consultation with the Camp Manager, I have granted permission for sealing on Blind Island and on a small island adjoining Barren Island.

13. 1364. 30. TRANSHIPMENT AT MONTEVIDEO FOR U.K. I note all you write and will estimate the weights or measurements slightly below the probable outturn in future.

14. 1364. 33. MARINE SUPERINTENDENT'S HOUSE - Mr G. BOCHER. I note all you write.

15. 1364. 34. Re A.E. FELTON, DECEASED. The Manager of the Falkland Islands Company is named in the deceased's Will as Executor and matters arising therefrom have been dealt with in a separate letter.

16. 1364. 37. WOOL MARKET. The London news telegram of 21st instant states that prices are rising and that there is considerable competition for offerings at the September Sales and I trust that this will extend to wool of Falkland Islands character.

17. 1365. 8. "BERTHA" WRECK TIMBER. I will not definitely offer these logs elsewhere until Messrs. W.H. Johnson & Sons' report on the six logs shipped to them.

18. 1365. 12. CHURCH GREEN. Government have apparently disregarded V.A.H. Biggs' claim as they are proceeding with the improvement of this land. It is being levelled and returfed, a flight of steps leading to an arch of whale bones have been erected and the result is not displeasing. I will send you a photo when the work is completed. I understand that Government propose to erect a small stone bearing an inscription to the effect that the land was presented by the Company for the use of the Public on the occasion of the Centenary of the Colony.

19. 1365. 13. RAMS SHIPPED VIA MONTEVIDEO. If this route is ever adopted we must ensure direct transhipment to "Lafonia" so that the stock is not put into lighters at Montevideo. I see no difficulty in this. "Lautaro" shipment was 45 days en route whereas via Montevideo the time would be only 26-27 days. The cost by the two routes would be about the same except that "Lafonia" would

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receive credit for about £1. 10. -. per ton.

20. 1365. 24. I note that you have re-engaged Mr A. Barrett as Wool Classifier and that he sails per "Losada" 16th inst.

21. SHIPMENTS OF PRODUCE 1934. I note that the Wool Sales 1934 which interest us most commence on 6th March & 24th April, the reporting date being a fortnight earlier, in both cases. Presuming that you will contract with the P.S.N.Co. for 4,000 bales as this year, I shall book 2,400 bales for "Laguna" due here 2nd week in January and 1,600 bales for "Loreto" due here 3rd week February. I shall send "Lafonia" to Montevideo mid January (this as an additional voyage without subsidy) and again about 22nd February providing that Government agrees to this being a contract voyage and trust that you approve of these proposals.

22. In view of changed conditions I am of opinion that we should inform the P.S.N.Co. that we cannot undertake to maintain lighters for more than 600 tons import cargo and if any one of their vessels brings more than this quantity it may necessitate a wait whilst we discharge one or more lighters as may be required. When conditions show real improvement we will of course reconsider the matter.

23. "Ellen" was in Port Stanley for some days prior to Mr. Clark's arrival and the engine has been given a thorough overhaul. Mr Thomson's report thereon is enclosed. The matter of spares etc. is being dealt with by the Camp Manager.

24. S.S. "LOVART". The rate of hire previously given you was incorrect - I understand it was £16 per day. It appears to have been a joint venture of Mr J. Hamilton and his Manager, J. Miller. So far as I can ascertain they did not do very well selling about £500 stores, coal and timber chiefly to Anson & Luxton, Dean Brothers, and Estate W.D. Benney. Their timber prices were very little below ours. They bought what skins and tallow they could, also 500 sheep from Bailon & Stickney. The vessel was on here for about 6 weeks.

25. On voyage B. 25 "Lafonia" made a record run from Port San Carlos to Montevideo, her time being 3 days 22 hours, average

speed 10.6 knots and on 2nd and 3rd instant she ran 265 and 260 miles respectively. On her return voyage she also did well sailing at 1.30 a.m. on 9th she arrived Stanley 7.45 a.m. on 13th having slowed down for the last 12 hours. Translation of a cutting from "La Buen Publica", Montevideo is enclosed.

26. The carving presented by members of the Lafone family to s.s. "Lafonia" came safely to hand and it has been mounted behind the settee in the entrance hall. It is a very handsome piece of work and has been much admired. Will you kindly convey our appreciation to the donors not only of the gift but of the sentiment which so kindly prompted it. They will doubtless be pleased to know how successful the vessel is and how greatly she has improved transport facilities around the Islands and overseas.

27. STEAM MOVEMENTS. "Lafonia" arrived from Montevideo a.m. 13th and sailed for East & West Falkland ports a.m. 15th. She sailed for Darwin and North Arm on 24th is due back 28th and sails for Montevideo early on 29th.

c.s. "Norseman" has been working off this port for several days and has picked up about 72 miles cable for use elsewhere. She sailed for Montevideo on 20th inst. but I did not send any mail by her as she makes no very close connection there.

H.M.S. "Dauntless" is now due here 27th October next.

28. Passengers by this "Lafonia" are Mr, Mrs & Miss Clement, Dr. & Mrs. McGibbon also Mr. L. Hardy & family who has sold his business here and proposes to live in England.

29. It is probable that Mr J.M. Thomson will visit South Georgia on B. 30 with a view to seeing docking and repair facilities there.

30. F.I. & D. SEALING CO. LTD. I regret the delay in advising you as to renewal of insurance on "Port Richard" but I have been and the Board does not wish to incur the whole expenditure in one waiting on advices from Albemarle. I have now cabled you to extend the policy for 15 days and then insure Port Risk only. I understand they will close down about 4th prox. 100 tons seal oil goes forward by this opportunity and the balance will be shipped in ex "Great Britain" as possible, for use as decking and rails. November.

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31. FITZROY RIVER BRIDGE. I regret that I have received an unsatisfactory reply from Government in answer to my request for financial assistance towards the cost of construction of this bridge. I enclose a copy of their letter dated 25th inst.

The matter now to be decided is whether the construction of the bridge should be proceeded with even if no assistance is to be given by Government.

My original proposals for carrying out this job are detailed below -

A plan by Mr. G. Roberts showing the soundings etc. at the site of the bridge will be posted to you from Montevideo when it has been photographed. You will note it has been drawn in two scales vertical 1 inch - 4 feet; horizontal 1 inch - 20 feet. If the work is undertaken I propose to vary this plan slightly by reducing the piles required from 38 to 32 and using concrete piles throughout except for the four which form part of the Findlay Creek Bridge material. All this material will be utilised and provides joists for 300 ft. I have sufficient old spars which can be utilised as joists for the remaining length. "Great Britain" would be grounded about 50 ft. off the East shore in the deepest part of the river. The width of the bridge would be 12 ft. There is excellent grit on the site and the necessary concrete piles would be cast there.

I estimate that the job will take 12 men and 1 carpenter about 20 weeks to complete, these men would be specially engaged from Stanley. I enclose a rough estimate of cost amounting to £1645 of which £555 may reasonably be deducted for reasons noted against certain items. If it is decided to undertake the construction in any case and the Board does not wish to incur the whole expenditure in one year, I would propose to spread the work over 1933, 1934 and 1935 thus - 1933/4. Transport yards and "Great Britain" to site, ~~remove~~ remove as much timber ex "Great Britain" as possible, for use as decking and rails.

-Manager.

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possibly put "Great Britain" in position and sink her. Transport materials
Findlay Creek Bridge to site.

1934. Make piles in Port Stanley, transport to site, drive piles and lay joists.

1935. Complete bridge.

Crawford would have charge of the job. Work on the site would only commence after killing is finished each year, the Farm being asked to supply a few men, the gang being made up by men drawn from several Departments in Stanley thus reducing the cost of labour considerably.

I have discussed this matter with Mr G. Goddard and we are agreed that the provision of a bridge at this point is fully justified as it will prove a most valuable facility both for the handling of stock to and from the North Camp and mutton sheep to Stanley; and in improving communications between Stanley and the Farm.

I therefore request permission to proceed with the construction according to the modified proposals outlined above, if this is granted will you kindly cable me the cypher W U A E T.

32. REMITTANCES again. Owing to unexpected requests for remittances by this mail from the Public I cabled you on 27th inst. reducing the amount required to be paid to the Crown Agents from £3,000 to £1,500.

33. "LAFONIA" STEEL DECKS. I am considering covering the exposed steel decks wither with Wailan Dove's Bitumastic Deck Covering or Limmer Asphalt. Please obtain and send me quotations for covering 652 square feet. Messrs Kennaugh can doubtless suggest other suitable coverings.

I am,

Sir,

your obedient servant,

Manager.

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E N C L O S U R E S

- 1. Despatch No. 751.
 - 2. Statement on Accounts No. 53.
 - 3. Remarks on Accounts.
 - 4. Store Indent No. 718
 - 5. Coasting Insurances - August.
 - 6. F.I. Gazettes - 1st September, 1933.
 - 7. P.S.N.Co. Account - 15th September.
 - 8. "Lafonia" Itinerary, 1934.
 - 9. Engineer's report on "Ilen" Engine.
 - 10. F.I. Shipping Report.
 - 11. Estimate for Erection of Bridge over Fitzroy River.
 - 12. List of Payments to J. Miller.
 - 13. Cutting from Montevideo Paper re Record run "Lafonia".
- Correspondence.
- Less copy of a letter No. 456/1908 from the Colonial
 - Letters to Managing Director re A. E. Felton, deceased.
 - Letter " " re " " " Office Accounts.
 - Copy of letter from Colonial Secretary re Fitzroy River Bridge.
 - " " " Messrs. Cranston Woodhead re Rio Grande Voyages.
 - " " " to Colonial Secretary re notes made by Mr. T. Norris.

SPECIFICATIONS.

	<u>MARK</u>	<u>WOOL</u>	<u>SKINS</u>	<u>HIDES.</u>
J.L.W.			16	275
W.K.C.			41	
Crown Colonies	2.	15	7	51
J.H.D.				
Pebble.		41		
J.H.D.				
K		42		

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LONDON.

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opinion that we should make a special charge to them of \$30 to cover docking and undocking and \$10 hire per day.

No. 752. At the request of the Captain, R.M.S. "Dauntless", "O.C. 82" was docked for inspection and painting 15th November, 1933. The rate will also be charged to "Lafonia" via Montevideo.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge receipt of your Despatch No. 1366 dated 15th September last and to confirm my No. 751 dated 27th idem. to cover

2. 1366. 2. COMPANY'S SEALING RIGHTS. I thank you for the statement of our case, from which it is apparent that our position is very strong indeed. I have discussed the matter with Mr. Craigie Halkett and have also written in to Government (copy of letter dated 21st October enclosed) who are taking the matter up with the Secretary of State.

Enc. I enclose copy of a letter No. 456/1908 from the Colonial Secretary dated 4th December, 1908 for your records - you will note that this has an important bearing on the subject and Mr. Halkett's attention has been drawn to this. I presume that we shall not receive a reply for some months.

Enc. It is opportune to make comment that for the past two years I have observed that Government is showing an increasing tendency to refer matters to the Colonial Office for decision which they should decide themselves. This evading of responsibility is regrettable and I believe that it has been a frequent cause for criticism in other Crown Colonies.

3. 1366. 3. FLOATING DOCK - CHARGES. I note Messrs. Hogg Lindley & Co's. views and will charge \$40 to cover docking and undocking and \$20 hire per day. The \$3 charged per day to the Admiralty was of course a charge to meet exceptional circumstances but in view of the regular docking of Admiralty craft which we may expect in future, I am of

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which will form the South American Squadron next year. We have an opinion that we should make a special charge to them of \$30 to cover docking and undocking and \$10 hire per day.

At the request of the Captain, H.M.S. "Dauntless", "O.C.82" was docked for inspection and painting from 6th to 10th instant and this rate is being charged them. The rate will also be charged to "Lafonia" - the higher rate puts us well above recent quotations from Montevideo.

The Montevideo Gas Works Dock quoted us \$670 (Urug) to cover docking, cleaning, painting and paint in March 1932 and \$64 to cover docking, cleaning and painting (we supplying paint) in November 1932.

4. 1366. 4. SEAL OIL. The following has been shipped against the contract for 300 tons:-
157 tons August
100 tons September
45 tons November

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You will note that 14 drums of the 220 now shipped are not numbered. The oil contained therein is not of this year's catch. Please discuss with Brothers the prospects of making a sale for 1934. I should like to have longer notice than we had this year as the Sealing Company have a certain amount of work to do on the Station which will only be necessary if the Station is to be reopened. I anticipate that drums are likely to become expensive as the quantity available in Montevideo is very limited. I have bought 700 ~~drums~~ from Salvesens, South Georgia, for 2/6d each and can also obtain some large drums from them.

5. 1366. 5. WOOL AND SKIN MARKET. I am very pleased to note the satisfactory rise in wool and skins. This has encouraged Farmers to ship oddments and "Lafonia" takes 283 bales wool/skins this voyage. Much to their regret several Managers sold their skins on hand for cash to J. Miller for shipment by "Lovart" (see 751. 24) who paid 3d and 2d per pound.

6. 1366. 6. EAGLE OIL & SHIPPING CO. LTD. I note that this Company may require us to store lubricating oil for them. Doubtless this is for the seaplanes carried on H.M.S. "Exeter" & H.M.S. "York"

which will form the South American Squadron next year. We have an enquiry for space for 15 tons Aviation Spirit from Montevideo to Port Stanley and it is probable that it may come down next voyage.

7. 1366. 7. "BERTHA" - CEDAR LOGS. Messrs. W.H. Johnson & Sons' offer is certainly not worth considering. If we cannot make a satisfactory sale we will cut them up ourselves as they have a definite value to us.

8. 1366. 8. MR. A. BARRETT, WOOL CLASSER, arrived on 29th ulto. per "Losada" and was landed at Brenton Loch on 2nd instant ex "Lafonia". I note the conditions on which you have agreed to his returning by "Reina del Pacifico".

9. 1366. 10. A. MORRISON, BLUFF COVE. I note from your telegram dated 9th November that you have received £1,300 on account which is so far satisfactory.

I have heard that Mr. Gus Young of Fenton Station was interested in the property and he may be the purchaser though it is difficult to believe that so small a farm would interest a man of his standing.

In a recent letter from Messrs. A. Morrison & Co. Ltd. they confirm the sale but give no further particulars. They have agreed to our charging £10 per month for supervision of the Farm.

The transfer of this property will be laborious as the Will of the late A. Morrison will have to be proved and payment of the balance of purchase made before the Heirs can complete the transaction.

I have taken over such stores as are useful to us and given the Estate credit at our current c.i.f. prices.

10. WOOL SEASON 1934. I note from your telegram dated 9th inst. that you have contracted with the P.S.N. Company for the shipment of produce at the same rate as was charged in 1933.

Enc.

I enclose copies of correspondence exchanged with the P.S.N. Company, Valparaiso in this connection. You will note that I have requested them to reserve space as follows :-

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"Laguna" due about 10th January	2,400	bales
"Loreto" " " 10th February	<u>1,600</u>	"
			<u>4,000</u>	

"Lafonia" is scheduled to leave for Montevideo about 4th January and 26th February and should lift 800 bales each voyage. These shipments should arrive Home in time for the March and April Sales respectively.

