

MESSPACHES

III

FIC ARCHIVES

**STANLEY
TO LONDON**

No 712 to No 815

29 April 1930
to 12 December 1938

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LONDON

No. 711 per 'Orbita' 29/4/30.

F. I. S.

1. Acknowledges your Nos. 1323 and 1324. Confirms No. 711.
2. Advises information received re direct wireless communication between U.K. and Falkland Islands.
3. Coal - present stock. Advises contract for 1930 ex Montevideo.
4. Mr Young's proposed visit to West Falklands early May.
5. F.I. & Dep. Sealing Co. - discusses several matters.
6. Lease of Bleaker Island - notes this is not being renewed.
7. New Standard Code received.
8. Notes your remarks re shipment of produce from Port Howard.
9. Receipts for inward & outward cargo per our Coasting vessels - matter fully discussed.
10. Admiralty matters & letters explained.
11. Admiralty advise us to deliver oil to "Melville" against receipts held from "William Scoresby".
12. Statement of stone removed from Quarry at Navy Point and period of use of sheds enclosed.
13. Naval Fuel Depot - old plant being offered to Government. Confirms our offer of £15 for crane complete.
14. Painting of unclimbable fence and tanks at Naval Depot to commence shortly. Consider it advisable to wirebrush fence.
15. "Afterglow" salvage. Extract from "Falkland" log sent you. Extract from "Afterglow" log received from Sealing Co.
16. Aux. Sm. "Mynonic R. Kirby" - interested in particulars. Requests Board's consideration of her as a lighter.
17. Sundry conveyances enclosed with your No. 1324 to hand.
18. Requests telegraphic advice re shipment of locks per July steamer.
19. Insurance on goods ex South American Ports - asks if you could not arrange an open cover.
20. Notes Windley Creek Bridge not to be proceeded with. Piles will be made & shipped out to Darwin.
21. Asks your approval of allowance to Gleadall & Campbell - two of this Company's employees who proceed to Bisley - to travel at reduced rates on "Falkland" from Montevideo.
22. Report progress of Mr. Slaughter.
23. Advise Government are proceeding with electric light installation.
24. Subsidy received from Government towards cost of re-erection of Swan Inlet and Antioch Stream Bridges.
25. Storage shed opposite office not being erected. Estimates we have ample storage accommodation.

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26. Stanley labour - reports reduction in number of men employed.
27. Shipping & mails - movements reported.
28. Lists passengers pr "Orita" sailing 30th inst. also "Falkland" from Hill Cove sailing 20th prox.
29. Reports killing den of sheep at Goose Green. Horses ex Mercedes delivered at Egg Harbour on 19th inst.
30. Notes rebuilding of Stanley Arms to be deferred for the present also that you are not proceeding with purchase of Fitzroy Crth.
31. Mr. Slaughter will go into matter of building Speedwell and Swan Island woolsheds out of old W.A. material.
32. Slaughter House - matter cannot be deferred. Board of Health agreeable to our proposals outlined herewith.
33. New Store - reports progress. Construction of boiler house now commencing.
34. Floating dock - notes charges for docking etc. to be made. Reports progress and discusses matter generally.
35. Kyrus dip - explains use of - as per your telegram of 7/3/30.

Coal 542 tons

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R.M.S. "ORIENT".

29th April, 1930.

712.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge receipt of your despatches Nos. 1323 and 1324 which arrived per "Falkland" on the 18th instant, and to confirm my despatch No. 711.

2. 1323. 3. The Governor informs me that direct wireless communication between the United Kingdom and this Colony will be established in the near future.

3. 1323. 13. Coal. Stocks at the end of March were: Coal 542 tons. Patent Fuel 1,174 tons. Total 1,716 tons. including balance due to the Sealing Company of 264 tons.

I contacted with Messrs Wilson Sons & Co. Ltd. Montevideo through Maclean & Stephenson for 500/1,000 tons Welsh, two thirds large, one third small for 1930 at 46/- less 1/6d. Price is now about 43/-.

4. 1323. 15. s.s. "Falkland" is making a voyage to all West Falkland Ports early next month and I hope to take this opportunity of visiting the West.

5. 132.17. and 132.1. F.I. & Exp. Sealing Company. I do not yet know when the Cia. Argentine de Pesca will send their Manager here but with the dismissal of the Norwegian Manager and the employment of localmen, overhead charges have been considerably reduced and given a good season's catch they may turn to career without outside assistance. They have

The Managing Director,
L O N D O N .

1930. I repeat this matter
in your account.
telegraphed you
excellent code and

Mr. 712 per "Oriza" 2/4/30.

recommended sealing at here to have 100 tons of oil and 1,000 skins for shipment in May. I have agreed to allow them 1/3 of the value of production, the balance going to pay shipping expenses and reduction of overcraft.

Mr. Peterson ^{or} Mr. Watson will spend the season out at the Station - this of course, should have been done last year. I note that an allowance had to be given on the oil per "halzac" and have taken this matter up, also that specifications showing the number, gross, tare and net weights of each drum must accompany shipments sold on c.i.f. terms. In connection with the whaling license which could possibly be secured, you will be interested to hear that both "Falkland" and "Afterlow" report that whales were plentiful around the South coast and in the Sound between 15th January and early March.

Mr. Borge's recommendations are interesting but not, of course, practicable, and if he investigated the position himself, he would probably modify them. In my opinion a shore station is more economical than a floating factory for these waters. The number of seals and whales to be taken is limited and sufficient oil could not be made to make a 5,000/6,000 ton factory pay.

It is to our interest that the Sealing Company continues in its present form. Given a good season they should have no difficulty in raising sufficient capital to enable them to work the island whaling license and this and sealing should keep the shore station going all the year round.

6. 1323. 19. Bleaker Island. I note that the Board is not prepared to lease the Island again after expiry of the present tenancy on 31st March, 1931. I regret this matter was inadvertently referred to in Remarks on Accounts.

7. 1323. 20. New Standard Code. I telegraphed you 'WBIUP' on the 21st inst. This is an excellent code and

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... improvement on Bailey. We shall not make it known ...
... 1323. 21. I enclose all you write re shipments of ...
... Part Howard.

1323. 22. I enclose a copy of the form of receipt given
by "Fairland" or "Gwendolin" for cargo received at out stations.
If the Company's Solicitors approve of this form, provided that
a slip embodying the conditions drafted by them is attached,
please either provide a rubber stamp of the clause or have 750
printed in small type on adhesive paper as used on Marine
insurance policies. We have 3 books of 100 sheets of the present
form in stock. If they do not approve, it would perhaps be
advisable for them to draft out a new form which please have
printed in books containing 100 each. Three books will suffice.

In the meantime, I am having copies of the clause
'inserted' and instructing Captain Roberts to paste one on each
copy of the receipt and endorse original and duplicate "subject
to conditions as per reverse".

Whilst on this subject, the question of documents
covering the shipment of and receipts for stores shipped to
Stations, arises. The present system is that goods supplied by
the Company and in transit are entered on a loading list in
triplicate, one for consignee, one for ship on which consignees
sign a receipt and one for the shipping department. A Bill of
Lading is made out for goods shipped by outsiders, the original
is given to the shipper and the duplicate is retained by the
shipping department and an entry is made on the ship's copy of
the loading list on which consignee signs a receipt. This matter
may also be discussed with the Company's Solicitors and if
it is considered advisable we shall have to order a fresh stock
of loading lists shortly, and it is therefore an opportune time
to consider a change. If it is considered advisable to embody the
conditions of carriage, I enclose an amended form for your
consideration. I enclose 3 books containing 100 sets each and numbered

... the result of ...
 ... H.M.S. "Delhi" ...
 ... and the Ship's Officers ...
 ... estimated contents of the pipe line ...
 ... differences appear to arise from the ...
 ... temperature of the oil ... reduced their ...

- ... each ... temperature ...
- H.M.S. "Delhi" 31/7/29. 2°
- H.M.S. "Delhi" 12/3/30. 5°
- Our books show no. 1 ... 30° F.
- ... No. 2 ... 26/11/29. 54° F.
- ... Range "O.C.32" after last issue 57° F.

... 1930. A position for the repair of the main ...
 ... was sent our Half Yearly Report dated 31st ...
 ... The plastering of the Pump and Boiler houses is ...
 ... is in my opinion that it will cure the ...
 ... but it will take some months for us to be certain of ...
 ... and I will make a further report in the Spring.

Please advise the Admiralty that the wire rope ...
 ... the small hand winch shows no sign of rust. When the walking ...
 ... rope is lowered, the wire goes into the oil which gives the ...
 ... appearance of rust when it dries.

... 13th Feb. 1930. ... that steel wire rope and cordage ...
 ... for "O.C.32" are being supplied from Chatham Dockyard.

... 21st Feb. 1930. ...

... 28th Feb. 1930. ... This has my attention as ...
 ... from my ... the floating dock will not be ...
 ... ready ... yet but "O.C.32" will be docked ...
 ... and a estimate of repairs sent to you.

... the Admiralty have since advised us to ...
 ... a quantity of oil equivalent to ...
 ... from "O.C.32" ...

12. 3124.5. I enclose statements re stone removed from the ... and for the use of the sand and plant up to ...

13. 3124.6. and Memo. addressed to me dated 19th March 1930. ... the plant to Government and will advise you if ... one are interested. You will have noted from my Half Yearly Report dated 1st December, 1929 that we would offer £ 15. for the crane complete. Mr. ...'s report is enclosed.

14. With our request to touch up the paintwork on the ... and repaint the ... which was ... in ...'s letter dated 17th November last, ... in ... I consider it advisable to give ... the ... some ... repainting and ... for total cost of £ 300. ... I ... await ...

15. ... the log of ... has now been ...

16. ... the ... is now ... under ... in ... condition ... I am of opinion that she would be very ... "Baby" has gone and the condition of ... are getting ... getting her out is ... from Sandy ... this proposal is worth your ...

17. ... Conveyances, as detailed, are safely to

18. ... telegram ...

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steamer. I have temporarily allotted
to indicate "Ship locks".

insurance of goods ex Montevideo. This is at present
done by Maclean & Stapledon and their net rates are :-

Montevideo to Port Stanley	47 cents % F.P.A.
do. do. acrosses	90 " " "
Buenos Aires to do.	
with transshipment at Montevideo	\$ 0.5625 " "

If you can arrange an open cover for shipments from
Buenos Aires, Montevideo, ~~xxxx~~ Bahia Blanca, Magellan or a
similar wharf in the Magellan Straits to Port Stanley per n.m.
ships, P.S.N. steamer or s.s. 'Falkland' declarations to be made
by mail - please to send advice us by telegraph. The code
word "SHIP" has been temporarily allotted to indicate "Have
arranged Marine insurance cover for a voyage year 712."

20. I note that the Flying Quest Bridge is not to be
proceeded with at present but in anticipation of your sanction
I propose to make the plan if an opportunity arises as Crawford
can do this in hot water. When made, I will ship them out to
Darwin so that the material is on the spot when the construction
is sanctioned.

21. Two of our employees, Goodall and Campbell, are
proceeding to England about at Bisley. They are on leave
without pay and subject to your confirmation, I have said they
will be permitted to travel from Montevideo to Port Stanley by
'Falkland' on her September voyage on payment of messing charges
only, should they return via Montevideo.

22. I am pleased to advise you that Mr. Slaughter is making
good progress and is now able to get about on crutches.

23. Government is proceeding with an extension of the
electric light scheme and propose to charge 25/- per point
per annum which includes the cost of installation. I have
agreed with the tenants of our houses that they may have it
at their expense. Our West Store property will, of
course, have it at my expense but I propose to have the following

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- (1) Manager's Office
- (2) Shipping Clerk & Engineer's Office
- (3) East Jetty

4 points.
2 "
6 "

(3) is particularly desirable as it is undoubtedly dangerous when passengers have to embark or disembark at night.

The Officer in charge of this Department is proceeding home in July and will the order the plant. I am taking the matter up with Government beforehand on behalf of the General Electric Company.

24. Bridges over Swan Inlet and Antioch Creek.

The bridges over these streams were built many years ago, both carried away last winter and Mr. Slaughter proposes to rebuild them this winter. I approached Government with a request for financial assistance as the bridges are not only of service to us but to persons travelling to Darwin from Stanley and they have agreed to pay us £ 120 towards the cost of Swan Inlet bridge and £ 60 towards the cost of Antioch Creek bridge. Copies of correspondence are enclosed.

25. With reference to my 710.19. In view of the present position, I do not propose to proceed with the construction of a shed along the North of Rex Road, opposite this Office. A roof bin will be constructed inside the "Egeria" shed (see my 711.14.) By a careful re-arrangement of car storage accommodation, I am of opinion that it may be possible to clear the East Store for use as a ship repair shop without building additional accommodation. This view is based on the fact that I hope to reduce stocks still further and the increase in shelving provided by the new retail store. The Amson stable material will therefore be shipped to Darwin in June as stock for repair.

26. LABOUR. I have reduced the Navy gang by 9 men and may be able to put another 3 men after "Loreto" cargo has been landed. Four men have been put off the construction gang.

27. I understand

...the work will be...
...will finish shortly. In addition, the two men
going home will not be replaced as I can spare them through the
winter months.

...Shipping and sails. At Government's request, ~~xxx~~ next
two sailing dates to Montevideo have been altered to 20th day
and 10th day. Her itinerary has therefore been amended

Voy. R.14 of May 2nd West Falkland Ports

R.15 May 20th Montevideo returning via Foxbay, Albemarle
and North Arm.

R.16 early June, Salvador Waters. Berkeley Sound, Fitzroy,
slashed at North Arm

32. Slaughter House...
...erwin.

R.17 July 10th. Montevideo.

With reference to my 711.7. dry docking will now be
put off until July when the new tailshaft will be fitted.

Our stock of Sandy Point timber is coming down and I
may arrange to send her there about the third week in September.

On her last voyage to Montevideo, she made the round voyage in
13 days, 17 hours, and brought 210 bags of mail including those

ex "Loreto", which was due to leave Bahia Blanca for this port
on the 23rd instant.

Mails leave for the U.K. per :-	and arrive per :-
"Orita" 30th April.	"Loreto" (ex "Arlanza") 27th April.
"Falkland" 20th May	"Falkland" early June
... 2nd week July	"Lautaro" late June
	"Falkland" end July

23. The Bishop of the Falkland Islands, Mr. Mrs. & Miss
Bonner, Dr. and Mrs Craddock, Mr. & Mrs. Langdon, Mr. & Mrs.

B. Elliott, Mr. S. Miller Jun., Mrs. Wilson and Mr. Watson (Camp
teacher North Arm) proceed home by this opportunity also 10
navvies whose time has expired.

Mr R. Blake Jun. and Mr. W.G. Benney proceed from Hill
Cove to Montevideo per "Falkland" about 20th prox. en route

12. I understand that between 13 - 14,000 sheep are being

colled down this year at Goose Green and the work will be completed next week. ~~middle and retiring rooms on the West~~

s.s. "Arucano" discharged the horses purchased from Mendez at Egg Harbour on the 19th instant. They were received by Mr. Harding and I understand they were a ^{good} ~~fine~~ lot.

30. I note that the rebuilding of the Stanley Arms is to be deferred for the present and that you are not proceeding with the purchase of Fitzroy North.

31. Wool Sheds - Speedwell and Swan Islands. Mr. Slaughter is going into the matter of building these out of material of the old shed at North Arm.