You will note that "Laguna" may return to Magallanes to complete loading. I see no objection to this providing it does not involve us in additional insurance premium and the vessel reports in the Channel in good time.

11. H.M.S. "DAUNTLESS" arrived on 27th October and her

movements are :-	Stanley	Depart 13th November
	San Carlos	Arrive 13th "
	"	Depart 17th "
	Mare Harbour	} 17th to 27th November.
	Choiseul Si.	
	Darwin Harrows	
	Stanley	Arrive 27th November
	"	Depart 10th December.

Our sales of meat, potatoes, vegetables and ship's stores to her will probably be about £700.

H.M.S. "Exeter" with the new Commodore on board will probably pay a short visit in March next.

12. M.V. "LOSADA" arrived on 29th October and sailed on 31st idem due to no overtime being worked.

13. RAMS VIA MONTEVIDEO. With reference to telegrams exchanged, I note that you have shipped - 5 rams for Messrs Dean & Co.
6 " " Port San Carlos Ltd.
per m.v. "El Argentino" and you have doubtless arranged that s.s. "Lafonia" will go alongside her to tranship them. I have advised Maclean & Stapledon that this must be done without fail. I enclose copy of a letter dated 15th September, 1931 from the Colonial Office to J.L. Waldron Ltd. which has reference to the Livestock Amendment Regulations, 1931 which deals with the transhipment of sheep en route to the Colony, at South American ports.

14. STOREKEEPER'S TOUR TO EAST & WEST FALKLANDS. Mr. T. Campbell

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went on voyage B.30 to East Falkland is and Mr. Creamer on voyage B.31 to West Falklands selling certain stores direct to Farmers.

The following was disposed of - was not therefore sent to

continue to work.

270 bags flour
156 bags sugar
34 drums paraffin
22 cases paraffin
16 drums petrol
67 cans paraffin (2-gal)
131 bags pollard
98 bags maize
12 bags crushed maize
10 bags wheat
45 bags oats
1 case tomatoes
3 cases coffee
11 cases butter
16 cases onions
1 case tinned peaches
15 cases apples
10 cases oranges
Sundry items

£1,108. 4. 3.

This is very satisfactory and goes to prove that Farmers are really appreciating this facility whilst it certainly helps us to keep our stocks of certain commodities down. The tours will be continued next year and the Storekeeper is writing you separately as regards quotations.

Sandy Point Timber. In future I propose to limit our stocks to an estimate of Stanley requirements only. We will buy for Farmers' requirements for direct delivery at cost, plus 10% to cover insurance, financing and supervision plus 50/- per ton of 40 cu.ft. and endeavour to make 2 voyages per annum to fulfill their requirements. This should prove satisfactory to our Clients and ourselves. The Farm will also be asked to come into line as it is not at all satisfactory holding stocks in Stanley for possible orders from the Camp.

Sandy Point timber has risen in price from 50 to 80% according to size, due to increased labour charges.

I am again investigating the possibilities of extending the use of Parana pine as a substitute - if its price is now competitive.

15. J. MONICOLL has expressed a desire to resign which resignation I have accepted and a passage has been booked for him

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per "Lafonia" 26th February/"Alcantara". He informs me that the wound of the operation he had in 1929 occasionally troubles him although he wears a belt and he does not therefore feel he can continue to undertake heavy work.

A record of his service is enclosed - his age is now 60. He has had nearly 25½ years service and I am of opinion that his is a case where an exception should be made to the rule that a man must complete 30 years service before he is eligible for a pension. In ordinary circumstances he would doubtless complete his time but I am of opinion that it is to both his and our interests that he goes now. He is entitled to a passage (see your letter to him dated 23rd August, 1929) and I would suggest that as a special case he be granted half pay on the voyage Home, three months leave on full pay and thereafter a pension of £52 per annum.

I may be able to fill his post locally, but in any case there should be a saving on Monicoll's present salary also free quarters would not be allowed and the rent from the house now allotted to him would accrue to the Company.

16. With reference to my 751. 2. I understand that both Messrs. Holmestad Blake & Co. Ltd. and J.L. Waldron Ltd. will ship rams from Magallanes to River Island on voyage C. 3. I have quoted Mr Evans £3 per head. Please enquire if Messrs. Holmestad Blake & Co. will attend to the insurance on their shipment.

17. MAILS FOR MAGALLANES. You might inform the Post Office that if they care to advertise a mail for Magallanes by "Highland Patriot" sailing from London 23rd December and "Lafonia", we are willing to carry it from Montevideo to Magallanes via Port Stanley free of charge. This provides quick transit as "Lafonia" should be at Magallanes about 21st January. Mail bags should be specially marked "MAGALLANES PER 'LAFONIA'" so that we can obtain them without delay at Montevideo.

18. RAMS ex "Lautaro" were shipped out to Darwin per "Lafonia" on voyage B.30 and arrived safely. One suffered from foot rot

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whilst in quarantine but it improved satisfactorily under treatment. The Stock Inspector also reported that one ram was found to be ruptured but Mr. Goddard is reporting fully about this.

19. "AFTERGLOW" - NOW "PORT RICHARD". Could it be arranged that in the event of this vessel being required to make voyages to East and West Falkland Ports declarations for insurance purposes could be made by mail. It would be necessary for me to have quotations for certain runs and the following groups are suggested -

- (1) Working in Port William per day.
- (2) Ports in Berkeley Sound, Fitzroy, Darwin, Lively and Salvador Waters.
- (3) North Arm, Speedwell, Foxbay, all other anchorages in Falkland Sound.
- (4) Albenarle, Port Stephens and all ports on the West of West Falklands to Pebble Island.

It is possible that it might be convenient to use this vessel occasionally and at the moment I have in mind hiring her for "Reina del Pacifico".

20. APPRENTICES. We now have two Carpenter Apprentices, one out of his time at the end of ~~next year~~ this and one at the end of next year.

I am taking on Hamaford's eldest son as an apprentice from 1st January next mainly on the grounds of helping an old employee and have made it clear that it is doubtful whether we can employ the boy when he is out of his time.

Masons. One is now in his last year and the other has completed his first year. They are both proving satisfactory.

I have also taken on a boy in the Engineers' Shop and may possibly take one on in the Blacksmith's Department.

21. MUTTON HAMS. As several of the casks were found to be in bad condition we are not sending any away - I am shortly going out to Darwin when I will discuss the matter with Mr. Goddard; we are inclined to think that some salt ex Montevideo may be the cause.

22. REMITTANCES. I have a surplus of cash at the moment - the balance on hand being £3,400 in addition to which £1,013 is on deposit with Government. Government ~~has~~ ^{have} to pay us £200 at the end of November and £1,275 at December on account of mail subsidies - we

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still have to pay Government about £1,300 wool tax account but even so I have more cash than I require. The time is not opportune to request Government to make a remittance free of charge otherwise I would have done so and I do not think it justified to pay the 1%.

If the South Georgia voyages are extended beyond the 4 at present arranged I will stipulate that payment for them is to be made in Port Stanley or London at our option.

23. REPAIRS AND ADDITIONS TO "STANLEY ARMS" (see 748. 35) are almost completed and the place is much improved.

Enc. Additions to "Ship Hotel" (see 748. 36). These have also been completed. A rough drawing of the addition is enclosed - it has been built, of cheap bricks ex Montevideo and concrete blocks and is a great improvement.

There is still a certain amount of work to be done to Marmont Row which is being taken in hand as circumstances permit.

Would you please obtain quotations for Inn signs fixed in wrought iron frames for the Ship Hotel and the Stanley Arms. The design etc. is left to you. If they are not expensive they would certainly improve the appearance of these houses.

24. CARRIAGE OF EXPLOSIVES. It has twice happened that Government require us to carry gelignite - once from Montevideo and once from South Georgia. They provide special felt boxes for storage and every possible precaution is taken. I do not like it but it is of course ^{very} difficult to refuse - it might be advisable to bring this matter to Underwriters notice so that we can consider any precautions they may care to suggest. The B.O.T. publish a handbook on the Carriage of Explosives etc. by sea - would you please send me a copy.

25. CREDIT AT THE MILLINERY STORE. Sales from this Department have always been on a cash basis whereas our competitors give credit. We have therefore modified our rule and are allowing credit to such customers who have Store accounts with us and Millinery items are entered in the monthly bills.

26. SOUTH GEORGIA. "Lafonia" sailed a.m. 14th ulto. with 33 passengers, 159 live sheep, 30 carcasses mutton and a few sundry

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packages, arrived Grytviken p.m. on 17th and after proceeding to Leith Harbour sailed for Stanley on 21st arriving on 25th ulto. She encountered moderately rough weather on both voyages. Mr. Thomson and Mr. Creamer both made the round voyage. Live sheep arrived in good condition and I understand Salvesens may require 3/400 in December, when I hope to make the round voyage.

Please let me know the marine insurance rates on cargo, meat, live cattle and sheep from any port in the Falkland Islands to any Whaling Station in South Georgia or Deception Island.

A declaration for the shipment by B.29 is being sent you.

27. "O.C.82". I understand that the Engineer Commander, H.M.S. "Dauntless" will probably advise the Admiralty that he is of opinion "O.C.82" now has a life of about 2 years providing she is not damaged in the meantime in such a way which might cause the rivetting to weaken further.

With reference to her replacement we have advised him how well we are now placed to undertake such jobs as assembling barges etc. and I have no doubt he will report as to this. When Mr. Thomson is at Home next year he can call at the Admiralty and advise them as to what we can undertake, costs, etc.

It would be most satisfactory if we were successful in securing a job such as this.

28. TALLOW. The portion of your telegram dated 26th October reading "Company's tallow casks 'Bibury' 1st class quite unsuitable" was not clear to Mr. Goddard or myself but as the mail due 29th inst. will amplify your message, I did not cable you for further information.

29. Mr. H. THOMPSON. I note that he sails per "Highland Patriot" leaving London on 23rd prox.

30. With reference to my 749. 29. the representative of the International Bible Society is being shipped Home at Government expense as an indigent person, by this "Lafonia".

31. CHURCH GREEN. Photo enclosed. The work done has greatly

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improved the appearance of this part of the Town.

32. FITZROY RIVER BRIDGE. I am pleased to note from your telegram dated 9th instant that you approve of our proceeding with the construction of this bridge.

You will recollect that we bought a crane from the Admiralty in with it were feet heavy rails and I propose to utilise these as girders in place of a number of spars. They will be easier to handle and will save considerable labour.

The track between Fitzroy and Mouth Pleasant has been completed and our account for the Government contribution sent in for payment. Mr. Goddard has already been over this track in the lorry several times in under three hours.

33. ANSON COTTAGE. With reference to my 750. 17. the Cottage has been dismantled, brought into Stanley and is now in course of erection.

34. T. GILRUTH'S agreement expired in October. Mr. Goddard is writing to you as to his future. He has formed a high opinion of Gilruth and though I have not seen much of him, he certainly makes a good impression.

35. FINANCIAL POSITION OF THE COLONY. 1934 Estimates budget for a Revenue of £58,530 and Expenditure of £51,932. The Estimate of Revenue is not unduly optimistic except that the receipt of the contribution of £9,000 from the Dependencies appears to be doubtful as the Dependencies Revenue may not be sufficient to permit of their paying the full amount. It is not yet certain that we shall receive the full amount for this year.

Estimated expenditure is £2,000 less than the estimate for 1932 but Public Works, Public Works Recurrent and Public Works Extraordinary account for £23,439 of the total, largely due to the provision of work for the otherwise unemployed.

On Sir James O'Grady's or his successor's return I intend to take this matter up again, if possible with the support of Messrs. Bonner & Felton. The present policy of drift will eventually prove

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disastrous if nothing is done, as I have stated before (749. 29) the only solution I can see is Government aided emigration.

36. LIGHTERS. No. 7. "LAFONIA" This lighter's overhaul is now completed. No. 8 "FLEETWING" is now being extensively caulked. When she is completed the 3 Coast lighters require attention.

No. 10. "ROSA FAHER". On re-examination I came to the conclusion that she was not strong enough to tow to the Fitzroy River. The mast and such timber that could be utilised have been removed and she has been anchored in Sparrow Cove where she will eventually be beached in a position where she will be of assistance in loading stone.

37. REMITTANCES TO MACLEAN & STAPLEDON. Please continue to send £150 in English notes for every voyage of "Lafonia" to Montevideo.

38. s.s. "LAFONIA". A Memo re Lloyds Survey is enclosed for your record. The carrying out of Survey No. 1 in 1935 can be discussed with Lloyds when Mr Thomson is at Home next year.

Two copies of a Royal Mail Lines advertisement which recently appeared in the Buenos Aires newspapers are enclosed. Messrs. Robb may like to have a copy.

Rio Grande do Sul. Copy of a letter dated 19th ulto. from Messrs. Cranston Woodhead & Co. is enclosed for your information.

Itinerary to 10th March next as agreed with Government is enclosed - also a Schedule of mail sailings for 1934. This has not yet been entirely agreed with Government.

You will note in the Itinerary that "Lafonia" will not be available for "Reina del Pacifico". This is on account of the re-arrangement of the wool collection voyages necessitated by the early arrival of the second wool steamer. I have no doubt that I can make satisfactory arrangements to handle the tourists, when the time comes.

The following is an extract from a letter written by Mrs. Clement which was shown me -
"We had a wonderful voyage up. 'Lafonia' is a tight little ship and the service and cooking very good. Everyone so kind and attentive".

38. H. OWEN. CHIEF ENGINEER. His agreement expired on 7th instant but he will probably stay on for a while and endorsement as per copy enclosed herewith, has been made on his agreement.

39. 1366. 9. P.S.N.C. & OUTWARD FREIGHTS. The correspondence exchanged with this Company is of considerable interest and I am very pleased to note the firm stand which you have taken.

If the P.S.N.C. persist in their attitude and withdraw the 20% special rebate then I would certainly advise confining our outward shipments to via Montevideo and "Lafonia". The providing of freight for "Lafonia" has certainly not been the chief cause of our utilising this route but it has been forced on us by the totally inadequate service which the P.S.N.C. now give us.

Actually "Lafonia" benefits but little from the routing of outward cargo via Montevideo as she is not credited with a flat rate of freight but receives the difference between the P.S.N. rate and the Conference rate to Montevideo plus Landing charges. to Port Stanley (allowing for the 20%) plus Landing Charges/In certain cases where the Conference rate is higher than the P.S.N.

Incidentally there is a case where the P.S.N. - Millinery for example - she actually loses, but such cases are rare. Out of the balance credited to her she has to pay charges at and Port Stanley Montevideo/which have average about 6/- per ton which reduces the freight earned to approximately 17/- per ton all round. But the real benefit is reaped by the Store Department (a Memo giving the Storekeeper's views on this is enclosed) and by our having to tie up considerably less capital than would be necessary had we relied solely on P.S.N. vessels. A further benefit is that frequent arrivals of stores undoubtedly stimulates sales.

In addition to the frequent service provided by the P.S.N. Company its irregularity makes it even more difficult for us to utilise their sailings to the best advantage. We actually had a cable to go off ordering about 50 tons wines, spirits, beer, provisions for shipment by "Lautaro" sailing 21st November when we received advice that she had been put back to 9th December and we must therefore revise our indents - her arrival here will not be this is the natural course for our passenger and cargo

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about 3 weeks before "Raina del Pacifico" as it is apparent that these two sailings cannot be availed of by importers to the extent they would have been if "Lautaro's" original sailing date had been adhered to.

A Statement giving Homeward and Outward sailings from 1931 to date is enclosed which clearly shows how unsatisfactory the service is. Mr. James' arguments surely beg the whole question and his threats are most untimely - if the P.S.N.C. cannot give the service we require or some alternative inducement then we are compelled to look elsewhere.

The passenger service is certainly unsatisfactory and that provided on "L" boats is inferior in every way and will not stand comparison for comfort and speed with the cargo boat of any decent line as for instance, Furness Withy, North Pacific Line, Blue Star and Houlder. Cargo vessels of these Companies carrying 12 passengers have excellent accommodation and steam $13\frac{1}{2}$ to 15 knots.

Incidentally there is a certain amount of talk to the effect that Furness Withys may buy the P.S.N.C. as they are anxious to develop communications between United Kingdom and Bermuda.

To revert to the P.S.N.C. "L" boats, I understand that Mrs. Pole Evans made a very strong complaint to the P.S.N.C. regarding her experiences on "Laguna" homewards February/March last and several returning passengers have recently spoken most strongly of their experiences on P.S.N. cargo vessels.

Finally, I would reiterate that I see no difficulty in our handling all our imports via Montevideo and if the P.S.N. cease allowing us the 20%, I trust that you will adopt this course.

Further, I have no hesitation in stating that we can handle the whole of the ^{Colony's} ~~Montevideo~~ produce via Montevideo with "Lafonia" and still ensure getting Home good offerings for the March and May Sales and with the whole of this business in our hands we could probably afford to increase our rebate to Clients.

This is the natural course for our passenger and cargo

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traffic to follow and I am of opinion that it is only a matter of time before it becomes a fact.

I wish to take this opportunity of referring to the extension of our shipping activities which proposals the Board discussed last year. In my opinion everything is tending towards making the need for a vessel larger than "Lafonia", become more and more imperative and I would respectfully request the Board to reconsider their views even though it may not be possible to give effect to such a proposal at present. I am convinced that it is a practical proposition and if the matter could be discussed with other interested parties am of opinion that a guarantee of increased employment for Falkland Islanders, further Government assistance might reasonably be looked for also that if further financial assistance is required it is possible that the Royal Mail Lines might consider coming in with us as the provision of a monthly feeder service between Montevideo, Port Stanley and Magallanes running in connection with their mail steamers, would be most valuable to them.

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P R E C I S

1. Boston News - samples of ~~oil~~ ~~oil~~ ~~oil~~ as some casks found to be in bad condition, possibly due to Montevideo salt.
2. Acknowledges receipt of your No. 1366 dated 15th Sept. 1933 and confirms Remittance No. 751 dated 27th Idem.
3. Company's Sealing rights - thanks you for statement of our case. Copy of letter to Government enclosed. Copy of letter from Government of 4/12/08 enclosed.
4. Floating Dock charges - notes Messrs Higg & Lindlay's views. Advises docking of "O.C. 82" at request of "Dauntless". Denotes docking rates for "Lafonia" at Montevideo by Montevideo Gas Works Dock Co.
5. Seal Oil - Details shipment per this "Lafonia". Requests you to discuss with Brokers for 1934 sale of oil. Have purchased 700 drums ex South Georgia.
6. Wool & skin market - very pleased to note rise in prices.
7. Eagle Oil & Shipping Co. Ltd. - notes this Company's requirements. We have an enquiry for space for aviation spirit from Montevideo.
8. "Bertha" cedar logs - if no satisfactory offer obtained, will utilise here.
9. Mr A. Barrett, Wool classer - advises his arrival at Darwin.
10. A. Morrison, Bluff Cove - Notes \$1,300 received on account of debit. Messrs. Morrison have confirmed sale of farm to another.
11. Wool season 1934 - Notes from your telegram you have contracted as in 1933. Copies of correspondence with P.S.M.C. enclosed. Advises shipments of produce to be made for March/Apr. sales
12. Advises arrival of H.M.S. "Dauntless". Estimates sales to her at £700. Anticipate visit from H.M.S. "Exeter" in March next.
13. Reports arrival and departure of m.v. "Losada".
14. Rams via Montevideo - notes shipment made per "El Argentino". Enclosed copy of letter from Colonial Office to Messrs. J.L. Waldron re importation of rams via South America.
15. Storekeeper's tour of E. & W. Falklands - details value of sales. S.P. Timber - propose to buy for Farms direct.
16. J. McNicoll - encloses service record. Advises his resignation. Anticipate post will be filled locally.
17. Mails for Magallanes - advises "Lafonia" January Montevideo voyage offers opportunity for mails for that Port.
18. Rams from South America - understand both Holmsted Blake & Co. and J.L. Waldron Ltd. will import per "Lafonia", January next.
19. Rams ex "Lautaro" - reports safe arrival at Darwin. Camp Manager reports in detail as to their condition.
20. "Port Richard" - requests rates for insurance for local voyages. Vessel may be employed for "Reina del Pacifico" traffic.
21. Apprentices - advises position of.

- 21. Mutton Hams - samples not being sent Home as some casks found to be in bad condition, possibly due to Montevideo salt.
- 22. Remittances - denotes surplus of cash on hand.
- 23. Repairs & additions to 'Stanley Arms' - almost completed.
'Ship Hotel' - enclose plan of additions to building.
Requests quotations for Inn signs for these houses.
- 24. Carriage of Explosives - asks for B.O.T. handbook on subject.
- 25. Advises allowance of credit at Millinery Store to regular customers.
- 26. Reports on "Lafonia" October South Georgia voyage.
Requests insurance rates for cargo.
- 27. "O.C.82" - discusses replacement of this barge.
- 28. Tallow - your telegram of 26th ulto. received mutilated.
- 29. Notes Mr. H. Thompson returning per "H. Patriot"/"Lafonia" sailing from London 23rd December.
- 30. Advises representative of International Bible Society being sent Home at Government expense this "Lafonia".
- 31. Church Green - encloses photo.
- 32. Fitzroy River Bridge - notes your approval to proceed with work.
Advises Fitzroy/Mount Pleasant track now completed.
- 33. Anson Cottage - report dismantling of, and carriage to Stanley.
- 34. T. Gilruth - advises expiry of his agreement. Camp Manager writes to you as to his future.
- 35. Financial position of the Colony - advises 1934 Budget.
- 36. Lighters - reports overhauling of craft.
- 37. Requests you to continue remittances of English notes to Montevideo.
- 38. "Lafonia" - Memo re Lloyds Survey enclosed.
Encloses correspondence re Rio Grande do Sul voyages.
- 39. H. Owen - Chief Engineer - reports expiry of agreement and endorsement thereon for continued service.
- 39. P.S.H.C. & Outward freights - matter discussed fully.
- 40. North Swan Island - enclosed extract from Land Register in Government Office showing our definite ownership.

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No. 752 per "Lafonia" via Montevideo, 16th Nov. 1933.

ENCLOSURES

1. Despatch No. 752.
2. Statement on accounts No. 54.
3. Remarks on accounts No. 54.
4. Remarks on N.F. Depot No. 31.
5. Store Indent No. 719.
6. Remarks on Stores No. 719.
7. Royal Mail Lines & Co. - Sept.
8. F.I. Gazette 1st & 25th Oct. 1st Nov.
9. Wages Comparative Statement No. 7.
10. Stanley Ledger Balances - Sept. Qr.
11. Return of Establishment & Wages - Farm Sections - Sept. Qr.
12. Medical Officers Report to end August.
13. Cuttings from Buenos Aires papers re "Lafonia".
14. "Lafonia" report re Lloyds Survey.
15. F.I. Shipping report.
16. Plan of addition to Ship Hotel.
17. Service record - J. McNeill.
18. Storekeeper's Memo re Importations.
19. Photo. (Church Green)
20. Coasting Insurances - Sept. & Oct.
21. Extract from Government Land register re Company's property.
22. P.S.N.C. - Statement of arrivals, departures etc. 1931 to date.
23. "Lafonia" Itinerary to 10th March, 1933.
24. Provisional Mail itinerary 1934.
25. Mails - Arrivals and Departures at Stanley.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Copy of letter for Mr W.M. Dean re lease of Port Stephens & Albemarle.
- " " " to Government re Company's sealing rights. 21/10/33.
- " " " from " " " " " " 4/12/08.
- " " " " " " " " " " 14/11/33.
- " " " to & from P.S.N.C. Valparaiso re 1933/4 wool season.
- " " " from Granston Woodhead & Co. to Maclean & Stapledon re Rio Grande voyages.
- " " " to H. Owen re Agreement.
- Extract from Colonial Office letter dated 15/9/31 to J.L. Waldron re sheep importations.

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Per J.M.S. "Dummen" 11/12/23.

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- ① Statement on a/c no. 55.
- ② Remarks on a/c
- ③ Store Indent no. 720.
- ④ Remarks on Store no. 720.
- ⑤ Lahoma Manifest Vays. D. 17/25. + 27/24.
- ⑥ P.S.N.C. a/c dated 30/11/23.
- ⑦ H.M. Line

Correspondence

- 1. L. to Man. Stamps for Barclay Bank Manch.
- 2. Return for a Business
- 3. No Dispatch during the mail
- 4. Reports re-erecting of building
- 5. Reports on the
- 6. Shipment of produce 1924 - had due to bad weather in December
- 7. Receipts - the receipts have been sent
- 8. Notes all you write. New ledger ruling required.
- 9. Interest will be adjusted as error
- 10. Labour will be made up of Stacey Bodley Creek with the materials ready for shipment.
- 11. J.E. Brown, Engineer proceeds on leave 26th February.
- 12. willard table, Stacey House - will advise if this is sold.
- 13. Trade satisfactory prices will be realized in March
- 14. ask for information re crabs used for "Bury" Understand Mr. H.K. Brown will see what can be done
- 15. confirm calling Mr. Brown
- 16. Stock Inspector - understand Mr. H.K. Brown has Government.

Per. A.M.S. "Dummers" 11/12/33.

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- ⑦ R.M. lines — " —

Correspondence:

l. to Man. Director re Stamps for Barclay's Bank
 " re Return fare a Barrer
 " re No Despatch being sent

No. 753 per "Lafonia" via Montevideo 5/1/34.

P R E C I S

1. Acknowledges receipt of your No. 1367 and confirms No. 752.
2. D. Sisking Co. Ltd. - Understand prices for small parcels of oil are still fetching \$15/\$16.
25. Freight drums ex South Georgia to be shipped in March.
26. Reports docking of "O.C. 32" at request of Commander of H.M.S. "Dauntless".
27. Franco Aviation Spirit - advises arrival of 56 drums in bad condition - encloses bill for freight and expenses.
28. Confirms charges to be made for storing etc. Advises fuelling of R.R.S. "Discovery II" on 27th ulto. H.M.S. "Exeter" due Stanley 23rd February.
29. Steamer movements.
30. "Lafonia" - Rio Grande de Sul - quotations for timber and coal received. Magallanes - advises importation of rams by Messrs. Holmstedt Blake & Co. & J.L. Waldron Ltd. Cargo of timber and coal.
31. Does not Messrs. Kennan's remarks re docking "Lafonia", propeller and deck covering replied to by Engineer.
32. Propeller - requests reconsideration of use of bronze propeller.
33. Steel decks - doubts whether covering will be of use. Claim propeller damage - acknowledges receipt of Average Adjusters Statement. 1934 programme - Government have agreed provisionally to it. Direction finder - presumes this has been shipped "Lantana". Sounding device - requests quotation for. Painting - black being used instead of grey paint.
5. Wool ex George Island - this was shipped in November 1933.
6. Floating Dock - Messrs. Kennan's letter has been dealt with. Expect to dock "Waikland" shortly; "Lafonia" in February.
7. Anson Cottage - reports re-erection of building in Stanley.
8. Rams via Montevideo - reports one died on voyage to Montevideo.
9. Shipment of produce 1934 - collection delayed by shearing being behind hand due to bad weather in December.
10. Remittances - explains why two remittances have been made to you.
11. Accounts - Notes all you write. New ledger ruling required.
12. Bluff Cove, A. Morrison - Interest will be adjusted as arranged.
13. Fitzroy River Bridge - labour will be made up of Stanley and Camp men. Findlay Creek bridge materials ready for shipment.
14. J.M. Thomson, Engineer proceeds on leave 26th February.
15. Billiard table, Stanley House - will advise if this is sold.
16. Wool market - trusts satisfactory prices will be realised in March.
17. Tallow casks - asks for information re casks used for 'Bibury' shipment. Understand Mr W.K. Cameron will use metal drums this season.
18. Second Stanley motorboat - confirms cable ordering Thornycroft engine.
19. A.E. Felton - documents enclosed.
20. Stock Inspector - understands Mr W.H. Clement has given notice to Government.

- 21. Sir James O'Grady - advises he has been granted leave till January 1935 and will not therefore return here. Advises Mr M.C.Halkett received O.B.E.
- 22. Mail service with South Georgia - Encloses correspondence exchanged with Government.
- 23. Second voyage to South Georgia - advises times of arrival etc.
- 24. Erik - have arranged for supplies from Santos.
- 25. Freight rates, Straits of Magellan etc. - encloses list of.
- 26. Encloses Government notice re direct wireless telegraph rates.
- 27. Franco Reflex signs - H.M.S. "Dauntless" speaks favourably of.
- 28. Camp tracks - Mr Craigie Halkett & Mr G.Roberts travel to Fitzroy per "Lafonia" to inspect.
- 29. Steamer movements.
- 30. Advises 1934 homeward passenger movements.
- 31. Do not anticipate replacement of J.McNicoll.
- 32. Provident Fund - advises payment of Company's contribution of 10%.
- 33. Advises "Port Richard" will be used for "Reina del Pacifico".

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1367. 6. NAVAL FUEL DEPOT. "O.C.82" was docked for inspection and painting on 6th November last at the request of the Captain H.M.S. "Dauntless". She was undocked on 10th idem. Your Despatch advising that the Admiralty did not consider she need be docked again for inspection was not received until 29th November. I understand that the Engineer Commander gave her a safe life of two years. He was made conversant with such facilities as we have for re-creation of lighters etc. and he is making a report thereon to the Admiralty. Mr. Thomson can take the matter further when he calls on the Admiralty whilst at Home.

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I have to acknowledge receipt of your Despatch No. 1367 dated 3rd November last and to confirm my No. 752 dated 15th Idem.

2. 1367. 6 & 36. F.I. & D. SEALING CO. LTD. I understand that prices for small parcels of whale and seal oil are still fetching 215 - 216 and I trust that it may be possible to effect a forward sale at about this price. Following charges, tabled you on 12th ult.

A. Dec. The 700 drums purchased from Salvessens, Leith Harbour, will be shipped in March next - see my No. 752. 4. of the Naval Fuel

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I enclose our bills for freight Montevideo - Port Stanley and Landing charges at the Naval Fuel Depot also for new drums supplied amounting to £37. 10. - and 10/- respectively which please recover from the Eagle Oil Co.