32. Slaughter House. With reference to your telegram dated 2nd April, as the Board of Health has insisted on McGill complying with their regulations, I cannot get this matter deferred but I have been over the present building with Dr. Moir and the Colonial Engineer and they will license it if we do the following :-
Line out killing shed and cooling room with Uralite waterproof sheets on rough boarding.
Concrete floor of killing shed.
Concrete corral.
Metal the road leading to the Slaughter House.
Examine drains, put gratings to prevent offal going down.
Carry drain inside killing shed to a trap outside Slaughter House.
Supply an efficient incinerator and burn all offal.
and I have agreed to this. The Uralite sheeting is being indented for and the other work will be put in hand when Crawford is available. The proposal to build a new Slaughter House will not be proceeded with.

33. New Store. The erection of the roof has been completed with the exception of the guttering. The ceiling has been completed and the second coat of paint is now being put on. Plastering is completed and the whole building appears to be very dry.

You will recollect that at the South end where the floor rises, the space is divided into a small room on the East

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delivery room in the middle and retiring rooms on the West. I have decided to leave the small space on the South side open as this alcove will be useful for the library and for handling gramophone records etc. I am laying a wood floor above the South end - this gives us additional floor space of approximately 800 square feet and will be used for showing hardware, glass and china. The staircase takes off the South-east corner.

Construction of the boiler house is now commencing. Now that this building is nearing completion, one realises that we shall have a very fine store, light, airy and commodious and I am certain that the Board will be satisfied with it.

34. Floating Dock. 1323. 6. I note the charges to be made for docking, undocking and dock dues and that the variation of these charges is left to my discretion.

As regards ship repair work, the question of machinery and skilled labour is being considered by Mr. Thomson and myself and a despatch will be sent you shortly.

1324.3. I thank you for the amended form of tender to be used and note that you are sending me a supply of these. The premium asked by Underwriters is, of course, absurd and I am pleased to note that Sir Robert considers that the amended form gives us complete protection against all and every risk.

Progress has been slow. The pneumatic rivetting plant has given us trouble as it will not take the full load with the kerosene we have in stock here and it is expensive using petrol. I have therefore telegraphed you to ship 1,000 gallons of kerosene suitable for the motor, to connect with "Falkland".

The blank snags of the hammers have also given trouble and all sent out have broken - we are carrying on with temporary tools made here, which are not satisfactory.

I therefore telegraphed you for 4 dozen snags for closing of $\frac{3}{8}$ " counterbore rivets by the same opportunity. The rate

at which Mr. Timmer has been going into the matter of rivets to be driven and estimates that it is about 24,000 per pantoon

cost of fuel of 120,000 including the walls.

15. Messrs. Swan Hunters' verbal estimate to him was 1,000 tons are checking the quantity shipped out to make certain that sufficient have been supplied. A fair average is 200 per squad per day = 800 per day, in addition to this there is extensive caulking and a large number of rivet holes have to be drilled or reamed out. An approximate estimate of the time required for construction, providing the first pontoon is launched by the end of May, is therefore :-
1. 2nd pontoon. Erection and bolting up. Completed end of June.
2. Rivetting, isolation applied and launch. 15th August.
3. 3rd pontoon. Erection etc. " 15th September
4. Rivetting etc. " end November
5. 4th pontoon. Erection etc. " end December.
6. Rivetting etc. " 15th February.

Completion of dock. March/April, 1936.

As regards labour, we have not been able to get rivet boys. We had 4 at 10/6 per week, but after the first week their parents held out for 30/- per week, which is most disappointing as these boys had an opportunity of learning a trade. I paid them off except one who remained on at 10/6, and am employing men and giving them turn and turn about at heating and holding up. They will all be taught to use the hammers and will thus form a nucleus for ship repair work later on.

The men at present employed on the dock consist of :-

- 4 riveters
- 1 driver running pneumatic plant
- 9 navvies @ 1/2d per hour.
- 1 boy @ 10/6 per week.

and 2 carpenters are employed at intervals.

I fear you will be disappointed at the slow rate of progress but the pace is set to a great extent by the rate at which we can rivet, caulk, grill and reamer at. At 800 rivets daily there is 150 full days work for four hammers

and at least 30 full days for the other operations.

15. Kymac Dip. With reference to telegrams exchanged, I regret that the information on which my telegram of 11th March was based was not correct.

2. Mr. Slaughter now advises me that North Arm sheep were dipped once only and with Kymac.

4. Store Ind. Fitzroy wool had been dipped twice. Of that shipped in the January boat, about 40 bales off Port Louis sheep with Kymac off shears and Coopers powder dip and one gallon of milk oil fluid per tank at dipping (there was still a quantity of this in stock at Port Louis). About 62 bales off Fitzroy sheep with Kymac twice.

10. I am, to Darwin to Fitzroy

11. Camp Manager's Report Sir, 1/4/30

12. Naval Fuel Depot your obedient servant, Billings

13. F.L. Gazette 1/4/30 (3)

14. Report on Admiralty crane & Sailer

15. "Afterglow" Protest Manager.

16. Photos. Desk & Store

17. Specimen receipts for cargo & Bill of Lading.

CORRESPONDENCE.

With C.A. B. Martin re supplies

* Colonial Secretary re mails & bridges.

SPECIFICATIONS.

Mark	Wool	Skins
JHD	48	
TR PORT LOUIS	32	
HCG	100	

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REQUISITES.

1. Despatch No. 712
2. Statement on Accounts No. 11
3. Remarks on Accounts No. 11
4. Store Indent No. 682
5. Remarks on Stores No. 682
6. Coasting Insurances March
7. Coal Statement 31/3/30
8. Return of Establishment & Wages, March, Stanley
9. do do do Darwin
10. do do do Fitzroy
11. Camp Manager's Report 25/4/30
12. Naval Fuel Depot Certificate re stone & buildings
13. F.I. Gazettes 1/4/30 (3)
14. Report on Admiralty crane & Boiler
15. "Afterglow" Protest
16. Photos. Deck & Store
17. Specimen receipts for cargo & Bill of Lading.

CORRESPONDENCE.

- With C. & E. Merten re supplies
- * Colonial Secretary re mails & bridges.

SPECIFICATIONS.

Mark	Wool	Skins
JHD	48	
TR PORT LOUIS	38	
HGC	100	4

No. 118 per 'Falkland' 17/1/30.

P R E S I S.

1. Confirms No. 112 per 'Orita' 29/1/30. *May*

2. Advises Dry docking and painting of 'Falkland' deferred until September voyage.

3. Shipping Movements.

4. Reports Mr. Young's visit to West Falklands in May.

5. F. & S. Sealing Co. Ltd. - discusses general matters.

6. Naval Fuel Depot - advises completion of plastering of Pump and boiler houses.

7. New Retail Store - reports progress.

8. Floating Dock - progress reported.

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The first of the...
 I have...
 I regret I could not...
 via Montevideo. ^{May} 17th 50.

I received the notice of the...
 I confirm by Dispatch No. 712 of 25th April, and have...
 nothing from you to acknowledge.

2. Dry docking and painting of 'Palkland'. As the...
 Dry dock will be occupied when 'Palkland' is at Montevideo...
 in July, I am deferring this until the September voyage.

3. Shipping Movements. 'Palkland' has just returned...
 from a voyage to West Falkland ports calling everywhere except...
 at Bellin Islands, which had to be omitted on account of bad...
 weather. She sails for Montevideo on the 18th instant via...
 Mazarie and Hill Cove returning via Foxbay (to anchor),...
 Albenra (to land drums and coal) and North Arm (to ship the...
 balance of their coal).

I have arranged with Government that, as an experiment...
 they will send a Postal carrier by her who will sort mail on...
 the return voyage and land the West Falkland mails at Foxbay.

Visiting factories 'Hurdie', 'Robald', 'Melville',...
 'Rosa Anderson' and 'Solatrix' called here on varying dates...
 between the 4th and 12th instant. They report a moderately...
 good season.

Valparaiso advise us that 'Hastaro' is due here...
 15th prox with 571 tons. I have booked space provisionally...
 per 'Horiza' for 4,200 bales and 100 barrels of tallow.

Res. Messrs intend to travel by this opportunity.

The Manager, Director, ...

LONDON.

No. 112 per 'Falkland' 17/5/30. - 2 -

I accompanied 'Falkland' on her recent voyage around the West and saw all ports except Weddell Island.

F. & Dev. Sealing Co. Ltd. I regret I could not see you before 15th instant with reference to the 100 tons of seal oil to be shipped per 'Falkland' about 19th as I was not certain that this quantity would be ready.

Specifications will be posted you from Montevideo.

I visited the Station on the 11th/13th inst. It is working well under the supervision of Mr. J.W. Grieson and they have ready about 50 tons of oil against 50 tons ready on the 30th May last year. They should have ready a further 100/150 tons for shipment in July.

I am providing that 'Afterglow' works with no mishap. The this Company has a fair chance of getting out of the difficulties which are plentiful and both wages and bearing charges have been considerably reduced.

It is not known whether for this a quantity of light oil will show the Montevideo station will show that a saving in first cost and time.

The Directors would like to know if you can arrange to sell their catch for say 12 months from 1st June next estimated at 500,000 tons. I understand that the Whaling Companies have sold forward at £ 25 and the general consensus of opinion of whaling managers is that on this basis seal oil should fetch £ 25. Rotterdam would be the most suitable destination.

'Afterglow' insurance will be due for renewal on 28th May, 1930. - please renew on same terms as previous.

I shall be calling you in this connection shortly. Please do not renew the Policy for 2100 on catch.

The planting of the Pump house and boiler House has been completed.

The scraping, wire brushing and red leading of the tank top is in progress and, on completion, the wire brushing

No. 111 per (Walkland) 17/2/30.

and painting of the unreliable tanks will be commenced - the Admiralty having sanctioned this by cable.

"Melville" did not take any fuel oil here.

7. New stores. Tanks are now being disassembled and the DeLament flooring laid. The boiler house is nearing completion.

8. Floating Dock. I note that you are sending the kerosene and traps per "Larota" and not via Montevideo on account of expenses. As she is due here 15th prox. this arrangement will suit us, but should she suffer the usual delay en route as "Larota", work might be held up.

I enclose a statement showing the progress of rivetting the first penton (B) to the 15th inst. Rivetting of this penton will be completed about the 20th inst. and will then be scraped and painted and will be launched on a suitable tide early in June. Launching ways will be built up out of stock timber and for moving ways a log 36 ft. x 18 ins. x 12 ins. has been seen into two 66" x 18" x 2".

To revert to the rivetting statement - the hours recorded under 'Number of hours worked' denotes the actual hours per day that the pneumatic plant was in operation - the balance of daily time is attributed to a variety of causes. The moving of staging, removal of building blocks & spores for access to rivetting, wet weather when efficient rivetting cannot be accomplished, lighting up of rivet fires, connecting up of pneumatic hose and tools, disconnection and housing same, reworking of unfair holes and delays caused by broken snags etc.

Snags made here are standing up to the work a little better as we appear to have got a better ^{tool} steel but the forging is, of course, guesswork as we do not know the composition of the steel we are using.

The cost per 100 rivets is arrived at from the nett total cost of four riveters, 4 holders up, 4 rivet heaters, 1 pneumatic plant attendant and 1 catcher boy plus the cost of

fuel and lubricating oil used by the plant each day. These

figures are also available via the obvious that the total

number of rivets per day depends entirely on

conditions encountered. For instance a riveting squad

will close more rivets per day on a straight run than a

1. Dispatch Squad on one to move from one compartment to another.

2. Statement on riveting rates I propose to send you monthly a brief

3. Remarks on the work done from day to day.

4. Store Report No. 63. I am making these reports of materials used

5. Summary on Store No. 63. See.

6. Stanley Edgar Brainerd involved in the case.

7. Earl Stone Cash Receipt April.

8. Daily Record of Riveting 15/5/30.

9. Position in the case April.

10. Court Statement April.

11. Medical Report Dr. Wilson, Oct. 1929 - Mar. 1930.

12. Camp Hospital Report 15/5/30.

13. Fitness Case Report 1/5/30.

14. North Sea Diary March.

15. Fitness Returns -

- Dipping
- Leaving Station.
- Shipping
- Coal Statistics.
- Stock & Loss 1/5
- Sheep sold killed etc.
- Horse
- Horse Loss
- Jattle
- Cattle Loss

16. F.I. Report.

17. Colonel Report 1929.

18. F.I. Report May.

19. Letter to Hon. Jas. Keane.

20. Copy of letter from Col. Keane re plant at Barbering with enclosure.

STATISTICS

- 1. No. of rivets 2
- 2. No. of rivets 23
- 3. No. of rivets 68
- 4. No. of rivets 5
- 5. No. of rivets 9
- 6. No. of rivets 45
- 7. No. of rivets 8

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P. R. 2. C. D. S.

DEBARCH NO. 713 PER "FALKLAND" VIA MONTEVIDEO.

- 1. Acknowledges your Nos. 1325/1328. Dated 12th Feb. 1930.
- 2. Telegraph office advised that your radio of 5th May was delivered on 2nd June 1930.

ENCLOSURES.

- 3. Mail movements.
- 4. Dispatch No. 713.
- 5. Statement on Accounts No. 14
- 6. Remarks on Accounts No. 14
- 7. Store Index No. 633.
- 8. Remarks on Store No. 633
- 9. Stanley Ledger Balances 31/3/30
- 10. Best Store Cash Voucher April.
- 11. Daily Record of Rivetting 16/5/30.
- 12. Coasting Insurances April.
- 13. Coal Statement April.
- 14. Medical Report, Mr. Wilson, Oct. 1929 - Mar. 1930
- 15. Camp Manager's Report 15/5/30.
- 16. Fitzroy Camp Report 1/5/30.
- 17. North Arm Diary March.
- 18. Fitzroy Returns -
 - Dipping
 - Lambing Statistics.
 - Shearing
 - Wool Statistics.
 - Stock & Loss A/c
 - Sheep sold killed &
 - Horse catcher from Vestfold, Naktar & Tonsberg Company
 - Horse Loss
 - Cattle
 - Cattle Loss
- 19. F.I. Shopping Report.
- 20. Colonial Report 1928
- 21. F.I. Magazine May.
- 22. Letter fr Hon. Gen. Bonner.
- 23. Copy of letter from Col. Engineer re plant at Camber.

SPECIFICATIONS.

- 24. Mr J.H. Wilson - if returning will only be required as Camp Teacher
- 25. Asks price of old North Arm press which has been sold to Mr. G. Banner. Understand price is £200.
- 26. Blocker Island - asks for instructions re taking over on expiration of lease.

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P R O C E E D I N G S

1. Acknowledges your Nos. 1325/1328. Confirms No. 715.
Feb.
2. Telegraph Office state that our radio of 5th May was delivered about 9 a.m. on 6th February, 1930.
3. Mail movements.
4. Veterinary certificates - notes arrangements for future posting of.
5. Reports lamp for "Britain" is satisfactory & saves overtime.
6. "Bertha" wreck - notes nothing to be done at present with logs.
7. Findlay Creek Bridge - notes Board's sanction of concrete piles to be used when work put in hand.
8. Hides & Tallow - Coastal freight. Extra charge to be made for Stations without jetty facilities.
9. Anson House & Stables not yet removed owing to "Falkland's" accident.
10. Fitzroy North (Robson) - reports terms of purchase.
11. Tallow in metal drums will not be shipped in future. A small parcel in drums goes forward this opportunity for purposes of comparison with that in barrels.
12. Dip - Messrs Cooper's letter read with interest.
13. Pitch Pine spars - P.S.N.C. requested to quote freight on.
14. Mr M. Faggo's original testimonials to hand & have been sent to him.
15. Government Roads - Mr Roberts' report on lorry trip to Darwin enclosed.
16. s.s. "Falkland" - Docking in Montevideo put off till August voyage. Reports propeller damage at Albemarle on 15th June, and further trouble at Teal Inlet delays collection of produce for m.v. "Loriga".
17. Requests you to obtain particulars & indication of price of a small catcher from Vestfold, Hektor & Tonsberg Company which intends
18. Confirms cable of 22nd May re new Sealing Company/operating in South Shetlands.
19. The P. & D. Sealing Co. - drums from Montevideo. "Bellville" & Afterglow insurances. Overdraft to end of June. Negotiations re sale of "Bellville".
20. New Store - reports progress. Additional unclimable fencing being indented for.
21. Floating Deck - reports launching of Pontoon B on 17th June. Bolting of Pontoon C in hand & rivetting will commence towards end of July.
22. Mr J.H. Watson - if returning will only be required as Camp Teacher. Reports A.S. Brown in charge of North Arm Store.
23. Asks price of old North Arm press which has been sold to Mr. G. Bonner. Understand price is £200.
24. Bleaker Island - asks for instructions re taking over on expiration of lease.