I confirm the following charges cabled you on 11th ulto.

A. Receiving and storing petrol and lubricating oil. 25/- per ton for receiving but no charge for storage if stored at the Naval Fuel Depot.

B. Delivering to H.M. Ships as required. 25/- per ton.

C. Sending monthly cabled advices of stock receipts and deliveries £25 per annum. Actual cost of cables will of course be additional.

I propose to commence the monthly cable on 7th March next as there will be no issues until H.M.S. "Urster" calls here in February/March next.

The following addition to the code is suggested which please confirm -

W S Y & C Advise the Admiralty stock of aviation gasoline on 7th of this month wasgallons

W S Y T I Advise Admiralty stock of Aviation lubricating oil on 7th of this month wasgallons.

Quarterly statements will be submitted by mail - the first for the quarter ending 31st March next.

I enclose a receipt for the Gasoline received in November last. Shall we use the Admiralty forms as used for fuel oil when making the quarterly reports or will special forms be

Enc.

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supplied ?

R.R.S. "Discovery II". This vessel was due here on 18th ulto; as there was no news of her I sent a message on 19th "In view of approaching holidays.....do you require oil fuel". On 24th at 4 p.m. we were advised by Government that the vessel was arriving p.m. 25th and required 180 tons oil. I was away but had left instructions that unless timely advice was received fuelling was not to be done until after the holidays and she was therefore fuelled on 27th idem. I am of course prepared to fuel Navy Ships any day of the year and at any time but I feel certain that the Admiralty would not desire us to extend this service to cover outside vessels which they supply with oil fuel only as a favour. I put this case on record as unnecessary hitches appear to be inevitable whenever a "Discovery Committee" vessel visits Port Stanley - possibly because they well know the Colony's views on their activities. They spend as little as possible in the Colony and have even been known to go to Magallanes for water.

"Discovery II" left Port Stanley for New Zealand, calls here again in March next and then proceeds to Cape Town to refit.

H.M.S. "Exeter" is due here on 23rd February and stays 10 days.

4. 1967. 7. "LAFONIA". Rio Grande do Sul. I have received quotations for sawn Parang pine and coal for shipment at this Port, from Messrs. Cranston Woodhead & Co. Timber prices are attractive and as regards coal I have ordered 5 tons via Montevideo for transhipment to "Lafonia" January, for trial. If it is as good as the best Magallanes coal, it is a better proposition than obtaining supplies of low grade coal from Magallanes and I feel hopeful that something may at last come of this Rio Grande project. Re coal - the following is an extract from the South American

Handbook - "The principal mines are at Sao Jeronymo, Eutia and Jacuhy in Rio Grande do Sul, and Ararangua and Urussanga in Santa Catharina, reserves being estimated at 5,000 million tons. Present day production fluctuates around 400,000 tons a year. The quality is poor but the coal is used by certain railways and

balance may represent a claim made on and paid by the ship-

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Industries. Importers are now compelled to buy national coal "to the extent of 10% of the quantity imported".

Maillines. Messrs Holmsted Blake & Co. Ltd. and J.L. Waldron Ltd. are importing 6 and 4 runs respectively by the January opportunity. I have an enquiry for 12 horses for Bailien & Stickney, special stock orders for about 60 tons S.P. timber and shall complete with 3/400 tons coal.

Messrs J.J. Kenneough & Co's. remarks re decking of 'Lafonia', propeller and deck covering are replied to in Mr. Thomson's notes enclosed herewith.

Propeller. I do not agree with their views regarding bronze propellers. The benefits to be gained from the fitting of a bronze propeller are more perceptible when a vessel is regularly engaged on continuous long runs than on coasting voyages.

According to present arrangements and apart from inter-lacuar voyages, "Lafonia" will make 16 runs of about 1,000 miles each, between ports, 8 of 300 miles, 6 of 550 miles and 2 of 100 miles during 1934 and it is on these runs that the full benefit of a bronze propeller would be realized.

I have had experience of a number of small vessels fitted with bronze propellers and have always been well satisfied with results. In several cases the fitting was done after consultation with Mr McArthur Morrison who is well known to you and who occupies a high position in his profession. I therefore request that the matter may be reconsidered when Mr. Thomson is in England.

Steel decks. I doubt whether the covering Mr. T.F. Kenneough refers to as being used on tankers would be of much use on the service deck of a vessel of "Lafonia's" size - I am, however, deferring consideration of covering these steel decks at present.

Claim - damaged propeller. I thank you for the copy of Average Adjuster's Statement and note the Amendments. Kindly explain how the credit passed out £310. 2. 7. less commission is arrived at as the Statement shows £285. 9. 8. due from Underwriters; the balance may represent a claim made on and paid by the Club.

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1934 programme. Government has agreed provisionally to the Montevideo sailings for 1934 and a timetable is enclosed. If adhered to, the early publication should be of considerable benefit to intending passengers and for the ordering of stores. This allows for 3 additional voyages over and above the Contract during the year. No subsidy will be paid for the January voyage, the next five will be treated as contract and the last two additional on payment of £200 each. ^{only} practically every Station is behind hand

Direction Finder. I presume this has now been shipped in "Lautaro" due here about 20th instant. about 6,700 miles for this "Lafonia"

Sounding device. I thank you for particulars of these - it is a most valuable addition to a ship's equipment and I shall be interested to have a quotation from the Aero Electric Equipment Co. Painting. We are trying black instead of grey paint on the hull as the latter does not wear very well. ^{cash on hand and on deposit}

5. 1367. 9. The wool ex George Island was actually sent forward in November last as it was more convenient to collect it at that time. ^{charge for remittances made through us by the}

Publ 6. 1367. 10. ENCLOSING DOCK. Messrs. Kenneagh's letter dated 1st October last has been dealt with in Mr. Thomson's remarks referred to above. I hope to dock "Fairland" shortly and "Lafonia" in February. ^{17th November last. On 22nd ulto. Government}

7. 1367. 11. THOMSON COTTAGE. I note that the credit of £175 goes to the Buildings account in your Books. A good job has been made of the re-erection of the cottage which work is almost completed. ^{January shipments I remitted you a further £2,000 on}

8. 1367. 19. RAMS VIA MONTEVIDEO. "Lafonia" went alongside "El Argentino" at Montevideo, ten rams were transhipped direct and arrived here safely in due course. One ram died during the voyage between United Kingdom and Montevideo and the ship reported that its marks were - Left ear 230. Painted on back No. 100.

The rams were checked over by the Stock Inspector here who found that the two with left ear marks 230 had arrived and the ^{one} short

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was - Left ear 122. Right ear 127. out of Messrs. Dean & Company's consignment. Messrs. Maclean & Stapledon have been requested to obtain a certificate of loss from 'El Argentino' and forward it to you and you will doubtless approach Messrs. Houlder Brothers in the matter. The same will be shipped out to Port Stephens and Port San Carlos in about a month's time.

9. 1367. 20. SHIPMENT OF PRODUCE 1934. Owing to very bad weather during December practically every Station is behind hand with shearing. I have therefore ^{only} been able to secure 2,000 bales for "Lagana" due 13th inst. and about 6/700 bales for this "Lafonia" which is disappointing. 2,000 bales will go forward by "Lagarto" due 13th prox. and 300 bales by "Lafonia" 26th idem.

10. REMITTANCES. In view of all I wrote in my 752. 22. my reasons for making you two remittances since then require explanation. On 17th November last the cash on hand and on deposit with Government was £4,503 and on 22nd December £3,328, far in excess of my requirements. During 1933 we earned about £140 from the 1% remittances charge for remittances made through us by the Public and in view of this fact I considered that it was well worth paying Government 1% (which is debited against the above mentioned earning) and thus reduce my cash balance - I therefore remitted you £2,500 on 17th November last. On 22nd ulto. Government advised me that the concession re payment of export duty on wool after receipt of Landing Certificates would be continued during the year 1934 and as no payment would therefore require to be made against the January shipments I remitted you a further £2,000 on 21st December. I do not anticipate that I shall require a remittance at the end of January.

Enc.

Copies of letters from Government re Export Duty on wool and Land Purchase payments during 1934 enclosed.

11. 1367. 24. ACCOUNTS SEPTEMBER 1933. I note all you write. We still however require a new form of ledger sheet and an amended form will be sent you next mail, for ordering.

12. 1367. 25. BLUFF COVE - A. MORRISON. The interest on Bluff Cove account will be adjusted as arranged. I have no further advice from Messrs. A. Morrison & Co. but hear from several sources that the purchaser is Mr G. Young.

13. 1367. 26. FITZROY RIVER BRIDGE. I recently had the opportunity of discussing this job with Mr Goddard and in view of Government refusing to grant us any material assistance we have decided to make up our labour from our Stanley employees and from the Camp and do the work on the slack season.

The Findlay Creek bridge material is ready for shipment. The rails referred to in my 752. 32. have been chipped and tarred and are ready. Construction of concrete piles will commence shortly.

14. 1367. 27. W. THOMSON - ENGINEER goes on leave per "Lafonia"/"Alcantara" 26th prox.

15. 1367. 28. BILLIARD TABLE. I note all you write - the table has not been used since I have been here. I will advise you if it is sold.

16. 1367. 30. WOOL MARKET. I trust that satisfactory prices will be realized at the March sales.

17. 1367. 31. TALLOW CASKS. It would be of assistance if Messrs Anning & Cobb could definitely state which casks are complained of, whether beer or new casks.

Practically all the Sandy Point casks have been used and there are sufficient beer casks on hand for this year's tallow.

Mr N.K. Cameron informed me that the Broker who sells their tallow - Messrs. A. Chandler & Co. - reports favourably on the light metal drums and he has ordered 100 for this season. I am of opinion that the saving in first cost and in tare more than compensates for any loss in the price realised consequent on the tallow being in metal drums. Would you take this matter up with Messrs. Anning & Cobb again.

18. SECOND STANLEY MOTORBOAT. Mr. G. Goddard wishes to retain

"stockfish" at Darwin. After consideration of the several drawings and quotations of motor engines we decided that Thornycroft Type RJ/1 Compression Ignition (Diesel) Marine engine was the most suitable and I therefore telegraphed you on 13th ulto. requesting you to ship it by "Highland Patriot". I hope to have this installed before Mr Thomson leaves the Colony.

19. 1367. 34. A.E. FELTON, deceased. I thank you for copy of Messrs. Ince's letter dated 2nd November last enclosing Counsel's opinion. A copy of my letter to the Secretary of the Trustees of Roy Cove Estate, approved of by Mrs & Miss Felton, is enclosed. A document regarding deceased's property in U.K. is enclosed also copy of Death Certificate, Life Insurance Policy and Power of Attorney were sent you under cover of my letter dated 2nd ulto.

20. STOCK INSPECTOR. I understand that Mr. W. Clement has given three months notice to Government as he has been offered the appointment of Manager of Packe Brothers & Co. Ltd. Wireless Telegraph

21. SIR JAMES O'GRADY. You have doubtless heard that Sir James has been granted leave until January 1935 when he is due for retirement, he will not therefore return to the Colony. Presumably a new Governor will not be appointed until 1935.

Mr. M. Craigie Halkett received the O.B.E. in the New Year Honours List. Imperial and International Communications. It means

22. MAIL SERVICE WITH SOUTH GEORGIA. I enclose copies of correspondence exchanged with Government from which you will note that I have agreed to make two voyages between July/December 1934 on the same terms and conditions as govern the present arrangements.

You will note that subject to certain qualifications Government raised no objection to our being paid the subsidy for these voyages in London. The matter of the continuation of the service after 1934 will be raised in due course.

23. SECOND VOYAGE TO SOUTH GEORGIA. "Lafonia" sailed via Foxbay and Darwin for South Georgia on 1st December. I made the round voyage. We lifted 321 sheep and 39 carcasses at Darwin and sailed at 10 a.m. on 2nd Idem arriving Grytviken 10 p.m. 5th.

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proceeded to Leith Harbour the following day and sailed thence for Port Stanley 4 p.m. 7th arriving 2 a.m. 11th. of opinion

Two sheep were lost during the voyage and certificate to enable you to claim on Underwriters is enclosed.

We experienced fair weather with fog on the outward voyage - on the return voyage we had two days S.E. gale with a big following sea; on these days "Lafonia" ran 243 and 241 miles. The next voyage will be made in March. the Admiralty.

24. FRUIT. I have arranged with Royal Mail Lines, Santos for a trial shipment of citrus fruits shipped to us by "Highland" vessels connecting with "Lafonia". The first shipment will be made in April and I will advise you in due course as to how it arrives.

25. FREIGHT RATES - STRAITS OF MAGELLAN ETC. A list of current rates on wool/skins is enclosed.

26. I enclose a Government Notice re Direct Wireless Telegraph rates between the Colony and United Kingdom. You will note that - use of the Falkland Islands/Bergen/U.K. route is discontinued and that the direct route is to be used instead at 1/6d per word of 5 letters instead of 1/4d per word of 10 letters (code messages). This has been done at the instance of the Secretary of State and presumably of Imperial and International Communications. It means a serious increase in our and our Clients telegraph expenses and though it is doubtful whether Government will reconsider the matter a more effective protest can be made in London than here and you will doubtless take it up - the Sheep Owners Association might also make representations.

In the meantime I suggest for your consideration that Homeward telegrams be addressed to Moeen Andersen, Tonsberg for retransmission to you and if you approve and can arrange this, please cable the cypher V S Z A &. for 1934 are quite good.

I enclose a copy of my letter to Government dated 20th ult. and of their acknowledgement which is of course, no reply.

The Store code is being gone into and if possible we will

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make it more economical in use.

Despite the increase in cabling costs I am of opinion that the ordering of stores by cable should continue as it is a valuable factor in keeping stocks down.

27. FRANCO REFLEX SIGNS ERECTED AT DARWIN NARROWS. When H.M.S. "Dauntless" visited Darwin they picked up these signs with a 10" searchlight at a distance of 7 cables. They spoke favourably of the idea and are making a report to the Admiralty.

28. CAMP TRACKS. I understand that the Secretary of State has recommended that if possible the relief work now provided in Stanley should be reduced and more work done on Camp tracks. To see what had been done by us Mr. M. Craigie Halkett and Mr. G. Roberts travelled by "Lafonia" to Fitzroy on 3rd instant. Mr. Goddard is motoring them to Darwin and they return by steamer today when they will be better able to discuss the matter of Camp tracks.

29. STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

H.M.S. "Dauntless" sailed on 11th ulto.

H.M.S. "Exeter" is due on 23rd February

s.s. "War Krisina" is due on 21st instant.

m.v. "Lautaro" from U.K. is due on 20th instant.

m.v. "Reina del Pacifico" is due on 11th February, from U.K.

m.v. "Laguna" to U.K. is due on 16th instant.

m.v. "Lagarto" " " " " " 13th February.

Since her return from South Georgia "Lafonia" has made wool collection voyages to West Falklands, Falkland Sound, Berkeley Sound and Salvador Waters, and is now on a voyage to Fitzroy, North Arm and Darwin. She sails for Montevideo on 6th instant and is due back on 17th sailing as soon after as possible for Magallanes.

30. HOME-WARD PASSENGER BOOKINGS. for 1934 are quite good.

Owing to the inconvenient dates we have only 4 for "Lagarto"

February but for "Lafonia"	26th February	13	bookings
	10th April	20	"
	25th May	10	"

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Despatch 31. With reference to my 752. 15. re J. McNicoll, I have decided not to replace him for the present but will see if we can carry on with the two men remaining in the Smithy.

32. PROVIDENT FUND. The employees' contributions for 1933 total £2,005. 13. 7. and the Company's minimum contribution of 10% thereon was paid to the Fund on 31st ulto.

33. With reference to my 752. 19. s.s. "Port Richard" will be utilised for "Reina del Pacifico". Please insure her for one day only (11th February) working between Port William and Port Stanley.

"Lafonia" Manifests. Voy. B. 36. I am,

Provisional Mail Itinerary 1934.

Sir,

Photos.

your obedient servant,

Receipt for and freight account for 55 drums aviation spirit.

Mr Thomson's Remarks (1/34) re "Lafonia".

Mr Thomson's remarks (2/34) re conversion of "Lafonia" as oil burner. **Manager.**

Mr Thomson's remarks (3/34) re repairs to whale catchers at So. Georgia.

List of freights Magellan Straits etc. to London.

Government notice dated 19th Dec. 1933 re direct wireless telegraph with United Kingdom.

Extract from log of "Lafonia" re loss of 2 sheep en route So. Georgia.

Copy of letter to Secretary of Trustees of Roy Cove Estate of 2/1/34,
Copy of Death certificate - A.E. Felton.

Statement of Estate in U.K. of late A.E. Felton.

Correspondence :-

Letter to Managing Director dated 5/1/34 re stamps for Barclays Bank Ltd.

Copy of letter to/Col. Secretary re payment of export tax on wool 1934.

(& from

- " " " to Col. Secy re South Georgia voyages 1934, dated 15 Dec.
- " " " from " " " " " " " " 21 Dec.
- " " " to " " " " " " " " 23 Dec.
- " " " " " " " " " " " " " " 20 Dec.
- " " " from " " " " " " " " " " 1 Jan.
- " " " to Maclean & Stapledon re loss of 1 ram ex "El. Argentino"
- " " " " J. Robertson, Pt. Stephens " " " " " "

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SPECIFICATIONS

<u>MARKS.</u>	<u>POUNDS.</u>	<u>SKINS.</u>	<u>TALLOW.</u>	<u>HIDES.</u>
N.A.	1	10		
S	93	5		
\diamond S	0	6		
H & B	93			
L	67	4		
J.L.W.	205			
D & S	60			
J.H.D.				
Pebble	52			
\triangle B	167			
HEART	40	6		
Z	62	9		
S & B	64			
T.R.				
Port Louis	49	6		
F	115	3		
A.P.	63	16		
J.B.	133	4		
\diamond B	17			
S & S	18	7		
\diamond H	16	2		

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3. STEAM MOVEMENTS. M.V. "Lautaro" arrived from U.K. p.m. 13th instant it did not commence discharge until 15th - she will sailed p.m. 14th.

M.V. "Laguna" arrived yesterday and should sail today. She lifts 1,880 bales wool and 103 bales sheepskins.

M.V. "Lagarto" is due 13th prox. and loads produce for U.K.

S.S. "Genia" arrived from Montevideo yesterday and sails today for Maglanes via Port San Carlos and Hill Cove.

I understand that P.S.I. sailings from U.K. for the Colony are provisionally arranged for :-

M.V. "Laguna" Liverpool depart 7th April,
 M.V. "Lautaro" " " " 2nd June.

S.S. "War Krina" - I have no news of this vessel's position as yet.

4. With reference to my 753. 3. (para 2) 60 drums Aviation spirit arrive by "Lautaro".

Enc.

5. "LAFGA" - I enclose statements showing the calls made at Falkland Islands and South American Ports during 1932 and 1933. Itinerary to 15th April next is enclosed.

Enc.

Coal Contractor 1934 will doubtless arrive by the incoming mail. Magallanes. As result of the Foreman Carpenter's recent Camp tour, orders have been received for 35 tons (of 40 cu.ft) cut sizes, 1,500 Cypress posts and 2,200 droppers for February delivery. About 62 tons cut sizes will be shipped from the sawmill this voyage of which 27 tons are for Stanley stock. Cypress posts and droppers will be supplied from Stanley stocks. Further orders are expected for April delivery.

Horses for Mallen & Stickney. Mr. M. Robson limited his offer to £14 per head delivered. As I cannot secure the type he requires under £15 at Magallanes this business has fallen through for the present.

6. PUBLIHOUSES PURCHASES.

	<u>Stanley Arms.</u>	<u>Ship Hotel.</u>
1932.	£ 585	923
1933.	692	1260

7. With reference to my 753. 28. I enclose an account of Mr. H. Craigie Halket's recent tour through our Camp - published in the "Penguin". He was much impressed with his experience which will be all to the good when the question of Camp tracks and of the Fitzroy River Bridge is discussed on Mr. Ellis' return to the Colony.

8. ANSON COTTAGE. With reference to my 750. 17 and your 1367. 11. the re-erection of this cottage in Stanley has now been completed at a less cost than estimated which amount will be credited to you, to be dealt with.

Details - Freight & Transport	£ 45.	-.	-.
New material required	87.	3.	5.
Dismantling and re-erection on contract	145.	-.	-.
Credit already passed to Building a/c.	175.	-.	-.
	452.	3.	5.
Sold for	475.	-.	-.
	£ 22.	16.	7.

Balance - additional credit to be passed to Head Office Building account.

9. ALTERATIONS TO STANLEY MANAGER'S OFFICE. The unsatisfactory lay-out of this office has long been apparent and was accentuated when the Stores accounts staff were transferred here, I am now using the upper floor as an office - Mr. Hodgson is now accommodated in my former room and his former room (which is really a passage is utilised as a record room, which we have so far lacked. It is a great improvement.

10. TOUR. Circumstances permitting, I propose to make the round voyage per "Antonia" to Magallanes in March next and to Montevideo and Rio Grande do Sul in May/June.

11. BLUFF COVE. Mr J. Goutts arrived from Magallanes per "Laguna" yesterday bringing a letter from Messrs A. Morrison & Co. Ltd. advising that he had been appointed to manage Bluff Cove - also one from Mrs. S. Yenge enclosing a cheque on London for £200 requesting me to open an account for him and permit Mr J. Goutts

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to draw against it for any expenses he may incur in running this Station on Mr Yevige's behalf.

Messrs. Morrison & Co. Ltd. have not yet taken any steps re probate of the late A. Morrison's estate but when this is done I will claim against the Estate for the balance of our account.

I have to acknowledge receipt of your Despatch No. 1368 dated 22nd. December last and enclosures as detailed. Time does not permit of my dealing with this, by this opportunity.

I am,

Sir,

your obedient servant,

Manager.

No. 75 per "Lafonia" via Melbourne 23/2/34.

No. 754 per "Yuma" - 18th January, 1934.

ENCLOSURES

- 1. Acknowledges No. 754 and confirms No. 754.
- 2. Naval Fuel Dept. - delay queries raised by Admiralty re accounts. to Director, Department of "S.S. 52" with Admiralty.
- 3. Despatch No. 754 on "Lafonia" and "Penguin" shipments. offer for 1934 catch.
- 4. Statement on Accounts No. 57.
- 5. Remarks on Accounts No. 57 - for variation spirit.
- 6. Store Indent No. 722. spirit and oil being added to S. in S. monthly.
- 7. Remarks on Store No. 722. handed over to Mr. F. Coates on 31st Jan. last.
- 8. Revised Stores Co with remarks.
- 9. "Lafonia" Parts Call - 1932 & 1933. for acceptances received
- 10. "Penguin" Jailed 18 January, re Mr. Halkett's tour of Coy's Camp.
- 11. Photos.
- 12. "Lafonia" itinerary to 25th April, 1934. will be made in April/May next.
- 13. Correspondence. intent of S522 effected.
- 14. Copy of letters from Mr. G.S. Young re Bluff Cove.
- 15. Memo for Mr. A. Macleod & Co. re Bluff Cove.

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- 13. Confirms cabled January. Further wool probably required at end of February.
- 14. Acknowledges request of Waco re Carriage of explosives. Government now provide special box for purpose.
- 15. Insurance Fitters, Livestock to South Georgia - notes you are covering them.
- 16. Tallow casks - barrels being used this season. Use of drums will be discussed with you by Camp Manager personally.
- 17. Fitzroy River Bridge - not proceeding with matter at present until Government action known.
- 18. T. Gilruth's Agreement - matter held over until Mr W.H. Dean's arrival.
- 19. Correspondence with Secretary of State for Colonies re financial position of Colony noted.
- 20. P.S.N.C. outward freights - advised latest sailings.
- 21. Store Sales - compares 1932 and 1933 figures.
- 22. Wages Statement Dec. Qr. enclosed - reduction of 22,755. on 1932
- 23. Advises arrival of Direction Finder for "Lafonia".
- 24. Request to note improvement in prices of wool and skins.
- 25. Notes rates quoted for "Port Richard" insurance.
- 26. The aircraft engine arrived per "Boia del Pacifico".

No. 755 per "Lafonia" via Montevideo 23/2/34.

P R E C I S.

1. Acknowledges receipt of your Nos. 1368 & 1369 and confirms No. 754.
2. Naval Fuel Depot - notes queries raised by Admiralty re accounts. Mr Thomson to discuss replacement of 'O.C. 82' with Admiralty.
3. Seal Oil - Notes claim on "Linnell" and "Bruyere" shipments. Requests you to offer for 1934 catch.
4. Eagle Oil & Transport Co. Ltd. - Despatch 754. 4. requests you to read 'lubricating oil' for 'aviation spirit'. Stocks of spirit and oil being cabled to G. in C. monthly.
5. Advises Bluff Cove Station handed over to Mr J. Coutts on 31st Jan. last.
6. Wool season 1934 - advises shipments to date.
7. Wool season 1934 - contracts with clients - few acceptances received in writing.
8. Runs via Montevideo - Details P.S.N.C. and Houlder/Lafonia rates.
9. Advises next Storekeeper's tour will be made in April/May next.
10. Sales of S.P. timber on voyage G.4 to extent of £622 effected.
11. J. McNisoll - conveys his thanks to Board for grant of leave and pension. He sails per "Lafonia"/"Alcantara" today.
12. Mails for Magallanes (January) - no instructions given to "Highland Patriot" to tranship to "Lafonia".
13. Confirms cabled request for £1,000 at end of January. Further remittance probably required at end of February.
14. Acknowledges receipt of Memo re Carriage of explosives. Government now provide special box for purpose.
15. Insurance rates on livestock to South Georgia - notes you are covering them F.P.A.
16. Tallow casks - barrels being used this season. Use of drums will be discussed with you by Camp Manager personally.
17. Fitzroy River Bridge - not proceeding with matter at present until Government action known.
18. T. Gilrath's Agreement - matter held over until Mr W.M. Deane's arrival.
19. Correspondence with Secretary of State for Colonies re financial position of Colony noted.
20. P.S.N.C. outward freights - advises latest sailings.
21. Store Sales - compares 1932 and 1933 figures.
22. Wages Statement for Dec. 9/34 enclosed - reduction of £2,755. on 1932.
23. Advises arrival of Direction Finder for "Lafonia".
24. Pleased to note improvement in prices of wool and skins.
25. Notes rates quoted for "Port Richard" insurance.
26. Thornycroft engine arrived per "Reina del Pacifico".

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27. Advises arrival of H. Thompson on 18th ulto. Agreement to hand.
28. Coal contract, Montevideo for 1934 to hand.
29. Cables - further Circular from Amalgamated Code Compilers Ltd. encl.
30. Notes terms and conditions on which Mr B. Elliott may be offered an agreement.
31. Encloses letter of 8th ulto. from Reuters Ltd. re appointment of a correspondent.
32. Mr J.M. Thomson - sails per "Lafonia"/"Alcantara".
Propose to employ his daughter in Manager's Office as typist on return from U.K., subject to your approval.
Details several matters to be discussed with him at Home.
33. Stock of Patent Fuel taken over by "Lafonia" from Store.
34. Store Stocks 1932 & 1933 - comparison.
35. Annual accounts will be sent you by mail on 13th April prox.
36. Mr A. Barrett, wool classifier, sailed per "Reina del Pacifico" 11th inst.
37. Reports docking of "Falkland" on 24th ulto.
38. Water boat - converted from lighter used successfully.
39. Steamer movements.
40. Advises employment of s.s. "Port Richard" for tourists ex "Reina del Pacifico" resulting in total earnings of 278.
41. Advises arrival of Mr W.M. Dean by "Reina del Pacifico" on 11th inst.
42. Regrets to report "Minrod" sprung a leak when loaded with cargo.
43. Reports arrival and departure of R.F.A. "War Krishna". 7894 tons fuel oil discharged.
44. Reports on working of produce out of hulk "Fennia".
45. Advises passengers per "Lagarto" & "Lafonia", 21st & 24th inst. respectively.
46. L. Hardy - returns per "Reina del Pacifico" with consignment of millinery and groceries.
47. Dip - advises apparent headway being made by Parkin Ness' combination dip. Compares price with Kermac fluid and paste.
48. s.s. "Lafonia" - reports grounding on William Point.
Encloses Sea worthy certificate, extract from log and details of external damage noted.
Vessel docked for examination on 17th inst.
Repairs will be executed in Montevideo this voyage, Mr Thomson standing by job.
Advises further honey combing on propeller.
49. Encloses letter to Royal Insurance Co. re competition.
50. Government request us to pay interest on land purchase. Detailed statement follows.

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5. 1368. A. HARRISON - BRISTOL COVE. With reference to my 754. 11. the action was handed over to Mr. Coutts on 31st January last.

6. 1368. WOOL SEASON 1934 - P.S.N. Co. With the shipment of "Lafonia" via Montevideo, 23rd February, 1934. 34. 755. Contract with P.S.N. Company has been completed.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge receipt of your Despatches Nos. 1368 and 1369 dated 22nd December last and 17th ulto. respectively and to confirm my No. 754 dated 18th ulto.

2. 1368. 4. ADMIRALTY NAVAL FUEL DEPOT. Repairs to "OC.82".
1368. 2).
due to 1369. 2. I note the queries raised by the Admiralty and trust you have received payment of our account are this. Future accounts will be made out as you suggest.

With reference to the replacement of "OC.8.2", I note that you will arrange for Mr J.K. Thomson to discuss the matter with the Admiralty.

3. 1368. 5. SEAL OIL. I note that Buyers have claimed and 1368. 4).
January 1369. 4. secured allowances for the "Linnell" and "Bruyere" shipments - the market position doubtless influencing them to put forward claims.

In future it will be advisable to offer and contract on the basis of fair average quality F.I. seal oil as you suggest. On receipt of this will you please endeavour to obtain an offer for 1934 production. If you cannot obtain £15 it might be possible to persuade Government to grant some assistance in view of the employment thereby provided.