Agency

25. Requests you to enquire if Royal Mail Steam Packet Co./Certificate dated 31st March, 1911 still holds good.
26. Encloses copy of a letter introducing Mr F.A.W. Byron - Government Electrician who proceeds Home by "Loriga".
27. Parcels per s.s. "Falkland". C.O.D. packages - enclosed tariff of rates now in force.
28. Mail subsidies - Government now deliver and collect local and overseas mails.
29. Encloses copies of correspondence with Colonial Government re mail trips to Montevideo during 1931.
30. Bunkers at Montevideo 1931. Asks for quotation from P.S.N.C. I have to for delivery of 1,000 tons. Despatches Cos.
31. Indents for new motor engine for "Falkland" motorboat.
32. Local Bisley Meeting 1930. Mr Owen King wins F.I. Coy's Cup. Requests replica to be sent out.
33. Electric light - plant now working & is satisfactory. Propose to use "Falkland" batteries to extend storage capacity.
34. Encloses notice re grants by Empire Marketing Board re exportation from U.K. of pedigree stock.
35. Weather - reports recent snowfalls.
36. m.v. "Gantoo" has had serious breakdown. "Eleurus" chartered to shift sheep & load produce from Pebble Island.
37. H. Fuhlendorff has served his sentence. Has been engaged by us as a fitter under Mr J.M. Thomson.
38. Encloses photo showing anchorage of H.M.S. "Delhi" in March last.
39. Accounts - notes Farm to be kept in separate sections. Encloses stationary indent re above.
40. Mrs Hodson travels Home by "Loriga".
41. Island Transport - discusses matter fully. I thank you for the
42. Owing to Mr Thomson's absence from Stanley your radio message re "Falkland's" propeller dimensions remains unanswered.
43. Notes insurance on "Kelp" effected at 23/11/31. "Great Britain" is quite satisfactory ... save overtime at weekends.
6. 1325.11. "Bertha" wreck. I note from your cable dated 24th May that nothing is to be done at present to recover these logs and we await your mail advices.
7. 1325.12. Findlay Creek Bridge. I note that when the Board authorises this work to be put in hand, it may be given out on contract and concrete piles may be used.

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8. 1325.24. Hides and Tallow - Coastal Freight. I note that 10/- per ton extra is to be charged to stations without port facilities and bulking charges on wool on outside vessels are to remain unaltered at 4/- per bale.

9. 1325.29. Amson House and Stables. Owing to the accident to "Falkland's" propeller, I have not been able to have this material shipped to Fitzroy and Darwin but this will be done at the first opportunity.

m.v. "LORIGA".
714.

11th July, 30.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge receipt of your Despatches Nos. 1325. 6. 7. and 8 and to confirm my No. 713 of 13th May.

2. 1325. 2. Cables. As advised you in Remarks on Accounts dated 6th May (No.12) the Telegraph Office state that this message was delivered about 9 a.m. on the 6th of February last.

3. Approximate mail movements to the end of the year are :
For the U.k. From U.K.

"Falkland" between 15th/20th July. H.M.S. "Dragon" 25th July.

" " about 14th August.

"Falkland" 7th August.

" " (possibly) 7th September
(via Magalanes).

" " 5th September.
"ORITA" 14th October.

"Orita" 14th October
(via Valparaiso)

"Loreto" 3rd week Sept.

"Falkland" 10th November.

"Falkland" end November.

P.S.N. Cargo steamer end
of December.

4. 1325. 7. Veterinary Certificates. I thank you for the arrangements made for posting these under separate covering letter in future.

5. 1325. 9. The lamp sent out for the "Great Britain" is quite satisfactory and saves overtime at weekends.

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The Managing Director,

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8. 1325.24. Hides and Tallow - Coastal Freight. I note that 10/- per ton extra is to be charged to stations without port facilities and bulmage charges on wool ex outside vessels are to remain unaltered at 6/- per bale.

9. 1325.29. Anson House and Stables. Owing to the accident to "Falkland's" propeller, I have not been able to have this material shipped to Fitzroy and Darwin but this will be done at the first opportunity.

10. 1325.32. Fitzroy North - Robsons. The position is as you state - £3,750 is for the purchase of the lease, buildings and fences and about 2,000 sheep. The Freehold would have been acquired later at 3/- per acre.

11. 1325.33. Tallow in metal drums. A quantity of tallow had already been run into metal drums before your cable arrived. The heavier drums are being held back and will be run into barrels but I am letting a few light drums go forward for purposes of comparison of the net return to the Company in barrels and in drums. Barrels cost the Farm 22. -. 2. and drums 6/- each (cost 4/-, freight 2/-) and hold about 10 cwts. and 4 cwts. respectively. The charge for drums (4/-) is all profit ~~and~~ as their first cost has been covered in the costing of the oil they originally contained. I note that certain markets will not buy tallow in drums and have advised Mr Slaughter that they are not to be used in future.

12. 1325.34a. This has already been dealt with. I was very interested in Messrs Cooper, MacDougall and Robertson's letter dated 1st April last relative to the efficiency of the fluid and paste preparations and have since had a visit from Mr. A. Morrison, who represents them, and discussed this matter at length with him. He is now on tour and will visit Darwin.

13. 1325.35. Messrs Lamb Brothers' letter dated 1st May to hand. I am obtaining quotations from the P.S.N.Co.

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for shipment to Liverpool and will revert to this matter later.

14. 1325.36. Mr Foggo's original testimonials have been forwarded to him.

15. 1328.3. Government Roads. I enclose a summary of Mr. Roberts' report on his trip per motor lorry to Darwin which is still under the consideration of Government.

16. 1328.7. s.s. 'Falkland'. The docking has been put off until August owing to rearrangement of 'Falkland's' programme. She will then be cleaned and painted. The bottom damage referred to in my 706.35. will be surveyed and the new tailshaft and propeller (later cabled for on 20th June) will be fitted. Mr. Thomson will proceed by her to supervise the work and obtain information re requirements for the repairs of catchers.

As advised you by cable, I regret to inform you that whilst "Falkland" was leaving Albemarle on June 13th she touched a rock and damaged her propeller. She proceeded to San Carlos North via Port Howard and San Carlos South and took advantage of a suitable tide to beach and fit the old tailshaft and propeller as a temporary measure. About 100 tons of shingle was loaded forward to put her by the head and she was delayed there from the 16th to 29th June. She then proceeded to North Arm and arrived in Stanley on the 1st July.

She left again on the 5th July for Salvador Waters, Port Howard and East Falkland Ports and was due back here about the 15th instant with the balance of produce for shipment by "Loriga", but after leaving Salvador Waters it was found that the crank web dowel pin on the L.P. shaft was loose. Captain Roberts returned to Teal Inlet and advised me by telephone and I sent out Mr Thomson with the necessary tools to make a permanent repair if possible, otherwise to make temporary repairs to enable her to return to Stanley. This has probably been brought about by the accident to the propeller and will be brought to Lloyd's Surveyor's notice at Montevideo in due course. I regret that this will probably result in our not clearing

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19. (continued). There is a balance due to the all produce by "Loriga" - I will endeavour to ship the balance of wool, skins and hides by the next outward cargo boat and keep the tallow back as I understand that this is never shipped via the Canal. All you write re the sale of seal oil.

Our claim on Underwriters will be formulated in due course. To London and a small shipment is going forward per

17. Please let me know if the Hektor, Vestfold or Tonsberg Whaling Companies have any of their small catchers for sale - if so, kindly send particulars and an indication of price. "Belville" Insurance - noted.

Alternately, would they let one on hire for, say, 6 months on a bare boat basis. It is possible that the Sealing Company might be interested. For your information, I understand that there have been several offers made to the Government for a license to whale in these waters but it is hoped that the Sealing Company will be in a position to undertake this by the end of the year, hence the enquiry re the purchase or hire of an old catcher. All should not

I should value catchers of the "Ross" and "Roydur" type at £3,000.

18. At the suggestion of His Excellency, I cabled you on the 22nd May last advising you of the formation of a Company to seal in the South Shetlands with headquarters at Port Stanley. I understand that this has been formed by a Commander Worsely who was with Sir E. Shackleton on his last Antarctic expedition and that the Hudson Bay Company is interested. Also that a loan has been given to the Company from the funds of the Dependencies.

19. The F. & Dep. Sealing Co. Ltd. have not taken any Drums from Montevideo - 1,000 have already been delivered and they are found very satisfactory. I have sold them 2,500 at 9/- c.i.f. Albemarle. They cost about 75 cents (say 2/10) f.o.b. Montevideo. This is cheaper than drums from South Georgia and there is a saving in tare.

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19. (continued). Coal - there is a balance due to the Sealing Company of 129 tons and I have sold them up to a further 500 tons delivery before the end of the year at 76/- c.i.f. Albemarle.

1325.16. I note all you write re the sale of seal oil. I am reducing the freight on sealskins to £ 5. 15. - per ton Albemarle to London and a small shipment is going forward per next "Falkland".

"Afterglow" Insurance claim. Particulars for claiming under the sue and labour clause will be sent you shortly.

"Bellville" Insurance - noted.

1325.24. The overdraft at the end of June was approximately £ 12,315 which includes £ 720 cost of drums and coal supplied in June. Against this account sales have to be received for 214 tons of oil shipped in March, 100 tons of oil in May and about 75 tons oil and 1,000 skins are now on hand. Production in barrels to the end of June 1929 and 1930 was 539 and 900 barrels respectively and providing there is no breakdown I see no reason why 700 to 800 tons oil should not be produced this season. Mr. Grierson will continue to have charge of the Station this season and he is doing very good work. Running expenses and barrel bonus have been considerably reduced. The station is now worked with local men, the last four Norwegians having left early in June as they object to the changed conditions. The work is not skilled, it is hard at times and unpleasant and I can see no reason for the argument that only Norwegians are suitable. Runacres superintends the boiling down - his Goose Green experience standing him in good stead.

The Compania Argentina de Pesca have not taken any further action and in view of the better working of the Station the view is held that the Company should endeavour to carry on this season without outside assistance as, given a good match, they will be in a much better position to negotiate with any interested parties.

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So long as production continues, I am allowing them stores and paying local allotments but in the event of production ceasing this facility will be withdrawn immediately.

Enc. I enclose a statement giving an estimate and showing working costs etc.

There is an enquiry from Montevideo regarding n.s. 100 "Bellville". A minimum price is being asked (£ 3,100) delivery Albemarle and it is hoped that business will result.

The Directors have signed a fresh letter assigning the Company's assets to us and the first one has been cancelled.

Enc. A copy is enclosed and you will note that it has been slightly modified.

The 100 tons of seal oil shipped to Glasgow per the "Dryden" is to be charged through freight at £ 5. 15. - . per ton.

I cabled you on the 3rd instant offering 100 tons of seal oil shipment in July/August in one or two parcels and now await your reply. I trust that 100 tons will be ready by the middle of this month but this is not yet certain.

20. New Store - the building is complete and the shelving is now going up. I anticipate that it will be occupied about the end of August next. The boiler house is almost completed, the heating system is being installed, the pavement down Dean Street and the entrance steps are now in hand, the Store yard has been cleared and part of the unclimable fencing is being used where required. Photos enclosed.

Enc. I have not yet had the unclimable fencing, supplied for the West Yard, put in as this yard is being used solely for the dock at present but as the Anson stable material will not now be ~~used~~ utilised for a store shed at right angles to the "Egeria" Shed (see my 710.19 and 711.14.) the unclimable fence is required along Ross Road opposite this Office and I am indenting for the additional length required.

1328.10. I will have packages of glass specially I have a recollection that it was £200. Please confirm and let

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landed whenever possible in future.

21. Floating Dock. 1325.19. The spares for the pneumatic riveters and the White Rose Paraffin arrived per "Lautaro" for which I thank you.

The first pontoon was ready for launching about 10^o ulto. The painting of the enclosed compartments gave us a certain amount of trouble and delay as the men were affected by the fumes given off the bitumastic composition used.

Enc. The preparation of the launching ways was a job in itself as you will note from the enclosed photos - however, our arrangement proved quite satisfactory and we shall adopt the same arrangements for future launches only increasing the declivity slightly.

The tides should have suited on the 13th - 15th idem. Unfortunately, the wind veered round to the North East, the worst possible quarter for launching and this also held the tides back. We could not do anything until the 16th idem and we let her go that morning - we only got her about 70 feet down when the tide went back. We held her there until the evening when the tide came up well. We started her off with jacks and with some assistance with "Kelp" and a motorboat got her safely into the water and moored at the end of the West Jetty. The bolting up of Pontoon C is almost complete and we expect to begin rivetting in about ten days time.

22. You will note from my cable dated 3rd instant that there is a vacancy only as Camp Teacher for Mr J.H. Watson. A. Brown, referred to in your 1315-2 has been put in charge of the North Arm Store and is giving satisfaction and will be retained there for the present.

23. When Mr. W.M. Dean was out, it was arranged that the old press at North Arm should be sold to George Bonner. I have no note of the price, neither has Mr Slaughter but I have a recollection that it was £200. Please confirm and let

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we know if the price includes freight from North Am to San Carlos - the press has now been shipped.

24. Bleaker Island lease terminates next year. Please let me have your instructions as regards taking over.

25. We hold an Agency certificate from the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company dated 31st March, 1911. Please let me know if this is still in force - if not, please take this matter up with them and enquire if they will agree to our booking passengers in conjunction with their Buenos Aires Office. The Port of embarkation for passengers from here is, of course, Montevideo and at present we book through Maclean & Stapledon who share the commission with us. As we have to canvas such bookings this is not very satisfactory and we should like to have an arrangement whereby we could work direct with the Royal Mail and ~~Maclean~~ and thus secure the full commission.

26. We secured 2 bookings for the Royal Mail by last "Falkland" and have 7 probables for the July and August voyages. We should also like to come to a similar arrangement with the Nelson Line and trust that you will be able to assist us in this matter. It would doubtless be possible to arrange to book passengers on a through ticket from Port Stanley to the United Kingdom and vice versa by either line.

27. I enclose copy of a letter introducing Mr. Byron, Government Electrician, to you and have also given him one to the General Electric Company. He is proceeding Home by "Loriga" and will probably be ordering electrical plant, cables, etc. on behalf of this Government and trust that the General Electric Company will be successful in securing the order.

28. Parcels per s.s. 'Falkland'. It has been the custom for parcels to be taken on board by anyone, handed over to a ~~friend~~ friend among the passengers or crew or frequently left on the deck ~~in~~ the saloon trusting that someone on the vessel may land it at its destination. This littered the limited passenger accommodation and tended to such parcels not being charged for. I enclose a copy of the Circular

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detailing the procedure now followed, which is working satisfactorily. I recently took up the ~~motor~~ ^{local} carriage of C.O.D. parcels as mail with Government. The traffic now amounts to almost £5,000 in value yearly and hits local traders. Port Stanley is the only place in the Colony where C.O.D. business can be transacted and the custom has been for such parcels to be paid for here and sent out as mail matter. I contended that this is irregular as parcels cannot be stopped at a certain point in their journey, charges paid, and then resume as ordinary parcels unless local postage is collected. Government has agreed with this view and such parcels intended for the Camp have to be restamped with local stamps or sent out as steamer parcels at special rates. Copies of the correspondence exchanged with Government in this connection are enclosed.

28. Mail Subsidies. As you are aware, Government pay us £20 per annum for landing, shipping and conveying mails between P.S.N. Steamers and the Post Office. This is inadequate as it necessitates the detailing of "Kelp", a lighter, four men and the motor lorry for four hours at least when a heavy mail arrives. (P.S.N.C. outward vessels usually bring not less than 200 bags). I took this matter up with Government and it has been arranged that as from 1st June last they will undertake this work themselves and the payment will cease, which is a satisfactory solution to this matter.

At the same time, I discussed a point which arises out of the carriage of local mails. We collect these from and deliver to the Post Office and this service is included in the yearly payment of £20 and it has been arranged that Government will ~~undertake~~ undertake this collection and delivery without affecting the payment. This payment is, of course, inadequate but in view of proposals regarding replacement of "Falkland" now being under consideration and Government having indicated the subsidy, they would probably be prepared to pay under certain circumstances, there is no point in taking this

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matter further at present.

"Falkland" July voyage to Montevideo - as H.M.S. "Dragon" will now bring a mail from Montevideo, Government were desirous of cancelling this voyage but as I have a full return load booked (drums, coal and general), they have agreed to a payment of half the usual subsidy, i.e. £175.

29. Voyages to Montevideo in 1931. I enclose copies of correspondence with the Colonial Secretary from which you will observe that a provisional arrangement has been made for five voyages during 1931 for a payment of £350 each.

30. Bunkers at Montevideo, 1931. Our bunkering at Montevideo is now done by Messrs Wilson Sons & Co. through Messrs Maclean & Stapledon and we pay the latter 2½% as a commission. I see no reason why this contract should not be fixed in London and payment made by contractors drawing on you, thus saving the 2½%. Present contract price is 46/- less 1/6d, two thirds large, one third small Welsh Steam coal but I understand that prices have since risen. The quantity required over the year would probably be 750/1,000 tons. Kindly let me have your views.

Please let me have a quotation for 1,000 tons similar coal shipped here by Pacific Steam Nav. Co.

31. "Falkland's" Motorboat has been giving us considerable trouble and I am indenting for spares by this opportunity. This boat gets hard use and is invaluable to "Falkland's" working and I am of opinion that it is most advisable to fit her with a new engine and keep the present one as spare.

Please therefore ship out per "Orita" one D.B.2 7 - 9 H.P. Petrol paraffin motor as supplied complete with tailshaft and propeller. Also a spare and such spares as makers consider it advisable to

32. Local Bisley Meeting. The Cup was won this year by Mr Owen King. Please send out a replica suitably engraved. usual.

33. Electric Light. The plant is now working

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satisfaction.

Re batteries shipped out for "Falkland", I propose to use these to extend our storage capacity when the Stanley Arms has been rebuilt.

34. I enclose a notice regarding grants by the Empire Marketing Board to encourage the exportation of pedigree stock from the United Kingdom to certain Colonies including the Falkland Islands, for your information.

35. Weather. We have had a spell of exceptionally severe weather. We have had snow and frost continuously from 3rd June to 6th July, it then thawed but today there is a hard frost and every indication of more snow.

36. m.v. "Gentoo", has had a serious breakdown and Mr. Barton chartered "Fleurus" to take stores out to him, move a quantity of sheep and bring produce in. The cost of this was £131. 11. -. I offered to do this but Mr. Barton was already negotiating with "Fleurus" and in view of "Falkland's" mishaps, we could not have undertaken it in time for his produce to be brought in for "Loriga".

37. H. Fuhlendorff served his sentence and has been released. I have engaged him as a fitter working under Mr. Thomson - men with his experience are difficult to secure and we have plenty of work in hand.

38. I enclose a photo which will show you H.M.S. "Delhi's" anchorage during her visit in March last.

39. Accounts. I note that you require the Farm account in four sections - Darwin Harbour, North Arm, Fitzroy and Speedwell Island and this has been done as from 1st January last.

In view of the difficulty of getting returns in from the Camp monthly (especially from Speedwell Island) I propose sending a quarterly detailed abstract and shall be glad to learn that this will meet with your requirements.

To facilitate the scheme, I shall be obliged if you

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will send out 250 sheets ruled 4 cash columns as per sample enclosed.

The figures up to the 30th June cannot be sent until the Camp returns are received but will follow by the earliest opportunity.

40. Mrs Hodson travels Home by this opportunity.

41. Island Transport. 1328.12. I am very interested to note all you write in this connection and await your further advices.

With reference to your cable dated 5th instant and my reply of 8th idem, the dimensions suggested in my 711.13. were 180 ft. x 32 ft x 12 ft. 6 ins. maximum draft 13 ft. 6 ins. cubic capacity of holds 24,000 ft.

I doubt if these dimensions can be materially reduced - this view is based on the plans of a vessel I have in mind - m.v. "ODENSE" of the United Shipping Company of Copenhagen (of which plans were given in the Motor ship for December 25.)

This vessel is 180' x 31' x 13 1/2' moulded to main deck 20' 10" moulded to poop deck. Deadweight at 12' 6 1/2" 608 tons; average speed 10 1/2 knots; light displacement 617 tons; water ballast 60 tons; oil bunkers 41 tons. Her cubic capacity is :-

Lower holds - bales	23070	(cu. ft.)
Upper tween decks	<u>17640</u>	

Taking this as a basis to work on, No. 2 tween deck, which runs from the break of the bridge about 95 ft. aft measures 15340 cubic feet and as this would be almost entirely required for passenger and crew accommodation, mail room and shop, the cubic capacity would be reduced to 25370 feet, which approximates our requirements.

However, if you are discussing this matter with builders, I am of opinion that once our requirements are agreed on they can design according to such requirements.

These are - steel does not go beyond the limits of

Draught - Maximum 13' 6"
Sea speed not less than 10 knots.

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Cubic capacity holds 24,000 ft.
 Engines amidships.
 Provision for stowage of 2 scows on aft hatch
 do. do. motorboat on davits.
 Electric light. All accommodation to be heated.
 Bridge to be enclosed.
 Accommodation for Master aft of bridge.

Mate,
 Chief Engineer
 2nd Engineer
 Chief Steward
 Cook and Assistant Steward
 Bos'n → Seven Seamen
 Three Firemen
 Two Cabin boys
 Three W.C.'s and 2 bathrooms.

Wireless room. Mess room.

Galley.

Deck Stores.

Passenger accommodation :-

12 in 6 cabins. 3 to have settee to berth additional passengers if necessary.

Dining saloon. Smoke room. Bathroom. Two W.C.'s.

Steward's store rooms - provisions and linen.

Third class open cabin with 8 berths.

W.C. and washing facilities.

Mail room.

Shop (I am of opinion that a good business can be done at Stations called at and it will be greatly appreciated).

Propulsion - I should like the question of Diesel Engines gone into.

If steam, the Admiralty might be approached as regards selling us oil for bunkers. It could be probably obtained sufficiently cheaply at Comodoro Rivadavia to justify a call there when en route to Montevideo.

If coal, bunker capacity should be sufficient for five days continuous steaming.

Vessel should take Board of Trade passenger certificate as required for short voyages for say 15 first class and 8 third class passengers in berths, also for 75 daylight passengers.

42. Owing to Mr Thomson's absence from Stanley, I am unable to reply at the moment to your radio questioning the dimensions etc. given for the "Falkland's" new propeller, but hope to do so before the end of next week.

43. I note from your radio of the 11th inst. that insurance has been effected on s.t. "Kelp" at £3½ under the warranty that the vessel does not go beyond the limits of Yorke and Arrow Points.

No. 714 per "Leriga" 11/7/30.

I am,

Sir,

your obedient servant,

Manager.

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2. [Faint]
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5. [Faint] 634. [Faint]
6. [Faint]
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9. [Faint]
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11. [Faint]
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13. [Faint]
14. [Faint]
15. [Faint]
16. [Faint]
17. [Faint]
18. [Faint]
19. [Faint]
20. "Falkland" - awarded [Faint]
21. "Falkland" Manifesto 3.10.30.
22. "Falkland" Voyage reports [Faint]
23. Particulars of Billing at [Faint]
24. Envelope for Mr. E.R. Gaddard - [Faint]
25. F.I. Gazettes May 1st 1930 & June 1st 1930.
26. F.I. Gazettes - Index 1928-1930.

CORRESPONDENCE

Copies of correspondence with [Faint] of [Faint] [Faint]
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 Letters addressed to :- E.R. Gaddard, [Faint] [Faint] [Faint] (2)
 P.G. [Faint] [Faint] [Faint]

No. 714 per "Loriga" 11th July, 1930.

E N C L O S U R E S.

1. Despatch No. 714.
2. Statement on accounts No. 15.
3. Remarks on accounts No. 15.
4. Remarks on Naval Depot No. 1.
5. Store Indent No. 634.
6. Remarks on Stores.
7. Specimen Ledger Ruling.
8. Estimate of cost of oil production etc. - Sealing Company.
9. Cutting from "Penguin" 8/7/30 re importation of Stock.
10. Colonial Engineer's report on Darwin Track.
11. Return of Establishment & Wages - Stanley - June quarter.
12. do. do. - Darwin - March Qr (amended).
13. Coasting Insurances - May & June.
14. Coal Statements - May & June.
15. West Store Cash Vouchers - May & June.
16. Copy of letter of Assignment - Sealing Coy. - 1/7/30.
17. Notice re shipment of parcels per s.s. "Falkland".
18. Extract from letter to Colonial Secretary re C.O.D. parcels per "Falkland".
19. Extract from Log of "Falkland" re "Afterglow".
20. "Falkland" - amended itinerary 11/6/30.
21. "Falkland" Manifests R.10 & 14.
22. "Falkland" Voyage reports Q.1 - 20.
23. Particulars of Killing at Goose Green 1930.
24. Envelope for Mr. E.B.Goddard - photos.
25. F.I.Gazettes May 1st (3) & June 1st (3).
26. F.I.Gazettes - Index 1929 (3).

CORRESPONDENCE :-

- Copies of correspondence with Col.Govt. re Electrical Plant (Byron)
 " " " " with copies of letters of introduction.
 " " " " Col.Govt. re mails & C.O.D. parcels.
 " " " " letter to Col.Govt. re mail subsidy 1931.

Letters addressed to :- E.B.Goddard, D.M.Galloway, J.D.Creamer (2),
 F.G.Langdon, B.Elliott, & Geo.Bonner.

SPECIFICATIONS - see over.

No. 715 per "FALKLAND" via Montevideo 19/7/30.

P R E C I S .

1. Confirms No. 714 per "Loriga", dated 11th inst.
2. Shortshipment of produce per "Loriga" owing to early arrival at Stanley.
3. Floating Dock - rivetting of Pontoon "C" commenced on 17th July.
4. Encloses copy of a letter to H. & W. Nelson Ltd, Buenos Aires, re passenger bookings.
5. Island Transport - informal discussion with H.E. the Governor re grant of 50% of cost of proposed new vessel.
6. "Falkland" movement. Life saving gear to be surveyed by Board of Trade at Montevideo. Machinery damage will also be surveyed.

arrived on the 17th inst. I had reserved space for 2,000 bales and 37 tons of tallow and wool. "Falkland" had only left Port Inlet that morning and I instructed Capt. Roberts to collect all the produce he could and arrive not later than the 17th inst. I called Valparaiso requesting permission to detain "Loriga", to which they agreed. Bad weather held up "Falkland" to a certain extent but she brought in 133 bales of wool and skins, 114 sacks of tallow and 36 hides and discharged direct into "Loriga" which called at 6 p.m. on the 17th inst. I therefore shortshipped and enclose copy of my letter to the F.S.N.Co. Valparaiso in this connection.

The following produce has still to be collected:- Swan Island 40 bales, Lively Island 40 bales, Fitzroy North 30 bales, Port Harriett 10 bales, Bluff Cove 4 bales, Port Louis 22 bales, Johnsons Harbour 60 bales, i.e. about 206 bales of wool and skins.

In view of "Falkland's" two breakdowns whereby about three weeks were lost, and that she has already made two voyages to Montevideo this season, I trust that you will consider the produce has been collected satisfactorily.

The Managing Director,
L O N D O N .

Des 715 per "Falkland" 19/7/30. - 2 -

With reference to my 714.21. Arriving at the ...
Despatch (No. 714) commenced on the 17th instant.

4. With reference to my 714.25. I enclose a copy of my
letter to Messrs H. & W. Nelson Ltd, Raffles Place, for your
information. As their vessels provided close connections
"FALKLAND" via Montevideo. 19th July, 30.

715.

Sir,

With reference to my 714.41. - I appreciate the fact
I confirm my Despatch No. 714 and have nothing from you to
acknowledge.

2. With reference to my 714.16. "Loriga" unexpectedly
arrived on the 11th instant. I had reserved space for 2,200
bales and 37 tons of tallow and was then short by approximately
150 bales. "Falkland" had only left Teal Inlet that morning
and I instructed Capt. Roberts to collect all the produce he
could and arrive not later than the 17th a.m. I cabled
Valparaiso requesting permission to detain "Loriga", to which
they agreed. Bad weather held up "Falkland" to a certain
extent but she brought in 338 bales of wool and skins, 114
casks of tallow and 96 hides and discharged direct into
"Loriga" which sailed at 6 p.m. on the 17th idem. I therefore
shortshipped and enclose copy of my letter to the P.S.N.Co.
Valparaiso in this connection.

The following produce has still to be collected :-
Swan Island 40 bales, Lively Island 40 bales, Fitzroy North
30 bales, Port Harriett 10 bales, Bluff Cove 4 bales, Port
Louis 22 bales, Johnsons Harbour 60 bales, i.e. about 206
bales of wool and skins.

In view of "Falkland's" two breakdowns whereby
about three weeks were lost, and that she has already made
two voyages to Montevideo this season, I trust that you will
consider the produce has been collected satisfactorily.

The Managing Director,
L O N D O N .

No. 715 per "Falkland" 19/7/30. - 2 -

3. With reference to my 714.²¹ Rivetting of the second Penton ("C") commenced on the 17th instant.

4. With reference to my 714.25. I enclose a copy of my letter to Messrs H. & W. Nelson Ltd. Buenos Aires, for your information. As their vessels provided close connections with "Falkland's" July and August sailings, I considered it advisable to take the matter up with them at once.

5. With reference to my 714.41. - I appreciate the fact that while the most satisfactory solution of the Island transport problem is to build a vessel to our requirements, the capital outlay involved is a serious factor. I have discussed the matter informally with His Excellency and he would probably be agreeable to requesting the Secretary of State for the Colonies to sanction a loan to us at 5% p.a. for the purpose, up to, say 50% of the cost of the vessel. This is not official but if the proposal interests you, will you authorize me by cable to approach Government officially, indicating the approximate cost, dimensions and speed of the proposed vessel.

6. "Falkland" arrived at midnight on the 16th inst. and sails at noon on the 20th idem for Albemarle, Foxbay and Montevideo.

I am having her life saving gear surveyed by the Board of Trade and am also calling for a machinery damage survey report. She is expected back from Montevideo about 6th prox. and will sail again about 12th idem.

I am,

Sir,

your obedient servant,

Manager.

No. 715 per "Falkland" 19/7/30.

No. 716 per "Falkland" 12/8/30.

ENCLOSURES.

--- P - R - S - O - E - S.