4. 1368. 6. EAGLE OIL & TRANSPORT CO. LTD. With reference to my 754. 4. for aviation spirit please read lubricating oil. The Commander in Chief, America and West Indies Station has advised me that he also requires the stock of aviation spirit and lubricating oil cabled to him monthly.

THE MANAGING DIRECTOR,
LONDON.

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5. 1368. A. MORRISON - BLINNE COVE. With reference to my 754. 11. the station was handed over to Mr. Coutts on 31st January last.

6. 1368. WOOL SEASON 1934 - P.S.N.Co. With the shipment of 2,015 bales per "Lagarto", sailed 21st instant, the 1934 contract with the P.S.N. Company has been completed.

Shipments this season have been :-

"Lagun"	January.	1,983	bales wool/sheepskins
"Lafon"	"	767	do.
"Lagap"	February	2,015	do.
"Lafon"	"	822	do.

5,587

Wool elections have given us much anxiety this season due to the bad summer but we have been able to ship for the March/April sales practically the same quantity as for March/May 1933 (5,596 tons). This quantity may in normal circumstances be expected to be shipped in time for these sales in future but should you at any time consider it advisable to ship a further 800 bales for the May sales (or April as the case may be) in any year, I could probably arrange this if you could advise me by mid January.

7. 1368. WOOL SEASON 1934 - CONTRACTS WITH CLIENTS.

These have been sent to clients as usual but as usual only a few have troubled to notify their acceptance.

8. 1368. RAMS VIA MONTEVIDEO. Clients have been charged

£5. 10. - per ton for transshipment at Montevideo, freight to Port Stanley and thence to destination which includes the carriage of fodder. This compares with shipments per P.S.N. vessels as follows :-

Houlder Bros. weight	£ 7. 3. -.	each.	P.S.N. freight	£11 each.
"Lafonia"	5. 10. -.	"	landing and shipping.	"
			"Lafonia" Frt.	1 "
	£12. 13. -.			£13.

9. 1368. The next Storekeeper's tour to East and West

Falklands will be undertaken in April/May next. A copy of the

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current circular is enclosed.

Enc.

10. 1368. 14. SANDY POINT TIMBER. Timber to the value of £622 was sold of Voyage C.4 and fair orders have been received for delivery ex C.8. I am not altogether satisfied with the manner in which Messrs. Dick & Bravo are handling their end of this business. Doubtless the infrequent mails are a handicap but several points require clearing up which I hope to do when I next visit Magallanes.

11. 1368. 15. J. McNICOLL requests me to thank you for the grant of leave and pension at £52 per annum. (Copy of my letter to him dated 26th January last) enclosed. He sails per "Lafonia"/"Alcantara" on 4th inst.

Enc.

12. 1368. 6. MAILS FOR MAGALLANES. The "Highland Patriot" had received no instructions to hand these over to us so nothing could be done.

13. 1368. 8. REMITTANCES. I cabled you for £1,000 at end of January which was required to meet heavy payments of duty on "Lautaro" cargo. I shall probably require a further remittance at the end of this month to meet duties on "Reina del Pacifico" cargo and heavy drawings on account of Clients during the Sports.

14. 1368. 2. CARRIAGE OF EXPLOSIVES. I thank you for Memo relating to the carriage of Dangerous goods and explosives on ships. Government may provide a special box for use when gelignite has to be carried.

15. 1368. 2. SOUTH GEORGIA - Insurance Rates on Livestock.

In view of the high rates quoted for livestock, I cabled you on 22nd January suggesting that we took the risk ourselves. I note, however, that you are covering them T.P.A. which is all that is necessary.

16. 1368. 2. TALLOW. I note that it is the casks which are unsuitable. Barrels will be used this season but the Camp Manager will discuss the matter of using light drums with you, personally.

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17. 1368. 26. FITZROY RIVER BRIDGE. I am not proceeding in the matter until I know exactly what action Government propose to take.

18. 1368. 27. T. GILBERT'S AGREEMENT. I understand that the Camp Manager deferred reference to this matter pending Mr W.M. Dean's arrival.

19. 1368. 28. FINANCIAL POSITION OF THE COLONY.
1369. 9. F.I. SHEEP OWNERS ASSOCIATION/COLONIAL OFFICE.

Underway: Correspondence with the Secretary of State for the Colonies noted.

20. 1368. 33. P.S.N.C. OUTWARD FREIGHTS. The latest alteration in their sailings will probably result in a diversion of much cargo to via Montevideo. You will recollect that they advised us of the following outward sailings -

"Lagun" April 9th. "Lautarc" June 2nd.
They have now changed this to "Lautarc" 21st April and I make her due here about 21st June. This is the first outward vessel after "Reina del Pacifico" which called here on 11th inst. I will revert to the matter of our future shipping policy later.

21. 1368. 3. STORE SALES, for 1933 as compared with 1932 are :-

	1932.	1933.
Stores	£38,097	£ 41,837
Millinery	3,513	3,296

22. 1368. 3. WAGES STATEMENT for the last quarter of 1933 is enclosed. As compared with 1932 - 1933 figures show a reduction

of -2. Mr Stanley £1,451
Form 1,304 £2,755.

The actual position is even better as more outside work was undertaken during the year for which the relative wages are recoverable (this has reference to "OC.82" repairs and cleaning of the two fuel oil tanks). I am of opinion that a further small reduction may be looked for in 1934.

23. 1368. 3. S.S. "LAFONIA" DIRECTION FINDER arrived per "Reina del Pacifico" and will be fitted at the first opportunity.

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The cost appears to be very reasonable. A full report will be sent you in due course.

24. 1368. 38. WOOL AND SHEEPSKINS MARKETS. I am very pleased to note the improvement in prices and trust that they will continue.
1369. 10.

25. 1368. 40. "PORT RICHARD". I note the rates quoted by Underwriters. This vessel was engaged working in Port William as a tender to "Reina del Pacifico" on 11th inst. Please advise Underwriters. I will cable you if and when she is employed again.

26. 1368. 41. THORNYCROFT ENGINE R.J.1. has arrived and I will report on it in due course.
1369. 11.

27. 1368. 42. H. THOMPSON. CLERK. arrived per "Lafonia" 17th January. Copy of Agreement to hand.

28. 1368. 43. COAL CONTRACT, MONTEVIDEO for 1934 to hand.

29. CABLES. With reference to your Memo dated 17th ulto. re routes and charges, this was dealt with in my 753. 26.

A further Circular from Amalgamated Code Compilers Ltd. is enclosed for your information.

Enc.

30. Mr BIRT ELLIOTT. With reference to your Private letter dated 17th ulto. I note the terms and conditions on which Mr Birt Elliott may be offered an agreement.

Enc.

31. REUTERS LTD. I enclose a letter dated 8th ulto. from this Company addressed to the writer, desiring to appoint a correspondent. I am of opinion that we should undertake this and if you approve will you advise them.

32. Mr J.M. THOMPSON, leaves by this "Lafonia"/"Alcantara". He receives half pay on the voyage Home, leave on full pay and may be offered a new agreement on the same terms and conditions as the present one but if you approve he may be advised that in the event of our securing outside ship repair work, he will receive such consideration as the circumstances warrant. Second class passages to be provided and to include his dependent daughter who is about 16 years of age. I understand that he is leaving his son

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at School at Home. Mr. Thomson should be in Stanley again by mid September.

For some time past we have been feeling the need of another junior assistant in my office and subject to your approval I have informed Mr Thomson that if his daughter becomes a competent typist whilst at Home I will employ her to start at £2. 10. -- per month working a half day or £4 if required whole time. This would be more satisfactory than employing any local person.

There are several matters I would like Mr Thomson to look into at Home, amongst them being -

Lloyds Register of Shipping. To discuss the supervising, reporting upon and the carrying out of periodical surveys and repairs to "s.s." "Lafonia" at Port Stanley.

Admiralty. General matters connected with the Naval Fuel Depot.

In view of a new oil carrying barge being required in the near future, to discuss the possibility of securing the work of erection at Port Stanley.

Mr Gordon Glover & Messrs Swan & Hunter. To discuss Floating Dock figures.

PELAGIC WHALING COMPANIES (LONDON REPRESENTATIVES). With reference to the possibility of obtaining work for the Floating Dock.

Triple Solution and other paints.

Lauritzin Balle treatment.

Generally, "Lafonia" bronze propeller, deck coverings, etc. etc.

and 33. STOCK OF PATENT FUEL, "FEMINIA". This stood at 615 tons

on 31st December last. As this is actually retained as stock for "Lafonia" I have taken it over from the Stores Department as from that date and the bunker coal position will be known to you from our statements.

34. STORE STOCKS. With reference to the several references during the past year to the value of cable the bulk of our Store orders are to utilising the via Montevideo route whenever

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convenient, you will be interested to know that our Store stock on hand at 31st December last was £28, 113 compared with £36, 293 at 31st December, 1932.

35. ANNUAL ACCOUNTS. These are nearing completion but there is no mail by which they can be forwarded, before 13th April.

36. Mr A. BARLETT, Wool classifier, sailed for United Kingdom per "Reina del Pacifico".

37. s.s. "FAIRLANDS" was docked on 24th January and undocked on 3rd instant during which time her bottom was scraped and painted.

38. WATER BOAT referred to in my 749, 30. has been successfully utilised for supplying water to "War Krishna".

39. STEAMER MOVEMENTS.
R.F.A. "War Krishna" arrived on 5th February and sailed again on 22nd.
"Reina del Pacifico" arrived and sailed on 11th instant.
m.v. "Lagarto" arrived on 18th inst. and sailed on 21st idem.
H.M.S. "Exeter" is due today and sails on 3rd proximo.
s.s. "Lafonia" is now on a voyage to East Falkland Ports and sails for Montevideo on 24th inst.

40. As "Lafonia" was away on a produce collecting voyage, tourists ex m.v. "Reina del Pacifico" were landed by s.s. "Port Richard" and s.l. "Kelp". The arrangements made worked quite satisfactorily and a large party visited the Penguin Rookery despite somewhat adverse weather conditions. The ~~total~~ earnings from visitors to the Town and Rookery were £78.

41. Mr W.M. DEW arrived by "Reina del Pacifico" on 11th inst. and left for Fitzroy on 14th idem.

42. "NEMOD". I regret to inform you that this lighter when loaded with cargo on "Reina del Pacifico" sprung a leak and a quantity of flour and some cases have been damaged. It is possible that this was caused by the lighter ranging alongside as a strong wind was blowing during discharge. I have also noticed that with the infrequent use our lighters are now getting they dry above the light load line and when loaded leak for a while and then take up.

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I am going into the matter of the upkeep of these old lighters and will revert to this matter by a ~~later~~ later mail.

43. R.F.A. "AR KRISHNA". This vessel arrived on 5th inst. with 7,894 tons mol oil. Only one barge can be discharged during working hours and as the Captain had orders to be back at Trinidad by a certain date, a certain amount of overtime was worked for which they pay. Discharge was completed p.m. 20th and the vessel sailed a.m. 22nd.

44. WORKING PRODUCE OUT OF HULK "FENNIA". Work on "Lagarto" and "Laguna" has not been as good as that on "Lafaz", January 1933 due to the two former hussels having to take our cargo in more than two holds. I am taking this up with Valparaiso as we can give them despatch if they can give us space in two adjacent holds, a matter which should not be difficult to arrange.

The best work done this season was ex "Lafonia", 795 bales into "Fennia" in 5 hours.

45. Passengers per "Lagarto" include Mrs G. Goddard and Mr. G. Roberts, per s.s. "Lafonia", 24th instant, Mr J. Monticelli. She is well booked for this and the April voyage.

46. L. HARDY. With reference to your 1367. 35. this man returned per "Reina del Pacifico" with an assorted consignment of millinery and groceries which he presumably hopes to dispose of quickly at cut prices as I understand he intends to leave again in April.

47. DIP. Parlin Ness' combination dip appears to be making a certain amount of headway in the Colony and has been supplied by Estate L. Williams to Teal Inlet, Salvador, Saunders and West Point Islands while Mr N. Cameron is also anxious to try it and I have informed him that he must indent for it through us. Its attraction may be its apparent cheapness. Comparisons are as follows :-

		<u>From stock.</u>
Kymac Fluid, 5 gallon drum makes 1000 gallons.	Sells for	60/-.
" Paste 1 - 3 lb. drum "	"	40/-.
Ness' Combination. 1 - 5 gall. drum makes 500 gals.	"	say 27/-.
ordinary; if for tick 350 galls.		

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You may like to discuss this matter with Coopers - Kymac Paste is, of course, comparatively expensive and whilst there appears to be no question that Kymac liquid is quite a good, we are the only Farmers in the Colony who appreciate this fact. In any case it appears to me to be folly to venture on improved dips when Kymac has proved so satisfactory.

48. s.s. "LAFONIA" - Grounding. I regret to state that "Lafonia" grounded and has suffered bottom damage. This occurred at 3.30 a.m. on 10th instant whilst rounding William Point during a heavy rain squall whilst on a voyage from Port Stanley to Berkeley Sound. I did not telegraph you re this until the vessel had been drydocked and I had secured a sea-worthy certificate. The vessel was docked on 17th inst. and undocked the next day - I appointed the Master of s.s. "War Krishna" to survey her, the necessary temporary repairs were carried out to his satisfaction and he duly granted a sea worthy certificate.

I enclose copies of -
 Sea-worthy certificate.
 Details of external damage noted.
 Extract from ship's log.

As we are not equipped with skilled labour, machinery and material to handle an extensive repair job, I have cabled Montevideo requesting them to arrange for a Drydock and the repairs will be carried out there. Until I know how long the

It is probable that a number of plates will have to be replaced whilst several can be removed, faired and replaced. The damage to frames is not, of course, known; the lower part of the stem is badly distorted and possibly fractured. This will require renewal. Fortunately the stem is combed which will simplify this job.

Mr Thomson, who is proceeding on leave by this "Lafonia" will stand by the job in Montevideo travelling by a later vessel than "Alcantara" if necessary.

The propeller was examined whilst the vessel was on dock and it was found that the honey combing referred to in my

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750. 12 had increased and holes $5/16$ " deep were found near the tips of the blades. This propeller was only put on in March/ last. I am having the spare put on whilst the vessel is in drydock in Montevideo, the one now in use thus being carried as a spare.

I would like the matter of a bronze propeller to be discussed by Messrs Kennaugh and Thomson whilst the latter is in England.

Our opinion for the docking here, temporary repairs and permanent repairs will be sent you in due course.

Captain Roberts was on watch at the time of grounding - he had allowed the Chief Officer to turn in soon after they got away from the jetty as the vessel had been discharging all the previous day and would commence loading on arrival at Port Louis. Captain Roberts is usually very careful and his record with us is good - in this case I am of opinion that grounding occurred through his failing to check his ~~various~~ various courses rounding William Point doubtless to his being alone on the bridge and his visual observations being affected by the heavy rain. I have a high opinion of his services, he gets his ship round in excellent time, never fails to make a passage if it is at all possible day or night and has played a considerable part in making "Lafonia" the success she undoubtedly is.

Enc. Itinerary to end of April enclosed. Until I know how long the repairs will take, her future movements are uncertain.

C.3. Magallanes voyage. This was successfully performed. Timber was loaded at Magallanes and coal at Mina Elena and Mina Magallanes. Both coals are much better than that received by us previously and of the two, that from Mina Elena is the better. I estimate that the value of this coal in Stanley as bunkers is about 21/- per ton, it costs us say 10/- inclusive of charges and 11/- can therefore be allowed as freight when arriving at the financial results of a voyage.

Since this voyage she has made voyages to -

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- C 4. West Falkland Ports.
- C 5. Berkeley Sound and Salvador Waters.
- C 5A. Fitzroy and ...
- C 6. Darwin, North Am. Foxley and the San Carloses.
- C 6A. Salvador Waters.

49. FIRE INSURANCE - COMPETITION. I enclose copy of my letter dated 21st instant addressed to the Royal Insurance Co. Ltd. covering a statement showing the business done by this Agency in 1932 and 1933, for your information.

50. With reference to the interest on the land purchase instalments due from the several Clients but payment of which was suspended for 1933 - Government has requested me to pay the interest due here on behalf of our Clients. This is being done and a detailed statement will be sent you by next mail.

Copy of letter to ... Insurance Co. re Competition with London Insurance Brokers.

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Letter from Hester ... re Correspondent in Falkland Islands.
Manager.

RECEIPTS.

NAME	NO.	AMOUNT	DATE	REMARKS
B.H.	41	7		
H.A.	30			97
H.I.	3			
S	13			
H.S.B.	10			20
L	4			
J.L.H.	10	12		
S.S.S.	10			
J.S.S.	20			
H.	40			
J.S.S.	7			

MARK	WOOL	SKINS	TALLOW	HIDES.
P.R.	61	3	-	-
P.H.		6	-	-
HRART.	175	-	-	-
S	192	-	-	-
S B	93	2	-	-
W.P.	51	-	-	-
T.R.	76	2	-	-
Pt. Louis				
T.R.	12	-	-	-
Fitzroy.				
F	171	-	-	-
AP	152	2	-	-
J.R.	122	-	-	-
B	50	-	-	-
S & S	44	-	-	6
M	16	1	-	-
R.B.C.	38	2	-	-
W.K.C.	113	-	-	-

Most of the wool was weighed and delivered and for the
 landing and shipping charges - the latter of these a further
 reduction in Departmental charges is now being charged a sum of
 £200 for use of the hoist and gear and Mr. J. Thomson's salary is
 being agreed over all departments in a more equitable percentage
 than heretofore.

4. S.S.H. AGENTS - a decrease of £13. 13. 4. but this is
 offset by the increase of £51. 3. 5. in PASSAGES due to increased
 passenger traffic etc.

F.I. GAITHER shows a decrease of £207. 9. 3.

S.S. NAVAL PURCHASES - decrease £92. 10. 11. A proportion of
 this sum is debited to this Department which
 offsets the decrease.

The Departmental accounts for 1901 show a total of £40,000.

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Stores. The balance sheet shows a decrease in Stanley Stores. The balance sheet shows a decrease in Stanley Stores. The balance sheet shows a decrease in Stanley Stores.

"Lafonia" via ... 26th March, ... showing a loss. This shows a decrease in Stanley Stores.

756. ... which may account for the decrease in Stanley Stores.

I have to advise you that the balance sheet for 1933 shows a profit of £19,928. 18. 10. compared with £12,373. 16. 5. to stocks including ... of £7,557. 2. 10. ... table to the increase ... of the ... and the improvement in the Lightage and Butchery Accounts.

2. FARM. Increase £4,642. 10. 3. Revenue from all sources is more by £2,945. 7. 3. as compared with 1932. Expenses including salaries and wages, are down by £1,697. 3. 2. and it is apparent that the Farm management is now on a very satisfactory footing.

3. LIGHTERAGE & DUNLAGE. Profit £ 17. 4. 8. as compared with less 1932 of £738. 6. -. Wages and deliveries are down and are a stock of Patent ... landing and shipping charges - the latter due to a further reduction in Imports. "Lafonia" is now being charged a lump sum of

£200 for use of the jetty and gear and Mr J. Thomson's salary is being spread over other Departments in a more equitable percentage than heretofore.

4. P.S.N. AGENCY shows a decrease of £11. 13. 4. but this is offset by the increase of £61. 3. 5. in PASSAGES due to increased passenger traffic via Montevideo.

5. SMITHY shows an increase of £207. 9. 8.

6. NAVAL FUEL DEPOT - decrease £92. 10. 11. A proportion of Mr J.M. Thomson's salary is now debited to this department which accounts for £70. 16. 3. of the decrease.

The Managing Director, ... of the beef and mutton has been satisfactory. London. ... Mutton sold 150,449 lbs.

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STORES - Increase £1,365. 4. 4. which has been earned in Stanley Stores. The Farm Stores results with the exception of Darwin, which shows an increase of £131. 17. 5., are disappointing; North Arm being down by £1. 6. 10., Fitzroy & Port Louis by £89. 3. 10. and Speedwell Island by £23. 13. 8. - the latter actually showing a loss. This Store was closed during Clark's absence on leave which may account for this.

Sales have increased in Stanley and decreased at Farm Stores. The Millinery account shows a loss of £467. 11. 7. due to stocks including Barratt's boots and shoes being drastically reduced. The stock as it now stands is well worth the value placed on it.

A satisfactory feature of the Stores account is the reduction in stock on hand which stood at £44,423. 14. 4. at 1st January, 1933 and at £34,331. 14. 7. at 31st December, 1933 which fully justifies the policy of cabling and of shipping out via Montevideo.

As bunkering business cannot now be looked for, the stock of Patent Fuel in "Fennia" has been taken over from the Store Department and is held on "Lafonia's" account.

8. GARDEN - Loss £108. 15. 8. Sales are less due to a less satisfactory crop and deliveries more, for purchase of lime and fertilisers. Practically the whole of the surplus produce was supplied to "Lafonia".

9. BUTCHERY A/c - Profit £29. 18. 1. compared with a loss of £762. 9. 4. due to increased sales, better prices for skins and a reduction in wages and upkeep of buildings.

Competition is still keen. With the exception of H.M. Ships, no sales have been made to shipping. Sales to South Georgia have been made on behalf of the Farm and are not included in these figures. A few lambs were sold for the Centenary and at Christmas. The quality of the beef and mutton has been satisfactory.

Sheep killed 1933 - 3,344. Mutton sold 150,449 lbs.

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P R E C I S.

1. Acknowledges receipt of your No. 1370 and confirms Nos. 755 & 756.
2. F. & D. Sealing Co. - regrets no possibility of obtaining early offer for prospective 1934 catch.
3. Reports chart Notes dispute re "LaPlace" shipment. Asks details re sampling of parcels.
3. Naval Fuel Depot - notes Admiralty remarks re use of Dock. Cable re monthly stock of aviation spirit & oil need only be sent to C. in C., Bermuda.
24. "Great Britain" Confirms weights of spirit received.
4. "Lafonia" - Rio Grande - encloses letter to Cranston Woodhead & Co. Parana pine - 30 tons meat. on order.
25. Fitzroy North Magallanes voyage - will be performed end April.
26. Agreements - Advises chafing strip fitted to vessel at Montevideo. Propeller - discusses fitting of bronze propeller. Encloses amended itinerary. Account for repairs re grounding follows by next mail. Reports fire in bunkers when en route from Montevideo.
27. "Lafonia" - Damage to propeller en route for South Georgia.
28. 5. Fitzroy River bridge - reports visit to site by Acting Governor, Dr. J.L. Moir and Mr Young. Details plan of construction.
29. 6. Tallow casks - notes Messrs Anning & Cobb's remarks. Suggest that in future beer barrels be ~~used~~ reserved for the Farm and when all used, metal drums be used for balance of tallow.
30. Rams - if ram Advises larger number of sheep being boiled down this year. Reports boiling down of 3,500 sheep at Goose Green.
31. Advises next for Mr Bonner.
7. Wireless rates - Notes your remarks. Understand "Lafonia" present set can be adapted for use of communicating direct with U.K.
8. North Swan Island - enclosed chart of Islands outlining Lafonia, certified by Colonial Secretary.
9. Reports shipment of 27 bales per this "Lafonia".
10. Wool market - trusts satisfactory prices obtained at March sales will be maintained. Suggests cabling of highest price of each mark in addition to average price. Will advise you which Farmers desire this to be done.
11. Skins - notes Messrs Anning & Cobb's remarks re Butchery skins.
12. Remittances - confirms cabled remittances to you of £1,500 on 24th March and £1,500 on 6th inst.
13. P.S.N.C. & Homeward passages - encloses correspondence exchanged.
14. Advises arrival and departure of H.M.S. "Exeter". Understand she will visit Islands again from 19th Nov. for 12 days.
15. Reports Iron Lighter No. 4 going ashore 5th inst. No damage suffered.
16. Encloses report re Flying conditions in the Falklands by Senior Flying Officer, H.M.S. "Exeter".
17. Labour - do not intend replacing J. McNieill. Advises Stanley labour now at a minimum.

"LAFONIA" via Montevideo.

12th April, 34.

757.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge receipt of your Despatch No. 1370 and to confirm my ps. 755 & 756 dated 23rd February last and 25th ulto. respectively.

1370. F.I. & DEPENDENCIES SEALING Co. Ltd. I regret

there is no possibility of obtaining an early offer for this year's prospective production. With reference to telegrams

exchanged, I give you up to the end of May to make an offer but I fear it will not be possible to consider anything less than

f15. Oil would be shipped in 24 gallon drums and a few 30 gallon drums. Had it been possible to effect a sale now it was proposed

to engage an engineer for the run from South Georgia and do a certain amount of work on the ship, before sealing commenced.

Parsons P220 drum oil "No. 1" I have to note the dispute re this shipment. Except for the fact and the barrels known to be of

poor quality, the quality was by no means "No. 1" parcel was the best shipped in 1933. Apparently buyers did not complain

on the score of fatty acid content or moisture and impurities so put forward the argument that the colour was wrong which appears

to be distinctly weak - the contract being for "No. 1 good merchantable quality seal oil" which the shipment apparently was.

From a comparison of samples, the oil shipped this year appears to compare favourably with seal oil produced by the Peace Company

at Grytviken and the Sealing Company feel that they have cause for dissatisfaction in respect of the treatment they have received

over the 1933 contract. I will discuss the matter of a price

THE MANAGING DIRECTOR, London.

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appear that the matter is very much in the buyers hands.

3. 1370. 3 NAVAL FUEL DEPOT. I note that the Admiralty agree that the use of the Dock and repairs to craft will be considered as outside the custody and maintenance agreement. Aviation spirits oils. I note that the stocks on hand at the end of each month and deliveries during that month need only be cabled to the Commander in Chief, Bermuda. With reference to your telegram query re the weights of aviation spirit received, I confirm the stock now on hand consists of 35 heavy drums, tare 35 cwt. 3 qrs. 14 lbs.; 3 light drums tare 18 lbs., tare 1 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lbs.

that the Admiralty forms can be used when advising stocks and deliveries. Let me know if the empty drums should be returned to Messrs. P & Transport/ Co. Ltd.

Rio Grande de Sol. I enclose copy of my letter dated 10th instant to Messrs. Cranston Woodhead & Co. re the June voyage. The 5 ton coal compares favourably with the Magallanes coal. It is much harder and should consequently stand handling better - used as household coal it appears to be more economical.

Parana Pine. About 20 tons (meast.) have been ordered, a portion of which is against orders received and the balance is for stock.

Magallanes. This voyage will probably be performed end April - timber ordered will be loaded at Magallanes but no coal is being taken.

With reference to your telegraphed query I confirm Messrs. T.T. Kenneugh & Co. With reference to their letter JCK-18 dated 7th February last - chafing strips were fitted whilst the vessel was in dock in Montevideo. I am of opinion that whilst we have an Engineer of Mr Thomson's experience in our employ it is not necessary to continue paying Messrs Kenneugh a retaining fee after the present period expires - will you kindly consider this matter and let me have your views.

Propeller. I note that you will discuss the matter of a bronze propeller with Mr Thomson and trust that you will be agreeable to supplying the one now required, in bronze. Messrs Kenneugh's

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arguments in their letter referred to above are not convincing - a coaster in any of the trades they quote is not comparable in any way to our trade which, despite the smallness of the vessel,

Enc. approximates to liner trade. I enclose an extract from Kemp's Engineers Handbook, which will interest you.

Enc. Amended Itinerary is enclosed and providing no further trouble is experienced I see no reason why it should not be carried out.

Since I wrote last (Despatch 755) the following voyages have been performed -

C 7. Montevideo.

C 8. Foxbay.

C 9. South Georgia - no sheep or mutton were required.

39 passengers in all were carried.

Vessel is now on a voyage to East and West Falkland ports picking up passengers and mails for United Kingdom via Montevideo for which port she sails on 13th instant.

You will doubtless advise Underwriters that "Lafonia" is fixed to proceed North of Montevideo to Rio Grande do Sul &/or Pelotas &/or Porto Alegre in June, July and August.

Grounding. Repair at Montevideo - the accounts for the repairs carried out at Montevideo have not yet come to hand but I hope to have the claim ready for despatch by next mail. Mr Thomson will have reported to you in person ere this.

With reference to your telegraphed query I confirm that she had 14 tons general cargo on board at the time of grounding, none of which was damaged.

Fire in bunkers. On 26th March, when "Lafonia" was about 100 miles from Port Stanley I received a message advising she had a fire in her bunkers. All necessary arrangements were made and on her arrival at 4 p.m. the bunkers were dug into and a small quantity discharged into a lighter and the seat of the fire reached and put out by 2 a.m. No damage to the vessel is apparent except that the wood planking on the bunker ceiling was burnt through. The fire is attributed to the fact that owing to heavy rain in Montevideo the

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Welsh coal bunkered there was very wet, this covered a small quantity of Chilean coal remaining in the bunkers, causing it to heat. The expenses incurred are recoverable and details will be sent you by next mail.

Damage to propeller. I received telegraphic advice a.m. 1st April that the Captain feared a blade of the propeller had been lost and that it would be necessary to change the propeller at South Georgia. We had hoped to go on the drydock at Stromness but as it could not take "Lafonia" he had to tip the vessel. I will revert to this later. "Lafonia" made a good passage to South Georgia taking 3 days 10 hours only.

I do not think that this series of accidents has caused any real inconvenience except to Mr W.M. Dean and this I particularly regret as the original programme would have suited his convenience admirably. I trust our troubles are over as these accidents tend to damage such goodwill as "Lafonia" has been able to build up.

5. 1876. 8. FITZROY RIVER BRIDGE. The Acting Governor, Mr. J.M. Ellis, desired to see the site also the Camp tracks and the track between the East bank and Stanley. H.M.S. "Exeter" therefore took Mr. Moir and myself to Lively Island where Mr G. Goddard met us with "Speedwell" and took us up to Darwin on 3rd ulto. The following day we motored to Fitzroy and on 5th idem rode to the river, crossed by boat and rode to the end of the Government road which is now about 4½ miles out of Stanley, finishing the journey by car. It was most interesting and instructive and thanks to Mr G. Goddard's arrangements carried out without a hitch. I discussed the project with Mr. Ellis a few days later and he is recommending to the Secretary of State that Government contribute £800 towards the cost of the bridge - half this and half next year. I have undertaken to employ 4 additional men for Stanley for the construction; with this exception the construction gang will be made up from men already in our employ.