1. 1. Dispatch No. 715. Acknowledges your No. 1329.
2. 2. Duplicate shipment per "Loriga"
3. 3. Statement on accounts for Nelson Line - August 1930.
4. 4. Remarks on accounts - reports progress of work.
5. 5. Store In-ent requests another to be shipped out.
6. 6. Additional to Cost - current being extended to three more of Company's houses.
7. 7. Camp Manager's report.
8. 8. Livestock returns - laundry - condition agreed upon.
9. 9. Camp Director's report of Floating Dock anchorage, arrangements for moving "Great Britain" and "Fennia" will be
10. 10. Map of Lafonia - list than anticipated.
11. 11. Floating Dock - reports progress of Pontoon G. Copies of correspondence with P.S.N.C. Valparaiso re short shipment "Loriga".
12. 12. H. & W. Nelson Ltd. Buenos Aires, re passenger bookings. New propeller shaft & propeller will be fitted in Montevideo. Bottom survey will be surveyed and life saving appliances survey to be completed also.

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13. 13. F. & B. Sealing Co. - matters discussed.
14. 14. Wire MARK. COLLAS - materials. HIDES.
15. 15. Insurance cover on shipments from South America. Rate obtained J.B. by you is much lower than that now in force.
16. 16. Haras from Coast - 6 year remarks being communicated to Mr. Evans.
17. 17. "Bert A. F. Clark" - 3rd year & Moore Churchill's views. Will revert to this matter next mail.
18. 18. Admiralty Oil Fuel Depot - being gone into & reported on later.
19. 19. Island Transport - note with interest your remarks. ready for Will be dealt with more fully later.
20. 20. Your No. 1329 answered briefly owing to short time between in and outgoing mails.

Mr. Water,

...

No. 715 per 'Falkland' 12/8/30.

P R E C I S .

1. Confirms No. 715 and acknowledges your No. 1329.
2. Steamer movements.
3. Reports 8½ fares secured for Nelson Line - August 1930.
4. Erection of New Store - reports progress of work.
5. Motor lorry. Requests another to be shipped out.
6. Electric Light - current being extended to three more of Company's houses.
7. Home Trade Limits - discusses matter.
8. Floating Dock anchorage. Position agreed upon.
9. Hulks - owing to position of Floating Dock anchorage, arrangements for moving "Great Britain" and "Fennia" will be earlier than anticipated.
10. Floating Dock - reports progress of Pontoon C. win, Speedwell Is.
11. Instructions re tempering of blank snape received from Pneumatic Tool Company - will be adhered to in future.
12. "Falkland" - seaworthy certificate given for one month. New propeller shaft & propeller will be fitted in Montevideo. Bottom damage will be surveyed and life saving appliances survey to be completed also.
13. F. & D. Sealing Co. - matters discussed.
14. Wireless communications - notes you are taking matter up again.
15. Insurance cover on shipments from South America. Rate obtained by you is much lower than that now in force.
16. Horses from Coast - your remarks being communicated to Mr. Evans.
17. "Bertha" Wreck - Note your & Messrs Churchill's views. WILL revert to this matter next mail.
18. Admiralty Oil Fuel Depot - being gone into & reported on later.
19. Island Transport - note with interest your remarks. Will be dealt with more fully later.
20. Your No. 1329 answered briefly owing to short time between in and outgoing mails.

... .. entrance steps and the pavement along Dean Street and this may hold us up until the latter date.

The rat proof bin referred to in my 711.14. is nearing completion.

The Managing Director,
L O N D O N .

No. 715. per 'Falkland' 18/8/30. - 2 -

1. Motor lorry. I understand that the present motor lorry has been about five years service and it is no longer serviceable, having to be constantly laid up for repairs.

I am satisfied that the provision of a lorry is fully justified as there is no lack of work for it and without it would require two additional carts and could not give the excellent delivery service with them that we get with a motor.

'FALKLAND' via Montevideo.

12th August, 30.

716.

Will you please therefore ship us out a one ton van with detachable hood. As regards date, I think it lies between

Sir,

I confirm my Despatch No. 715 and acknowledge receipt of your No. 1329.

2. Steamer Movements.

'Falkland' arrived from Montevideo on the 9th inst. and sails again for that port on the 15th idem via Darwin, Speedwell Is. Albenarle and Foxbay. On her return she will move the Anson buildings to Fitzroy and Darwin, and leave for Magallanes towards the end of September.

H.M.S. 'Dragon' arrived here on the 25th ulto. and sailed again on the 4th instant.

3. With reference to my 715. 4. I have secured 8 1/2

intermediate passengers for the United Kingdom per 'Highland Chieftain' sailing from Montevideo on the 28th instant.

4. New Store. The interior work is almost complete and

finishing touches are now in hand on the shelving, counter and painting. The heating system is most satisfactory. Wiring for electric is going on and the building will be ready for occupation in about ten days time and I hope to move in at the weekend 23rd/25th instant or 6th/8th prox. The continuous frosts have delayed our completing the entrance steps and the pavement along Dean Street and this may hold us up until the latter date.

The rat proof bin referred to in my 711.14. is nearing completion.

The Managing Director,
L O N D O N .

No. 716. per 'Falkland' 12/8/30. - 2 -

5. Motor lorry. I understand that the present motor lorry has seen about five years service and it is no longer serviceable, having to be constantly laid up for repairs.

I am satisfied that the provision of a lorry is fully justified as there is no lack of work for it and without it we should require two additional carts and could not give the excellent delivery service with them that we can with a motor.

Will you please therefore ship us out a one ton van with detachable hood. As regards make, I think it lies between Morris, Citroen and Ford. I am of opinion that we should hold a motor Agency in case of possible developments here and as Morris is already represented, I suggest that you approach Ford and place the order with them if they will consider the Agency question.

6. Electric Light. I propose to extend the supply of current to three more of the Company's houses, i.e. Carter's House occupied by Mr. J.M. Thomson, agreed charge £12. 10. -- per annum; Assistant Storekeeper's House occupied by Mr. R. Hamaford, £ 7. 10. --; and Garden House let to one of our employees, £ 6. --.

7. Home Trade Limits. The Northern limit laid down by Government for Home Trade Ships is Rio Santa Cruz, and I have informed them that if this was extended to the River Plate, I would probably be prepared to carry an apprentice on board 'Falkland' who would in time take a certificate of competency as mate, and eventually as master, of a home trade passenger ship. This would be of use to us and would also provide an opening for local youths. J. Walsh Senior has a Home Trade Mate's certificate and I think this is the only one held in the Colony.

Government have agreed to amend the Ordinance accordingly. Will you please obtain and send me the Board of Trade regulation governing the Home Trade Master and Mate's certificates.

No. 716 per 'Falkland' 12/8/31. - 3 -

8. Floating Dock Anchorage. I suggested to Government that it would be advisable if the anchorage for the Floating Dock could be agreed upon in ~~consultation~~ consultation with an authority acceptable to them and to us and this was done whilst "Dragon" was here. Captain Roberts has previously buoyed two anchorages for consideration, one a few cables North of the Government Jetty and the other just about where "Fennia" lies - both having the requisite depth of water. The latter anchorage was agreed upon and I enclose a letter from Government in this connection. This is certainly the more convenient to us as it is nearer the jetties.

9. Hulks. The arrangements detailed in my para.8 will involve our moving "Fennia" earlier than anticipated and my present intention is to use "Great Britain" for wool up to the March 1931 Wool steamer and immediately she has cleared replace "Great Britain" with "Fennia". "Great Britain" will then be moored East of the Narrows. Practically all the fuel will be out of "Fennia" by then and if any remains, it will be right aft and screened off, hatches 1 and 2 will be free for wool and also the forecastle and poop accommodation.

10. The rivetting of the second pontoon is well advanced despite adverse weather conditions and I hope to have her launched between 23rd and 30th instant.

I enclose Mr. Thomson's report on the erection of the first pontoon, rivetting figures etc. of the second pontoon go forward by next mail.

Immediately after the launching of the second pontoon, work will begin on the third and on Mr. Thomson's return from Montevideo the forming up of pontoons B and C will be commenced.

11. 1329.26. I note the Consolidated Pneumatic Tool Coy's instructions in regard to tempering of blank snaps which will have our best attention and a report will be made if we have to temper any blank snaps for use, in the future. We are now using the finished snaps shipped out per "Loreto" four of which have

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been in continuous use during the rivetting of Pontoon C.

12. "Falkland". A seaworthy certificate for one month was granted her by Lloyds Surveyor at Montevideo. He has ordered "quote" ^{See our letter to Capt Robert's enclosed.} for which Messrs Regusci & Voulminot quote \$ 1265, which quotation I have accepted subject to Lloyds Agents approval as this will be a matter of Underwriters.

In addition to this the new propeller shaft and propeller are to be fitted and bottom painted, the survey on the life saving appliance is to be completed and the boiler put through her periodical survey. The bottom damage will also be surveyed but not repaired unless Surveyors insist. Our claim on Underwriters will be formulated on her return.

13. 1329.5. F. & D. Sealing Co. Ltd. I regret to note the fall in prices but realize that the enormous catch of whale oil made last season makes this a very difficult market to work at present. The Sealing Company will not press sales but accumulate stocks and trust that prices will improve in the next few months. "Falkland" will not make another trip to Montevideo until November by which time I trust you will have been able to sell the season's production. In this connection the Directors would like you to keep in touch with Messrs. D. Geddes and Co.

With reference to your cable dated 29th ulto. regarding Hans Borge's proposals, the matter is still under the Directors' consideration and I hope to cable a reply shortly.

With reference to the 100 tons of oil sold to Glasgow - vide your cable dated 19th ulto. - 70 tons were shipped by last "Falkland" and the balance goes forward by this voyage.

The drums supplied ex Montevideo are proving satisfactory and show a saving in cost and tare on drums previously utilised. Production should improve as soon as weather permits. Seal are plentiful.

No. 716 per "Falkland" 12/8/30. - 5 -

14. 1329. 2. Wireless Communications. I am glad to note that you have taken this matter up again and trust that this will have the desired effect of expediting matters.

15. 1329. 14. Insurance Cover - Shipments from Coast. Messrs. Maclean & Stapledon's rate is 45 cents per 100 Uruguayan dollars. The rates you have obtained will show a considerable saving.

16. 1329. 23. Horses from Coast. I am advising Mr. Evans in accordance with your Remarks.

17. 1329. 29. "Bertha" Wreck. I note all you write and Messrs Churchill & Sons' views.

Coal. I will revert to this matter next mail.

18. 1329. 31. Admiralty Oil Fuel Depot. This is being gone into and I will report next mail.

19. 1329. 33. Island Transport. I have read your views with great interest and reserve comment pending the plan and specification which will go forward by next mail.

20. Your Despatch now under acknowledgement has been dealt with briefly as there are only three days between the in and outgoing mails. Certain matters will be dealt with at length in my next Despatch which will probably be sent via Magallanes about the third week in September next.

I am, SPECIFICATIONS,

Mark.	Sir,	Bliss.	Yallow.	Hiden.
D.H.	your obedient servant,			
H.C.	9	10		37
A.P.	4	1	3	20
J.R.	9	14		
P.	1			
J.L.S.	1	1		
	

No. 718 per 'Falkland' 12/8/30.

E N C L O S U R E S.

1. Despatch No. 716.
2. Statement on accounts. No.17.
3. Remarks on Accounts No. 17.
4. Remarks on Naval Fuel Depot No.2.
5. Remarks on Stores No. 686.
6. West Store Cash Voucher - July 1930.
7. Camp Manager's Report dated 8/8/30.
8. Engineer's Remarks Nos. 1 & 3.
9. Coal Statement - July 1930.
10. P.S.N.C. A/c.
11. Camp Diaries - Darwin & Walker Creek.
12. Return of Establishment & Wages -June Qr. - Darwin & W.Creek.
13. do. do. do. - North Arm.
14. do. do. do. - Fitzroy.
15. Stanley Ledger Balances at 30th June, 1930.
16. Accounts Current as per list enclosed.

Correspondence:-

Letter to and from Colonial Secretary re Dock anchorage.

" " Capt. D.W.Roberts re s.s.'Falkland' at Montevideo.

SPECIFICATIONS.

<u>Mark.</u>	<u>Wool.</u>	<u>Skins.</u>	<u>Tallow.</u>	<u>Hides.</u>
D.H.	13	13	-	-
W.C.	9	10	-	37
A.P.	4	1	3	20
J.B.	9	14	-	-
F.	1	-	-	-
J.L.W.	1	1	-	-

... ..

No. 717 per "Fleuret" re South Georgia. 2nd October 1939.

P E T R O L I U M

1. Acknowledges your No. 1830 and confirms by No. 724.
2. Regrets to hear of death of Mr. Thomas S. ...
3. Steamer movements
4. Indicates freight to be charged on shipments of wool all bills proposed in July & August.
5. Reports/visit of I.M.S. "Despatch" in February 1939.
6. Advises Hutchinson is opening a Hatchery in Stanley in November.
7. Shipping Nachrichten - reports progress re sale of ...
8. Weather - severe winter experienced in Falklands.
9. Coal - stock of general P&O tons, further 300 tons being purchased at Government 8 50/- ex stock at ...
10. Reports tour of H.E. Governor, of West Falkland; Mr. J. Hamilton, Westall Island, gave him 21,000 to be applied for purpose of benefitting Colony. Proposed light on Sea Lion Island.
11. Bills - 100 tons of steel put onto "Faulstich" as ballast, forecast estimate that further 500 tons will be required aft.
12. Proposed stone crushing & block making in Stanley instead of using Saker sheds owing to high cost.
13. Reports Mr. Vincent's tour of inspection of Company's Farm Secret.
14. Advises loss by fire of Fitzroy Cookhouse on 2nd October.
15. Encloses copy of letter to Royal Insurance Co. Ltd. re fire on Pitcairn Island.
16. Reports breaking away of "Samson" during a southerly gale.
17. Boat Lighters - heavy labouring alongside "Loreto" causes rivets to start in both.
18. New Store opened by H.E. Governor on 15th September. Everyone very favourably impressed with building.
19. New West Store - considerable amount of dry rot found on clearing building.
20. Kaituma dock - reports progress of work. Four rivetters being sent Home in November.
21. "Falkland" - considerable delay to repairs in Montevideo caused by Rogues & Vealminot.
22. P. & H. SHALING Co. Ltd. - general matters discussed.
23. Notes your remarks re Bills of Lading & produce receipts.
24. Notes warranty re "Kelp".
25. Regrets further fall in wool prices in September sales.
26. Island transport - discusses.

P R E C I S .

1. Acknowledges your No.1330 and confirms my No.716.
2. Regrets to hear of death of Mr Rhodes H.Cobb.
3. Steamer movements.
4. Indicates freight to be charged on shipments of seal oil made proposed in July & August.
5. Reports/visit of H.M.S.*Despatch in February 1931.
6. Advises Hutchinson is opening a Butchery in Stanley in November.
7. Canning Machinery - reports progress re sale of.
8. Weather - severe winter experienced in Falklands.
9. Coal - stock at present 980 tons; further 300 tons being purchased ex Government @ 50/- ex stack at Camber.
10. Reports tour of H.E.Governor, of West Falklands; Mr.J.Hamilton, Weddell Island, gave him £1,000 to be applied for purpose of benefitting Colony. Proposed light on Sea Lion Island.
11. Hulks - 400 tons of stone put into "Fennia" as ballast, forward. Estimate that further 500 tons will be requires aft.
12. Proposed stone crushing & block making in Stanley instead of using Camber sheds owing to high cost.
13. Reports Mr. Vincent's tour of inspection of Company's Farm Stores.
14. Advises loss by fire of Fitzroy Cookhouse on 2nd October.
15. Encloses copy of letter to Royal Insurance Co.Ltd. re fire on Bleaker Island.
16. Reports breaking away of "Samson" during a Southerly gale.
17. Iron Lighrers - heavy labouring alongside "Loreto" causes rivets to start in both.
18. New Store opened by H.E.Governor on 15th September. Everyone very favourably impressed with building.
19. Old West Store - considerable amount of dry rot found on clearing building.
20. Floating dock - reports progress of work. Four rivetters being sent Home in November.
21. "Falkland" - considerable delay to repairs in Montevideo caused by Regusci & Voulminot.
22. F. & B.SEALING Co.Ltd. - general matters discussed.
23. Notes your remarks re Bills of Lading & produce receipts.
24. Notes warranty re "Kelp".
25. Regrets further fall in wool prices in September sales.
26. Island transport - discusses.

No. 717 per 'Fleurus' 4.10.30. - 2 -

East of the Town/opposite the Harrows. I understand that lands
Rincon Grande, Port Louis N. and Johnsons Harbour will supply
me with sheep with holding ground at Rincon Grande.

7. Laming Machinery. With reference to my No. 710.9.

'FLEURUS' via South Georgia. called me on 4th October, at 12.30.

717. machinery was shipped by 'Falkland' August voyage, they had a
copy. It was not ready but I sent 'Falkland' up to Darwin on
15th inst and they got it all on board by the 15th inst. Messrs
Sir,

I have to acknowledge receipt of your Despatch No. 1330
dated 31st July and to confirm my No. 716 per 'Falkland' dated
12th August, 1930.

2. I regret to hear of the death of Mr. Rhodes E. Cobb,
the Chairman of the Company; will you kindly convey the sympathy
of the staff in the Colony and myself to his family.

3. Steamer and mail movements :-
'Falkland' sailed for Montevideo via Darwin and Albemarle on
13th August and arrived back on 25th September.

'Loreto' arrived on the 24th and sailed on 30th September.

'Maudie' and catchers arrived on the 26th and sailed on 29th ult.

'Ronald' and catchers arrived on the 28th ult. and sailed on
2nd instant.

Mails are due by :- And leave by :-

'Orita' 14th October 'Fleurus' via South Georgia, 5th
October.

'Fleurus' via South Georgia 'Orita' 14th October.
mid November.

'Falkland' early December. 'Falkland' 17th November.

'Lantaro' end December. 'Lobos' early January 1931.

4. Freight on 70 tons seal oil shipped to Glasgow in
July last and 30 tons shipped in August, is to be charged at
£ 5. 15. -. per ton.

5. H.M.S. 'Despatch', Flagship of this Station, is to
visit the Colony from 21st to 27th February 1931.

6. Hutchinson is opening a Butchery in Stanley in
November next. He is going to build a Slaughter House to the

The Managing Director,
L O N D O N .

No. 717 per "Fleurus" 4.10.30. - 2 -

nearly
East of the Town/opposite the Narrows. I understand that Rincon Grande, Port Louis N. and Johnsons Harbour will supply him with sheep with holding ground at Rincon Grande.

7. Canning Machinery. With reference to my No.710.9. Messrs Maclean & Stapledon cabled me on 10th August that if the machinery was shipped by "Falkland" August voyage, they had a buyer. It was not ready but I sent "Falkland" up to Darwin on 13th idem and they got it all on board by the 16th idem. Messrs Maclean & Stapledon advise me that there are some minor breakages and we shall possibly have to give an allowance but I trust you will consider this transaction satisfactory.

I propose to credit "Falkland" with £125 as freight and the balance to the Farm.

8. Weather. The Winter has been very severe and we had snow as recently as the 1st instant. Icebergs were reported to the East and to the West of the Islands early in August.

9. Coal. The stock on hand at 30th September last was :-

891 tons Patent fuel ("Fennia")	
89 " Coal ("Lady Elizabeth")	
<u>980 tons.</u>	

I have purchased from Government 300 tons of coal ex "Ullstad" @ 50/- ex stack, payment to be made as the coal is taken by us and 200 tons of coal to be taken before 31st July, 1931. This will keep us going until the latter part of 1931 and obviate an early replenishment of stocks and consequent tying up of money.

The coal is quite good and if Government release a further quantity at the same price, I propose to buy it. The last shipment of coal from the United Kingdom was costed at 58/9, f.o.b. being 21/-.

With reference to the coal stock figure given above I enclose 100 tons excess over book figures, actually in "Lady Elizabeth". I enclose copy of my letter dated 3rd instant to the Royal Insurance Co. Ltd.

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10. His Excellency recently toured the West Falklands including Weddell Island. I understand that Mr. Hamilton gave him £ 1,000 to be applied to any purpose which His Excellency considers will benefit the Colony. No decision has yet been reached but one proposal is to put a light on Sea Lion Island which would be of great assistance to all shipping using these waters and vessels rounding Cape Horn.

11. Hulks. 400 tons stone and shingle ballast has been shipped by "Fennia" and stowed forward. As the stock of Patent fuel decreases she will be ballasted aft and I estimate that 500 tons more will be required.

12. You are aware that stone crushing and block making has been carried on at the Camber and we pay the Admiralty £1 weekly as rent. I have now been ~~able~~ to clear the forward (West) end of the hulk "Charles Cooper" and hand it over to the Masons for this purpose. Apart from the saving in rent, there will be a big saving in handling charges.

13. With reference to my 706.29. Mr. Vincent toured the Camp from 12th to ^{21st} ~~21st~~ September visiting Speedwell Island, North Arm, Darwin and Fitzroy and I enclose a copy of his report.

14. Fitzroy Cookhouse. I regret to inform you that this building was burned down on the 2nd instant, the fire being discovered about 3.30 a.m. There were 6 men sleeping in the Cookhouse and they only just escaped in time losing all their personal effects. The only person injured was a person cut by glass. Mr. Slaughter is visiting Fitzroy and will make out a report for the Insurance Company. Owing to "Falkland's" programme being so behindhand I had not intended to move the Anson material until December next but I am now arranging to have this done next week so that if Mr. Slaughter decides to go ahead with the construction of a new cookhouse at once, the material will be available.

15. Bleaker Island Manager's House. I enclose copy of my letter dated 3rd instant to the Royal Insurance Co. Ltd. for your

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information. You will doubtless advise Mr A.F. Cobb to get in touch with them regarding his claim. This is being attended

16. "Samson". I regret to inform you that this hulk broke away from her moorings during a heavy southerly gale and came ashore on a sandy patch on the South East shore of Engineer Point. She is now high and dry and the weather and tides have not been suitable for getting her off. I fear she is holed.

17. Iron Lighters. During "Loreto's" stay in port from 25th to 30th September, high winds were experienced and these two lighters laboured heavily whilst alongside her. Rivets started on both lighters and a certain quantity of cargo has been damaged. Consignees are being referred to their Underwriters.

18. New Store. The New Store was opened by His Excellency the Governor at 11 a.m. on 13th September last. I enclose copy of the "Penguin" giving an account, also some photos. Everyone is favourably impressed with the Store and I am sure that the Board will be well satisfied with it as it undoubtedly does the Company credit.

The final cost will be about £ 6,000. This includes the roof, glass, flooring, counter, shelving, heating and electric light plants, also two thirds of the cost of the batteries supplied for "Falkland" (one third being debited to "Falkland") and not used. Labour represents about 43% of the final cost and apart from other considerations, I strongly advocate the use of concrete instead of importing framed buildings, whenever possible as a proportion of the wages paid flows back to us through the Store.

The rat proof bin referred to in my 711.14 has been completed and taken into use.

19. Old West Store. As soon as this building had been cleared the Carpenters took charge and a considerable amount of dry rot was found down the middle wall plating and under the floor at the South end of the Grocery Department a patch of mud about 15 ft. x 6 ft. x 1 ft. deep was found presumably due to

forward by next mail. 'Falkland' looked like making a record

defective drainage of the West Yard. This is being attended to and apart from this the building appears to be in fair condition. A brick chimney instead of the iron pipe now used is most necessary and will be built in.

I enclose a plan showing the proposed arrangement of the building. I hope to move in during the second half of November.

I have a further proposal as regards the East end of the building known as the Bake House, West Yard, Sections 55 and 56 but will deal with this in my next Despatch.

20. Floating Dock. The second Pontoon was launched successfully on the 26th August last.

The relaying of the blocks was taken in hand immediately, bolting up commenced on the 28th idem and was completed on the 12th September. Two thirds of the rivetting has been done and I expect her to be launched about the 20th inst. The material for the fourth pontoon has been collected together and all being well it should be completed and launched early in January next. We are well ahead of the schedule outlined in my No. 712.34.

The four rivettors agreements expire on December 12th and I am not keeping them on. A fair amount of rivetting remains to be done but Mr. Thomson and I agree that we can carry on with the local men who have been working alongside them. They will leave by "Falkland" 17th November and tranship to a vessel at Montevideo.

21. "FALKLAND". Messrs. Regusci & Voulminot let us down badly over the completion of the repairs to this vessel. Messrs. Maclean & Stapledon and Capt. Roberts did all they could to get matters expedited but instead of being there 10 - 11 days as was anticipated, she was 25 days. This caused considerable unpleasantness with Government which is referred to elsewhere. Our claim against Underwriters is being formulated and will go forward by next mail. 'Falkland' looked like making a record

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passage of 4 days 19 hours back to Stanley, when a few ^{hours} ~~was~~ out she encountered a heavy gale which delayed her 12 hours.

Mr. Thomson accompanied her to Montevideo and was away from 13th August to 20th September - he supervised the repairs on our behalf and also obtained some useful information as regards catcher repairs.

Movements A-

October 6th.	Port Louis. Fitzroy. (Anson Bldgs)	Return. Oct. 11th.
October 15th.	East & West Falklands, Magallanes.	Nov. 10th.
November 17th.	Montevideo	early December.

Clean boilers.

Wool season commences.

Sailing programme will follow by next mail.

22. F. & D. SEALING CO. LTD. 1330. 3.

I regret to note that seal oil prices have fallen so much and trust there will be some improvement shortly. I cabled you for an offer for 200 tons November shipment and now await your reply. Production is good at present and there was 200 tons ready on the Station at the end of September. It may be advisable for the Sealing Company to hold their catch for the time being - the present intention is to close down about Christmas time, pay off practically all the men and recommence operations about April 1931.

I have advised them of the complaint re drums ex "Dryden" and note from your cable dated 21st September that the smaller drums used are quite satisfactory.

Mr. Hans Borge. The Directors would welcome this gentleman's co-operation if mutually satisfactory terms could be arranged and the matter can be discussed when I am at Home.

Claim under Sue & Labour Clause. s.s. 'Afterglow'.

I enclose a letter dated the 2nd instant and details of expenses incurred in getting this vessel to Port Stanley in October 1929 for submission to Adjusters.

23. 1330.4. I note all you write re Bills of Lading and receipts for produce and these forms are being taken into use. Note there is no need to send the Lading list.

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24. 30. 6. I note the warranty re "Kelp".

25. WOOL. I regret to note the further fall in prices at the September sales.

26. s.s. 'FALKLAND' and ISLAND TRANSPORT. Your 1330.1.

I thank you for the plans sent as a basis for discussion - these only arrived on the 26th ulto. Capt. Roberts sailed next day and has only just returned and I have not had an opportunity of discussing them with him yet. However, I expect to be with you almost as soon as you ^{will} receive this Despatch, and little time will be lost. Owing to "Falkland's" unfortunate delay at Montevideo and that owing to P.S.N.C., H.M. vessels and Whaling factories overlapping with "Falkland's" last two Montevideo voyages, Government informed me on 8th September last that they did not propose to continue the arrangement for 1931 and also withdrew their support to the new steamer project. After prolonged discussions with His Excellency and the Colonial Secretary, I understand that they will now definitely support the new steamer project - this decision was only arrived at yesterday and I now await their confirmation. As ~~was~~ I can discuss the whole matter with you personally in the near future, I will not deal ^{with it} at length ~~now~~ ^{now}.

I am,

Photographs - New Store Sir,

Specification - your obedient servant,

Manager.

No. 517 per "Fleurus" via North Georgia 3rd October, 1930.

E N C L O S U R E S .

No. 718 per "Orbita" 14.10.30.

1. Despatch No. 717.
2. Statement on accounts No. 18.
3. Remarks on accounts No. 18.
4. Remarks on Naval Fuel Deptt. No. 3.
5. Store Indent No. 687.
6. Remarks on Stores No. 687.
7. List of Store Debtors at 30th June, 1930.
8. Remarks on Store Debtors at 30th June, 1930.
9. List of Butchery Debtors at 30th June, 1930.
10. Remarks on Butchery Debtors at 30th June, 1930.
11. Store Cash Voucher - August 1930.
12. Report in "Penguin" re opening of New Store.
13. Plan of adaption of Old Retail Building.
14. Report on Camp Accounts - Mr Vincent - 3.10.30.
15. Camp Manager's Report ~~XXXXXX~~ 2nd Oct.1930.
16. Diaries - North Arm & Walker Creek - July & August.
17. F.I.Shipping Report 9.9.30.
18. Coasting Insurances - July & August.
19. Probably mail service 1930 & 1931.
20. Copy of letter to Royal Insee. Co.Ltd. 7/10/30 re Bleaker Is.fire.
21. Copy of letter from F. & D. Sealing Co.Ltd. re "Afterglow" claim.
22. F.I.Gazettes - 3 each July 1st, August 1st, September 1st.
23. Copy of letter dated 2nd October, 1930, to Colonial Secretary re new steamer.
24. Photographs - New Store etc.
25. Specification - HEART 5 bales wool; 5 bales sheepskins.

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The Manager, ...

No. 718. per 'Orita' 14.10.30.

P R E C I S

1. Confirms No. 717 mailed per 'Fleurus' 4th October, 1930.
2. Encloses copy of new Currency Notes Ordinance.
Charge of 1% being levied by Government on remittances through Crown Agents & vice versa.
3. Floating dock - reports progress of third pontoon.
4. Encloses claims re grounding of 'Falkland' at Fagon Inlet and damage to propeller.
5. Notice of claim re Fitzroy fire, signed by Mr. Slaughter enclosed.
6. Plan of new hardware sale room is sent herewith.

You will note from para. 2. that a charge of 1% is chargeable on remittances between the Colonies and the Crown Agents and vice versa on receipts & remittances. This charge will be made in the case of the several payments of £ 1,000.

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Under the circumstances I do not intend to put into force the suggestion contained in our letter of 20th Sep. 1929 that we should make a similar charge on remittances made through us. It will not, of course, be only charge 1% most of the exchange should pass through our hands and we may be able to forecast a number of monthly remittances in each year.

3. **FLOATING DOCK.** There remain only about 4,000 rivets to put into the third pontoon. These, together with the caulking and painting, should be finished in time for launching on the 30th instant.

4. **'FALKLAND' CLAIMS.** Claims for expenses re grounding at Fagon Inlet - £1,124. 18. 5. - and broken propeller - £1,060. $\frac{7}{2}$ are sent by this opportunity. I will go into them with you personally.

The Managing Director,

LONDON.

No. 718 per "CRITA" 14/10/30. - 2 -

In continuation of 717. 14., I send notice of claim signed by Mr. Slaughter, which I assume the Underwriters will require. - you will see that there was no salvage.

6. With reference to 717.19. enclosed please find plan of "CRITA" via Valparaiso. 14th October, 30.

718.

Sir, and propose to make it into a sale room for hardware.

I have to confirm my No. 717 mailed on the 4th instant, since which date I have received nothing from you to acknowledge.

2. I enclose copy of the new Currency Notes Ordinance, which was passed, subject to the Secretary of State's approval, at a Meeting of the Legislative Council on the 7th instant.