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being realized it will be necessary to permit of our using barrels if it is possible of construction - I have decided not to utilize "Great Britain" as I fear that it would prove costly to ensure that she was sunk in the exact position required. Cost of erection. These take about it is proposed to build the bridge on groups of piles increasing distance apart with girders of suitable strength well braced and braced. From the West bank piles 1-3 will be of cast iron & 15-21 reinforced concrete, 12 & 14 steel ex Findlay, 10 & 11 accouge and 13 greenheart. Cedar will be used throughout excepting the floor over each group of piles. an agreed figure but the Stone is credited. In addition to the Findlay Creek bridge material, some "W" iron ex Smithy and the rails ex Carter (see my 752. 52), girders will be of timber, the longest section being from pile 21 to the East bank, 60 ft. There 3 pieces pine each 66' x 22" x 7" will be used. Girders will be braced with timber up to pile 12, 24 thereafter with angle iron. Width of bridge will be 12 ft. The deck will be decked with 7' x 5" x 5" but down to 7' x 5" x 2" that will be the central stringer. 7' x 5" x 2" will be used for uprights and I expect to get from the main cargo battens from "Great Britain" to provide the fenders.

All the above material, with the exception of cement, is on hand and sand for piles is on hand. Most of it has been in stock for many years and is not likely to be required elsewhere. Piles are being made, timber cut to required sizes and metal work is in hand. All this is being done without engaging additional labour and the men working on this would be employed some time as my labour is at about the minimum.

I propose to load "Falkland" with the material, "Lafonia" will timber cut and she will be anchored as near the site as possible, and use as a cookhouse and workshop. A motorboat and skiff will be kept in attendance. All being well work should commence at the site early in August in which case it should be completed before the end of the year. In red and includes

1270. 10. ALLOW THESE and note all Messrs. Anning & Cobb write and approve. It is noted that the prices now

being realised for tallow do not permit of our using barrels if it means our having to import shocks. The last shipment of shocks from England cost about 26/3 c.i.f. Port Stanley per barrel to which has to be added freight to Darwin and cost of erection. These take about 10 cwt. of tallow and therefore production costs are increased by say £2. 12. 6. per ton than if we use such beer barrels as may be available and metal drums thereafter. These latter actually cost us nothing as their cost is taken into account when the goods they contained (beer or oil) are costed. The Farm is certainly debited with an agreed figure but the Store is credited. Comparing the prices realised for varying marks of tallow but disregarding possible variations of quality it would appear that during 1930 tallow in casks realised about 1/- more than tallow in drums. This is based on averages taken over 235 casks marked F.I.C. - H & B - JHD.Pebble - W.P. - & W.K.C. and 244 drums marked W.K.C. - HANSEN - BENNEY & JHD.Pebble.

I would therefore suggest that the policy followed be that all beer barrels are reserved for the Farm and when they have used all on hand they use metal drums for the balance of tallow each year.

Owing to a larger number of sheep being boiled down this year than usual (about 21,000) and a better yield of tallow. There are not enough beer barrels on the Farm and Mr G.Goddard has had no option but to use the balance of Sandy Point barrels on hand and metal drums. He has also arranged to boil down about 3,500 sheep for Mr Honner. Cansons are boiling down a fair quantity and also some for Salvador.

But 7.ry 1370. 17. WIRELESS MACH. I note all you write. It will be interesting to note if "Lafonia" can be permitted to use a shock wave set and communicate direct with England. I understand that the present set can be easily adapted for this purpose.

2. NORTH SWAN ISLAND. A chart has been traced amongst Government records which outlines Lafonia in red and includes North Swan Island.

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"I hereby certify that this is the chart on which Governor Moody in the year 184 (in the absence of any Surveyor) marked the boundaries of Laonia by the line coloured pink - and that this chart has always since been of record in the Government Office, Colonial Secretary's Office. Stanley, Falkland Islands. (Signed) J.R. Longden 12th November, 1938. Colonial Secretary."

A certified copy is being sent you by Mr G. Goddard for your records.

9. PRODUCE SHIPMENTS. Only 87 bales are now being shipped by this "Lafonia" but I hope to ship full loads by May and July next for the September sales.

10. WOOL MARKET. The prices realised at the March sales were satisfactory and I trust that the market will maintain its strength. That Darwin Harbour secured the highest price for Falkland Islands wool at this sale must be most gratifying to the Board and to the Camp Manager.

CONDITIONS IN THE FALKLAND ISLANDS. During the stay of H. It has been suggested that Farmers would like to have their top price as well as their averages cabled. This could be done by using the presses twice for each Station, it being understood that the second price indicated the highest price, for instance -

- ZQIZE Indicator
- AB(6) D.H.
- UP(14) 14d (i.e. average price)
- T (20) (check)
- AP (6) D.H.
- YE (9) 22d (i.e. highest price)
- C (15) (check)

I will advise you later as to which Farmers desire this to be done.

11. SKINS. I regret to note from Messrs Auning & Cobb's report dated 29th January last on 30 bales skins marked F (ex Butchery) per "Port Nicholson" that they were part mildewed as every effort is being made to ensure that the Butchery skins go forward in good condition. It is, however, satisfactory that this shipment sold at good prices.

12. REMITTANCES. I remitted you £1,500 through the Crown Agents on 24th ult. and a further £1,500 on 6th instant.

13. P.S.N. Co. & HOMEWARD PASSAGES 1934. I enclose copies of booklets with the Valparaiso Office for your

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information - a copy of their reply to my letter dated 21st ulto. will be sent you, when received.

14. H.M.S. "EXETER" arrived on 23rd February last and sailed on 3rd March for Magellanes via Lively Island having on board Commodore Evans, South American Station. Despite inclement weather the Officers had a few hours shooting at Lively after leaving Stanley. The ship is due here again from 15th November to 1st December and the Commodore informed me that he hopes to visit Darwin then.

15. I regret to report that iron lighter No. 4 broke her anchor chain and went ashore near the Slaughter House about 11 a.m. on 5th instant during a heavy blow from N.W. She was got off the next day having suffered no damage.

16. FLYING CONDITIONS IN THE FALKLAND ISLANDS. During the stay of H.M.S. "Exeter" here her aircraft flew on five occasions visiting amongst other places Darwin and Lively Island. I enclose copy of a report made by the Senior Flying Officer on local flying conditions. He is not entirely correct as a considerable swell does get up in the Harbor at times but it is now obvious that flying is quite possible. I also enclose copies of aerial photos taken of the Town.

17. LABOUR. As previously advised I do not intend to replace J. McNeill at present. I have put two more men off and am of opinion that the Stanley labour is now at about the minimum as I must keep sufficient men to handle the routine work. Two apprentices will be put off at the end of the year when they will be out of their time.

18. STEAMER MOVEMENTS. R.R.S. "Discovery II" arrived from New Zealand via Magellanes on 22nd March last and sailed for Cape Town via South Georgia on 27th idem. I understand that she is due here again in August next.

19. PASSENGERS by this "Lafonia" to Montevideo include Mr W.M. Dean, Mr G.M. Jodder & Mrs & Mrs H.C. Harding, total bookings being 20 persons. Bookings for voyage C.14 to Montevideo

are 17 persons, at present. I do not propose to use this bulk
 for 20. BOILER OF CAMBER. I decided to make a platform to
 carry the boiler of Camber purchased from the Admiralty to the
 South East of the gangway through "Egeria" and have had 6 piles
 driven there, topped with a concrete floor. The boiler has now
 been put in position - a winch sent out for "Great Britain" some
 time back, and not used, is being fitted and when this is working
 it is hoped to expedite the discharge of cargo as this winch will
 take heavier lifts and by means of a snatch block in the Egeria
 Shed, haul the loaded trucks up the ramp. something near our

for 21. "PORT RICHARD" has been chartered for a voyage to Darwin
 as Mr. Goddard required additional drums for tallow. "Lafonia"
 was to have called there but it is going to be very difficult
 indeed to pick up Montevideo passengers from the Camp and sail
 in time to connect with "Almanora" at Montevideo on 18th inst.
 for which we have booked 18 passengers. This was telegraphed to
 you on 6th instant.

Enc.

page 22. With reference to my 755. 50. I now enclose statement
 showing interest paid to Government on account of deferred land
 purchase instalments.

23. With reference to the Pacific Steam Navigation Company's
 complaint regarding our routing cargo via Montevideo, the
 present position clearly illustrates how the unreliability of
 the service they give us, forces us to adopt this route.

Owing to "Lactaro" being substituted for "Lagarto",
 the sailing date now being 14 days later and arrival here about the
 last week of May, I had no alternative but to order a big
 shipment forward by "Highland Chieftain" sailing from London
 31st March, as these stores are required for the May tour
 voyage (C.13) by which Farmers will receive the bulk of their
 Winter stores. "Lactaro" will not therefore be of much use to
 us as we shall not require very much until you fulfill the
 indent posted by this mail for shipment by "Highland Monarch"
 sailing from London 26th May next.

24. "GREAT BRITAIN". As I do not propose to use this bulk for a portion of the Fitzroy River Bridge, I shall remove it at some convenient time to an anchorage in Sparrow Cove.

25. I understand that Mr W.M. Dean is reconsidering the purchase of Fitzroy North and I therefore enclose a summary of recent correspondence on this subject. I understand that Mr M. Robson has now agreed to leave the matter, so far as he is concerned, in Mr Craigie Halkett's hands. The rest of the family are anxious to sell but I have no idea as to their views re price. I anticipate that they will look for something near our former offer. In any case I suggest that any offer we make be our final offer and for acceptance by a certain date as they will doubtless endeavour to play off Mr G.S. Yonge, who may possibly be interested, against us.

26. AGREEMENTS. The terms of the Agreement come to with Mr B. Elliott are - five years from 1st April, 1934. £400 p.a. rising by £50 to £500. 1% commission. Leave and first class passages for self, wife and 2 children in 1935. Mr T. Gilruth - Five years from October last. £12 per month. Leave and cargo boat passages in 1936. Copies of these agreements will be sent you by next mail. Mr M. Foggo's agreement ends in October next - Mr Goddard will discuss the matter of his successor with you.

Mr J.T. Wood's agreement expires in August next and Mr Goddard proposes to keep him on for the present granting him an increase of £15. Mr Goddard holds a good opinion of Mr Wood and proposes that he be given leave next year and offered a new agreement.

27. "LAFONIA" - PROPELLER DAMAGE. s.s. "Lafonia" arrived at 2.15 p.m. (9th) and sailed 5 a.m. (10th) during which time she landed 39 passengers, 150 drums, about 10 tons cargo and luggage and loaded 41 tons. I did not therefore have much opportunity of discussing this matter with Captain Roberts. An extract from the log is enclosed and a full report will be sent you by next mail.

Enc.

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Captain Roberts informs me that Salvesens and the Pasa Companies' resident engineers advised him that they had both found propellers made from a mixture with a percentage of steel unsatisfactory and now only use cast iron or cast steel. I am cabling you on 13th instant regarding the new propeller.

Otherwise the voyage was uneventful; the down voyage took 3 days 10 hours and the return 4 days 4 hours. Ice was seen up to 150 miles from South Georgia. The next voyage is to be performed at the end of June.

28. Circumstances do not permit of my replying at length to the queries raised in your 1368. 33. but I hope to do so by next mail. In the meantime I enclose copy of my letter dated 11th inst, to the P.S.N.Co. enquiring as to the possibility of their resuming the call of a Homeward passenger vessel in April/May and outwards in September/October. If the P.S.N.C. express a negative view as I anticipate the case for a bigger vessel for the Stanley/Montevidéo run is certainly more apparent for if times improve an increase in passenger traffic is to be anticipated and we are already handling about all we can from February to May.

29. Circumstances permitting I hope to visit Magallanes early in May and Montevidéo and Rio Grande in June next.

30. RAMS. If you purchase any for the Farm this year I trust you will ship them via Montevidéo for transshipment to "Lafonia".

31. I have received advice that the next outward P.S.N. sailings are "Losada" 16th July, "Lautaro" 24th September, both from Newport (Mon.)

I am,

Sir,

your obedient servant,

Manager.

No. 758 per "Lafonia" via Montevideo, 25th May 1934.

No. 757 per "Lafonia" via Montevideo, 12th April, 1934.

1. Acknowledges E N C L O S U R E S 197 & 1973 and Air mail letter Despatch No. 757.

Despatch No. 757. - larger margin of time will be allowed.

Statement on accounts No. 59. Remarks on accounts No. 59. Remarks on Naval Fuel Depot No. 34.

Store Indent No. 724. Remarks on Stores No. 724.

"Lafonia" amended itinerary. Letter to Managing Director 31/3/34 enclosing "Lafonia" account 1933.

Coal statement, March. Extracts from Despatches re purchase of Fitzroy North.

F.I. Shipping Report. Royal Mail Lines a/c. February.

P.S.N.C. account, February. Extract from Engineering Handbook re metals for propellers.

"Lafonia" manifests, Voy. B 334, P. 54, Cl-6. Statement of interest due on 1933 land purchase instalments.

Duplicate specification of "Lafonia" shipment 25,2.34. Photos.

F.I. Gazette, 1st March, 1934. Return of Establishment & Veges, Fitzroy Section, Decr. 31/34.

Report on Weather conditions in F.I.s. by Senior Flying Officer of H.M.S. "Exeter".

Extract from "Lafonia" log re propeller damage (under separate cover). List of mails to and from Colony, 1934.

Cutting from Buenos Aires Herald re F.I.s. as Naval Base.

CORRESPONDENCE - Quotation made to Mr Barton for seeking "Gentoo".

Copy of letter to Col. Secretary re disused cable in Stanley Harbour.

" " letters to and from Col. Secretary re Fitzroy River bridge grant.

" " letter to P.S.N.C. Liverpool re possible resumption of call of Report mail steamer in April and October.

" " " to Cranston Woodhead & Co. re Rio Grande voyage "Lafonia".

" " correspondence exchanged with P.S.N.C. Valparaiso re homeward passages.

15. Slaughter House - reports fire on 26th ult. believed to have been caused deliberately. No clue found of perpetrators. Advice re SPECIFICATIONS League to employers of labour.

16. Advice Mark. Itain Wool. Skins. Sundries. removed to "Fennia".

17. Report F S installation of boilers ex Camber on "Egeria" jetty.

18. Stock S.I. pector 34 appointment yet made.

19. Confirms cable dated 26th ult. re successor for Mr H. Owen, Chief P H Engineer 65 "Lafonia".

20. W & R.H. previous location with 'Anadote' and 'Merolac' paints. Requests you to ship out small quantity of 'Anadote' and 'Merolac' paints.

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21. Shows final position of finances of Colony for year 1933. J.B.L. 40 6

22. Legislative Council - understands Mr W.H. Luxton will probably be invited to fill vacancy left by Mr G.J. Felton.

23. Steamer movements.

24. Homeward passengers via "Lafonia".

25. Notes decline in prices of April wool sales.

26. Yallow - major portion of this season's boiling down being shipped this time.