You will note from Para. 6 (2) that a commission of 1% is chargeable on remittances between the Colony and the Crown Agents and vice versa: on enquiry I ascertained that no exception will be made in the case of our monthly payment of £ 1,000.

Manager.

Under the circumstances I do not intend to put into force the suggestion contained in our Remarks on accounts of 30th May, 1929 that we should make a similar charge on remittances made through us. In this way, or even if we only charge $\frac{1}{2}$ % most of the exchange should pass through our hands and we may be able to forego a number of monthly remittances in each year.

3. FLOATING DOCK. There remain only about 4,000 rivets to put into the third pontoon. These, together with the caulking and painting, should be finished in time for launching on the 20th instant.

4. "FALKLAND" CLAIMS. Claims for expenses re grounding at Egen Inlet - £1,124. 18. 5. - and broken propeller - £1,060. ^{17. 1}/₂ are sent by this opportunity. I will go into them with you personally.

The Managing Director,

L O N D O N .

No. 718 per 'Orita' 14/10/30. - 2 -

5. In continuation of 717. 14., I send notice of claim signed by Mr. Slaughter, which I assume the Underwriters will require. - you will see that there was no salvage.

6. With reference to 717.19. enclosed please find plan of the Bakery, Packing and Store Rooms at the back of the Retail Store.

As shown thereon, I am clearing the East end of this building and propose to make it into a sale room for hardware, which we are unable to accommodate in the new retail building. Very little expense will be entailed as practically all the shelving will be constructed from the dismantled partitions and from the top storey of the old West Store.

I am,
Sir,
your obedient servant,

Manager.

(Per Mr Young)

No. 718 per 'Orita' via Valparaiso. 14/10/30.

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- 1. Despatch No. 718 (Original only).
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- 3. Remarks on accounts No. 19. *N.F. Depot No. 4*
- 4. Store Indent No. 688. (Original only). 17. 1.
- 5. Remarks on Stores No. 688. (Original only). 5.
- 6. *Coal* Store Statement - August... Sept. 1930.
- 7. Store Cash Voucher - Sept.
- 8. Plan of Bakery & Packing rooms.
- 9. Notice of Fire.
- 10. Currency Notes Ordinance
- 11. ...
- 12. ...
- 13. ...
- 14. ...
- 15. ...
- 16. ...

Taken by Mr Young.

N.F. Depot No. 4

No. 718 per 'Orita' via Valparaiso. 14/10/30.

E N C L O S U R E S .

1. Despatch No. 718 (Original taken by Mr. Young). 2331/2.
 2. Statement on accounts No. 19. } there to report on
condition of buildings on 30 December per "Falkland"
 3. Remarks on accounts No. 19. } closed in December.
 4. Store Indent No. 688 } Taken by Mr Young.
 5. Remarks on Stores } of spares for old eng
 6. "Falkland" Claim propeller - £ 1,060. 17. 1.
 7. do Government grounding - £ 1,124. 18. 5.
 8. ~~xxxx~~ Coal Statement - August & Sept. 1930.
 9. Store Cash Voucher - Sept.
 10. Plan of Bakery & Packing rooms.
 11. Notice of Fitzroy Fire.
 12. Currency Notes Ordinance
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10. Floating Dock - reports launching of Pontoon "D" on 27th Oct.
 11. "Falkland" Passages - enclosed circular re booking of.
 12. "Falkland" itinerary - enclosed itinerary to July 1931.
 13. "Falkland" accounts - unable to send accounts to list Oct. owing to account of disbursements in Magallanes not yet received.
 14. Steamer movements.
 15. "Falkland" - reports return on 5th instants.
 16. S.S. "Ellen" - engine overhauled whilst this vessel was recently in Stanley.

No. 719 per 'Falkland' 14th Nov. 1931.

P R O C E E D I N G S .

1. Confirms No. 718 per 'Crite' and acknowledges Nos. 1331/2.
2. Bleaker Island - Hannaford will proceed there to report on condition of buildings on 8th December per 'Falkland'. Mr Slaughter will visit the Island in December.
3. 'Falkland' motorboat - new engine installed and is working satisfactorily. Enclosed list of spares for old engine.
4. Electric Light - denotes buildings now lit with.
5. Empire Marketing Board - appeal will be made to Colonial Government for cost of freight etc. on Chevrolet vans shipped per 'Lautaro'.
6. New Steamer - confirms cable advice of proposed sale of s.s. 'Aurorano' by Messrs Menendez Behety.
7. Chevrolet vans per 'Lautaro' - Stock Inspector notified.
8. Telegraphic Communication - minimum rate for telegrams to U.K. via Hangan now cancelled.
9. Wool steamers 1931 - 'Lobos' (10th Jan.) and 'La Paz' (early March) advised to date.
10. Floating Dock - reports launching of Pontoon 'D' on 22nd Oct. Erection of Pontoon 'A' commenced next day. Four rivetters travel per 'Falkland' this voyage via Casablanca route for U.K.
11. 'Falkland' Passages - enclosed circular re booking of.
12. 'Falkland' itinerary - encloses itinerary to July 1931.
13. 'Falkland' accounts - unable to send accounts to 31st October owing to account of disbursements in Magallanes not yet received.
14. Steamer movements. supplied with electric light.
15. 'Falkland' - reports return on 6th instant.
16. M.V. 'Ellen' - engine overhauled whilst this vessel was recently in Stanley.

5. 1331.22. IMPERIA... ..

The Chevrolet vans per 'Lautaro'... .. will be made to the Colonial Government for the cost of freight and charges.

5. 1331.24. NEW STEAMER. Details... .. of this steamer... .. considered it advisable to... ..

Director,
LONDON.

No. 712 per "Falkland" 14.11.30.

No. 713 per "Falkland" 14.11.30.

you by cable so that it could be before you during your
negotiations with Mr Young.

17. 1331.19. CHEVROT CARS. It is noted from your cable
analysis that 31 cars are being sent per "Lautaro". The new car
"REARD" via Montevideo. 14th November, 30.

Application to import was duly given to the Stock Inspector.

719. 18. TELEGRAPHIC COMMUNICATIONS. You will see from the

page of the "Penguin" sent herewith that the minimum charge

for messages to the United Kingdom via London is

and I have to confirm No. 718 mailed per "Orita" and to

acknowledge receipt of your Nos. 1331-2 by Valparaiso that

2. 1331.12. STEAMER USLAND. Monteford will proceed to

this Island by "Falkland", 8th December, and report on the

condition etc. of the buildings. I note from your subsequent

cable that you also require a report on the stock and pastures

and Mr Slaughter will go there early in December when the

sheep are gathered for shearing. Various other matters have been

3. 1331.19. "FALKLAND'S" MOTORBOAT. The new engine has

been installed and is satisfactory. You will observe from

Engineering Remarks No. 4, enclosed herewith, that with some

renewals the old engine would be in a good condition and

would therefore be a useful spare. (as per list

4. 1331.21. ELECTRIC LIGHT. At the time of writing 714.30

three buildings were supplied with electric light, viz:

Stanley House, Teja Cottage and the Chief Storekeeper's House.

It has since been installed in the new Retail Store.

5. 1331.22. EMPIRE MARKETING BOARD. When the cost of

the 31 Cheviot rams per "Lautaro" comes to hand, an appeal

will be made to the Colonial Government for the cost of

freight and charges. PASSAGES. Copy of a Circular is enclosed

6. 1331.24. NEW STEAMER. Captain Roberts having informed

me that Menendez Behety had the "Araucano" for sale, I

considered it advisable to communicate the information to

12. "FALKLAND" ITINERARY. A copy of the itinerary to July

Director,

LONDON.

No. 719 per "Falkland" 14.11.30.

No. 719 per "Falkland" 14.11.30.

you by cable so that it could be before you during your discussions with Mr Young.

7. "1331.29. CHEVIOT RAILS." It is noted from your cable advices that 31 rails are being sent per "Lautaro". The necessary application to import was duly given to the Stock Inspector.

8. "TELEGRAPHIC COMMUNICATION." You will see from the page of the "Penguin" sent herewith that the minimum charge of 10/- for messages to the United Kingdom via Bergen is cancelled.

9. "WOOL STEAMERS." We are advised by Valparaiso that the first two homeward boats next year are "Lobos" about 10th January and "La Paz" early March. We have 9¹/₂ passages booked for the latter vessel. I have reserved space for 2,000 bales by the "Lobos" and 3,000 bales for the "La Paz".

10. "FLOATING DOCK." Pontoon "D" was successfully launched on the 21st October. The three pontoons afloat have been taken over to the Naval Camber where the erection of the walls will take place when pontoon "A" is finished.

11. "CREATION OF THE LATTER." The erection of the latter began on the 22nd October and rivetting started on the 8th instant. Two complete frames No. 9 and 10 and several angles and plates (as per list enclosed) for this pontoon could not be found, but replacements were made in the Smithy with material from stock. It is possible that the missing frames are overstowed by the material for the walls etc. despite the careful search that was made.

The four riveters travel by this opportunity to Montevideo whence accommodation has been reserved for them in the "Denerara" sailing 27th instant.

12. "FALKLAND" PASSAGES. Copy of a Circular is enclosed from which you will see that after 15th January no passengers will be carried per "Falkland" unless the passage money is prepaid or the Station Manager guarantees it.

13. "FALKLAND" ITINERARY. A copy of the itinerary to July

No. 719 per "FALKLAND" via Montevideo, 14.11.30.

No. 719 per "Falkland" 14.11.30.

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next is enclosed for your information.

13. "FALKLAND" ACCOUNTS. I regret I am unable to send "Falkland's" account to 31st October by this opportunity as the account for disbursements in Magallanes has not been received from Messrs. Dick and Bravo.

14. STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The "Melville" arrived and left again on the 26th October. We supplied the catcher "Weddell" with 52 tons of coal as the quantity purchased from Government.

"Hektor 3" and "Hektor 2" - new catchers for the above mentioned factory - arrived on the 1st and 6th inst. respectively and took fuel oil.

s.s. "Fleurus" arrived on the 12th with mails from the United Kingdom transhipped at Montevideo to "Southern King" thence to South Georgia.

"Falkland" sails at midday on the 14th for Darwin, to discharge the timber ex Magallanes, Foxboy and Montevideo.

15. MAGALLANES VOYAGE "FALKLAND". "Falkland" arrived at Magallanes on the evening of the 26th October and left for

Risaco Island to load on the 27th. On her return she was delayed for 2 days at Magallanes on account of a "fiesta" but arrived at Port Stephens, where she received pratique, on the 5th instant and Stanley on the following day.

16. M.V. "HEM". As this vessel was recently in Stanley, opportunity was taken to overhaul the engine. Mr Thomson's report, together with a list of spares required, is enclosed.

I am,

Sir,

your obedient servant,

For Manager.

No. 719 per 'FALKLAND' via Montevideo. 14.11.30.

ENCLOSURES

1. Despatch No. 719.
2. Statement on accounts No. 20. 1st year 70. 1333.
3. Remarks on accounts No. 20. - notes gratuity etc.
4. Remarks on Naval Depot No. 5. "Lantaro".
5. Engineering Remarks No. 4. 1450.
6. Store Indent No. 689. - List of catchers being retained.
7. Remarks on Stores. - to Sec. Party.
8. Stanley Ledger Balances at 30th Sept. 1930. - F.I. Hospital, Stanley.
9. List of material missing from Pontoon "A". - by "Lady Elizabeth".
10. "Falkland" - Store freights - October 1930. - ing made up.
11. do. - do. - July/Sept. 1930. - cables and transport.
12. do. - Copy of Circular re passages.
13. do. - " " " with itinerary.
14. Returns of Establishment & Wages - Darwin, North Arm, Speedwell Is.
15. "ILEN" - report on engine & list of spares required. - Fitzroy & Stanley. Sept. Qr.
16. West Store Cash voucher for October. - confirms offer of mail - 1930.
17. Specification of cargo shipped per "Falkland" in transit for London.
18. Page from 'Penguin' 23.10.30.
19. Coal statement - October.
20. Two copies of particulars of Coasting service etc.
21. Coasting Insurances - September & October.
22. P.S.N.C. ACCOUNT 31.10.30. - confirms cables.
23. F.I. Shipping Report 12.11.30. - report for period April/September 1930.
24. Fitzroy Diary for October. - season 1929/30 with remarks.
25. Fitzroy Camp report 1.11.30.
26. Medical Officer's report for period ending 30.9.30.
27. Specification of Goose Green tallow.
28. Specification of 40 b/s wool - J.H.D. FEBBLE.

Sundry confirmations of cables.

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No. 719 per H.M.S. "DANAE" 2/1/31.

P R E C I S .

1. Confirms No. 719 and acknowledges your No. 1333.
2. G.F. Garry - Store Assistant - notes gratuity to.
3. Market rates (31) arrived per "Lautaro".
4. Cooper's House sold for £450.
5. F. & D. Sealing Co. Ltd. - list of catchers being retained.
6. "Ship Hotel" leased to Geo. Perry.
7. Mr J. Hamilton (Weddall Is.) gives £200 to N.Z.M. Hospital, Stanley.
8. Coal - surplus of 192 1/2 tons found on emptying "Lady Elizabeth".
9. Lighters - arrears of maintenance work being made up.
10. Floating dock - reports launching of last pontoon and transport of gear and plates to Camber for erection of walls.
11. H.M.S. "Danae" arrived on the 9th December and sails on 3rd inst. for Belgrano via Darwin.
12. Millinery and Men's Outfitting Store - Men's department opened 9th December. Moving into Millinery Store began on 29th December. L. Hardy's van employed in moving.
13. "Falkland" - reports movements. Confirms offer of mail subsidy for 1931.
14. Slaughter House - work on alterations not yet commenced.
15. North Arm Store - building will commence after shearing.
16. Cinematograph - confirms cable advising Fr. Wigton's plan for sale.
17. East Falkland Medical Fund - notes Company's subscription to it continues.
18. Tracks to Larrin and Estancia - confirms cables.
19. Comments on Dr. Wilson's report for period April/September 1930.
20. "Falkland's" Account for season 1929/30 with remarks.

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1333 10/31. F. & D. SEALING CO. LTD. Some samples have been submitted to this office for analysis, and it is noted that I have retained the list of old stock catchers pending further information regarding same. The office is also advised that the 9th December 1930 was the date when the Millinery Store was opened and the 29th December 1930 was the date when the Men's department was opened.

1333.1. "DUNDEE" 2/1/11 - 2 -

1333.1. "DUNDEE". In accordance with the authority
conferred in the message of the 14th November, I have issued
the "Ship Total" to George Perry, hereafter referred to as
"George".
1333.2. "DUNDEE" via HULL AND LONDON.
1333.3. "DUNDEE" via HULL AND LONDON.

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1333.4. "DUNDEE". With reference to 717.10, you will
be interested to learn that Mr. Hamilton has been accepted
to Sir, the Edward Memorial Hospital, Stanley.

My last Despatch was mailed per "Walkland" on 14th November
has since when I have received your No. 1333 per "Argenta" and
"Walkland". A lot of arrears of maintenance work has been

made up 2. 1333.3. C.F. GARY - STORE ASSISTANT. I got from your
cable of 14th November that a gratuity of £50 has been granted
to the above gentleman.

3. 1333.4. "DUNDEE" RAIN. The 31 name per "Lantana" arrived
safely, and as far as could be seen, in good condition. I
accordingly paid the Chief Officer the £5 authorised.

As the styles of the Stock Inspector the animals are
in quarantine on Navy Point, there being good feed for them
there. They have been shorn and the wool will go to Pitsea
for pressing. The surplus fodder was landed and will be used
if required. The power house and air compressor, together

with 4. 1333.7. "DUNDEE" HOUSE. I have accepted the offer of
£450, of which £400 has already been paid, on the understanding
that possession will be given when the building is vacated by
Mr. Crawford. The land included measures 1 1/2 rods and is part of

lots 10/11, Section 2. vessel arrived on 7th December and
left on 13. 1333.12/13. H. & D. GRADING CO. LTD. Your remarks have
been communicated to this Company. 3rd instant, calling on
me I have retained the list of old whale catchers pending

12. Mr. TANGHE-FORRESTER'S OUTFITTERS STORE. The new
department was opened for business on the 7th December and
The Managing Director,
moving into the new building began on the 27th inst. As our
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is now continually under repair, we are employing

No. 730 per H.M.S. "DANAR" 2/1/31. - 2 -

6. 1333.14. "SHIP HOTEL". In accordance with the authority contained in your message of the 14th November, I have leased the "Ship Hotel" to George FERRY, heretofore employed by Mrs. Wilson at her tender at the "Stanley Arms". Copy of the agreement concluded is enclosed.

7. Mr JOHN HAMILTON. With reference to 717.10., you will be interested to learn that Mr. Hamilton has now presented £200 to the King Edward Memorial Hospital, Stanley.

8. COAL. In continuation of 717.3. the "Lady Elizabeth" has now been emptied, a total surplus of 192½ tons being found.

9. LIGHTERS. A lot of arrears of maintenance work has been made up recently. The decks of all the new Coast lighters required caulking, the holds scrubbing and cleaning and the rubbers repaired. They also needed painting.

A considerable amount of work has also had to be done on the "Svendelin" - this has now left the vessel in good condition.

10. FLOATING DOCK. The last pontoon was successfully launched on the morning of 20th December. We have not yet been able to start the erection of the walls as the Dock gang have been employed on the slip cradle, getting it cleaned, painted and reerected.

The portable power house and air compressor, together with as much of the remaining gear as possible, has now been loaded on the pontoon preparatory to taking it over to the Gunter.

Most of the plates etc. for the walls have already been taken across ready for the erection to start at an early date.

11. H.M.S. "DANAR". This vessel arrived on 9th December and left on the 11th for Port Edgar. She returned to Stanley on the 23rd and leaves for Belgrano on the 3rd instant, calling at Darwin en route.

12. MILLINERY AND MEN'S OUTFITTING STORE. The men's department was opened for business on the 9th December and moving into the new Millinery began on the 29th idem. As our lorry is now continually under repair, we are employing

1. The following was the committee's findings.

2. The committee found that the Board of Directors and the Board of Trustees had acted in a manner which was not in the best interests of the University.

3. The committee recommended that the Board of Directors be reconstituted and that the Board of Trustees be dissolved.

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No. 720 per H.M.S. "DARWIN" VIA DUNEDIN AIRTEL. 2.1.31.

NO. 720 per H.M.S. "DARWIN" 11.1.31.

F R E E C O I S

1. Dispatch No. 720.
2. Statement on accounts No. 20.
3. Remarks on accounts No. 20. H.M.S. "DARWIN" 2/1/31.
4. Remarks on Naval Depot No. 6.
5. Store Incident No. 690. H.M.S. "DARWIN" - slipped on the 7th January.
6. Remarks on Stores No. 690. H.M.S. "DARWIN" - perils grounding on 6th instant.
7. West Store Cash Voucher - November 1930.
8. Coasting Insurances November. Military Store (new) opened on 5th January.
9. Camp Manager's Report dated 18.12.30. 18th January.
10. Camp Diaries - Darwin, North Arm & Fitzroy.
11. Lamb Marking Returns - all Sections. Found with meat notes.
12. Coal Statement - Darwin. Camp Manager's report and notes.
13. "Falkland" Working Contract to 31.10.30.
14. "Gwendolin" ...
15. "Falkland" Manifests Vows. 3. 2 & 3.
16. Engineering Remarks Nos. 5 & 6.
17. Abstract of cost of ... Store.
18. Valuation of property on ... Island.
19. Foreman Carpenter's Report on Swan and Speedwell Is. & Goose Green.
20. Copy of Agreement between Company & G. Perry - "Ship Hotel".
21. Page of "Penguin" dated 18.11.30.
22. Note of Protest "Falkland" grounding at Lively Is. 5.12.30.
23. F.I. Gazettes 1st November and 1st December.
24. Copies of cables exchanged between M. Steel (Tonsberg) and Sealing Co.
25. Copy of letter to Colonial Secretary re mail voyages 1931.

SPECIFICATIONS.

<u>MARK.</u>	<u>WOOL.</u>	<u>SKINS.</u>
D.A.	271	11
J.S.	101	16
A.P.	100	-
S & S	50	9
J.L.W.	122	7

No. 721 per "Lobos" 13.1.31.

P R E C I S .

1. Confirms No. 720 per H.M.S. "Danae" 2/1/31.

2. s.s. "Kelp" - slipped on the 7th January.

3. s.s. "Fleurus" - reports grounding on 6th instant

4. Millinery Store (New) opened on 5th January. "Danae"

5. "Lobos" arrived 9th and sails 11th January.

6. J. Goss, employee at North Arm found with throat cut

7. Bleaker Island - Camp Manager's report sent you per "Danae".
condition follows by post mail.

3. s.s. "FLEURUS"

This vessel ran ashore on Bald Point on the 6th instant at 9 a.m. on the 6th instant - at the 10.30 a.m. The passengers were landed at Fyvie Island by "Danae" and I understand the "Fleurus" is jettisoning coal. In the absence of writing the vessel is still aground and it is doubtful that there is little prospect of her refloating at low tide. "Afterglow" went out on the 5th to endeavour to get coal which was being discharged and in the hope of getting some salvage; at the time she was going to Shallow Bay where a large shoal of black fish, estimated at between 700 and 1,000, were stranded. J. Davis is in charge of the Arig.

4. MILLINERY STORE.

The Millinery STORE department in the old Vest Store was opened on the 5th instant and is a great improvement on the old Store. Even now, however, there seems inefficient management if the man's outfitting were removed to the old Millinery Store, the space vacated could advantageously be employed by the Millinery Department.

The Manager, Store,
10/1/31.

... arrived on the morning of the 7th and ... (12th) taking approximately 2214 ...

No. 720. 13th January, 31.

721. ... employed at North ... with his throat cut. The ... was brought to Stanley pub "Palmland" and today ...

I beg to confirm my No. 720 mailed per H.M.S. "Danae" on the 2nd since when I have not received anything from you.

1. "HELP"

The "Help" was slipped in the West ... on her instant and is being overhauled and painted. A ... on her condition follows by next mail.

3. "FLEURUS"

This vessel ran ashore on Bold Head of ... at 9 a.m. on the 5th instant - at the top of Spring Tides. The passengers were landed at Pebble Island by "Lacton" and I understand the "Fleurus" is jettisoning coal. Up to the time of writing the vessel is still aground and ... there is little prospect of her refloating until ... Tides. "Afterglow" went out on the 8th to endeavour to get coal which was being discharged and in the hopes of getting some salvage: at the time she was going to Shallow Bay where a large shoal of black fish, estimated at between 700 and 1,000, were stranded. J. Davis is financing the trip.

4. MILLINERY STORE.

The Millinery ~~STORE~~ department in the old West Store was opened on the 5th instant and is a great improvement on the old Store. Even now, however, there seems insufficient room and if the men's outfitting were removed to the old Millinery Store, the space vacated could conveniently be employed by the Millinery Department.

The Managing Director,
LONDON.

No. 281 723 12/12/31

5. REVENUE ACCOUNTS

m.v. "Lobos" arrived on the morning of the 9th and is subject to a light (12th) taking approximately 2214 bales of wool and sheepskins, 21 barrels of tallow and 69 hides.

36. Re CBS accounts Nov. 21st 1931.

4. Remains to report that this man employed at North Arm, found on the 2nd instant with his throat cut. The wound was not fatal he was brought to Stanley post "Falkland" and today stands his trial for attempted suicide January 1931.

37. Re REVENUE ACCOUNTS for November 1930.

7. Should understand that Mr. Slaughter mailed his report on Black Land past area to you direct per H.M.S. "Danae".

11. Return of Item, Lichment and Wages - Stanley Post, Quarter.

12. Cash Statement, Sir, December 1930.

13. "Falkland" your obedient servant,

14. F.L. Gazette January 1st 1931.

CONCILIATIONS

NAME.	WOOL.	for Manager, 1931.	VIEW.
D.M.	314		
H.A.	354		
S	107		
F B		3	44
H & B	100		
L	48	11	
TRIANGLE. P.B.	89	7	
Z	75	15	
HEART	61	6	
P	3		
B & S	120	18	
S CLUB B	58		
3	-	6	10

No. 721 per "Lobos" 13/1/31.


No. 722 per "Don Ernesto" 22/1/31.

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5. Store Indent No. 691.
6. Remarks on Stores No. 691.
7. Camp Manager's Report dated 10th January 1931.
8. Walker Creek Diary for November 1930.
9. Store Freights for October - December Quarter.
10. Coasting Insurances December 1930.
11. Return of Establishment and Wages - Stanley, Dec. Quarter.
12. Coal Statement for December 1930.
13. "Falkland" Manifest Voyage S.4.
14. F.I. Gazettes January 1st 1931.

SPECIFICATIONS.

<u>MARK.</u>	<u>WOOL.</u>	<u>SKINS.</u>	<u>TALLOW.</u>	<u>HIDES.</u>
D.H.	314			
N.A.	354			
S	107			
F S	-		3	44
H & B	100			
L	48	11		
TRIANGLE. F.B.	83	7		
Z	75	16	2	
HEART	61	6		
F	1			
D & S	120	18		
S CLUB B	58			
	-	6	10	

No. 722 per "Don Ernesto" 22/1/31.

P R E C I S .

1. Confirms No. 721 per "Lobos" 13.1.31.
 2. s.t. "Kelp" launched on the 20th instant.
 3. Donald McDonald, Mason, reports accident to.
 4. Floating Deck - erection and rivetting of walls commenced.
 5. "Great Britain" - mooring swivel being put in working order.
 6. Gymnasium & Baths - building opened by Governor on 21st Jan.
 7. H.E. Arnold Hodson leaves Colony per "Ofuna" on 2nd February.
 8. "Fleurus" refloated on 17th January and proceeded to ...
 9. Mails received per catcher "Don Ernesto" on 21st instant.
- Homeward mail also leaves by same ... which necessitated his being off work until the 19th instant.

4. FLOATING DOCK.....

The erection and rivetting of the walls began on the 18th instant and are making steady progress.

5. GREAT BRITAIN.

The mooring swivel of this vessel having rusted up the two chains have become badly twisted. As there was danger of the two anchors being drawn together involving the possibility of the vessel dragging, I am having the swivel removed to be put in working order again. It is a long and awkward job but would have had to be done before the rearrangement of bulks outlined in 716.9. could be carried out.

The Managing Director,
L O N D O N .

No. 722 per "Don Ernesto" 22/1/31. - 2 -

THEATRE AND BATHS.

The building was opened by the Governor on the 21st inst.

MR. ARNOLD HODSON.

His Excellency leaves here to take up his new appointment

in Sierra Leone per S.M.S. "Ordnance" on the 22nd January, 31.
S.S. "DON ERNESTO" via South Georgia.

722.

In continuation of 721.3 I have to report that "Vleurbaey"

refloated at 7 a.m. on the 17th inst. and arrived back here this

Sir,

following evening.

I have to confirm my No. 721 mailed per "Lobos" since when I have nothing from you to acknowledge.

carried out by Mr. Thompson. It appears that no structural damage

2. s.t. "KELP".

has been suffered. Several frames and standings in the

The "Kelp" was launched on the 23rd instant.

3. DONALD McDONALD - MASON.

As a precautionary measure we are placing a six inch

I regret that I omitted to report the accident to covering of cement over the bottom in the bunkers to prevent

this man.

any sheared rivets coming out when the vessel works.

On December 5th, while working at Jubilee Villas,

she will proceed to South Georgia after "Ordnance" and will

where we were undertaking repairs, he fell from a ladder. He

be clipped for further examination.

sustained a double fracture of the collar bone which

necessitated his being off work until the 19th instant.

4. FLOATING DOCK.

The erection and rivetting of the walls began on

the 12th instant and are making steady progress.

5. "GREAT BRITAIN".

The mooring swivel of this vessel having rusted up

the two chains have become badly twisted. As there was danger of

the two anchors being drawn together involving the possibility

of the vessel dragging, I am having the swivel removed to be

put in working order again. It is a long and awkward job but

would have had to be done before the rearrangement of hulks

outlined in 716.9. could be carried out.

The Managing Director,

LONDON.

No. 722 per "Don Ernesto" 22/1/31. - 2 -

No. 722 per "Don Ernesto", 22/1/31.

6. GYMNASIUM AND BATHS.

This building was opened by the Governor on the 21st inst.

7. M.R. ARNOLD HODSON.

His Excellency leaves here to take up his new appointment in Sierra Leone per R.M.S. "Orduna" on the 2nd February.

8. "FLEURUS".

In continuation of 721. 3. I have to report that "Fleurus" refloated at 7 a.m. on the 17th inst. and arrived back here the following evening.

As far as can be ascertained from the internal survey carried out by Mr Thomson, it appears that no structural damage has been suffered, though several frames and stanchions in the bunkers have been buckled.

As a precautionary measure we are placing a six inch covering of cement over the bottom in the bunkers to prevent any sheared rivets coming out when the vessel works.

She will proceed to South Georgia after "Orduna" and will be slipped for further examination.

9. MAILS.

Fifty bags of mails for the Colony having been taken to South Georgia per "William Scoresby", a spare catcher of the Argentine de Pesca - "Don Ernesto" - was employed to bring them to Stanley, arriving yesterday. This vessel will take a homeward mail, connecting with s.s. "Almora" leaving for Rio de Janeiro on the 28th.

I am, Sir,

your obedient servant,

for Manager.

No. 722 per "Don Ernesto", 22/1/31.

ENCLOSURES.

1. Despatch No. 722.

2. Statement on Accounts, No. 22.

3. Remarks on Accounts, No. 22.

4. Remarks on Stores, No. 691 A.

5. Remarks on Naval Fuel Depot, No. 3.

6. West Store Cash Voucher, December, 1930.

7. Wool and Sheepskins:- Statistics for 1930.

8. "Falkland's" Itinerary, S.5.

In 1929, the decrease of profit £ 30,351. 6. 9, being attributable to fall in prices for produce.

Wool - Decrease of £ 33,528. 12. 1.

Prices realised £ 43,813. 19. 1, as compared with a 73,116. 11. 10, in 1929, a drop of approximately £ 35,300.

"Sale of Livestock" represents sheep and cattle sold to the Stanley Butchery.

FIREWORK SECTION ACCOUNT.

The profit made on this Section is due to the sale of cotton to Stanley Butchery. Also, in 1929 Mr Langdon omitted from his returns 10 miles of fencing materials at Estancia; this will be erected during 1931 and we have therefore reinstated it during the year under review as the cost will be passed to you for capitalisation at the end of the current year + the actual profit for the year is therefore £ 980 less than what shown.

INSURANCE - decrease of £ 153. 8. 6.

Less cargo has been shipped from Stanley to out Stations than in the previous year.

LIGHTERAGE - decrease of £ 228. 12. 3.

Imports were approximately 875 tons less than in 1929 resulting in a heavy fall in Landing Charges while bulk hire has also decreased.

In 1929 this account had the benefit of the hire

THE MANAGING DIRECTOR,
LONDON.

1st March,

31.

H.M.S. "Despatch".

723.

Sir,

I beg to enclose the Annual Accounts for 1930 showing a profit of £ 20,286. 3. 7. as compared with £ 50,647. 10. 4. in 1929, the decrease of profit £ 30,361. 6. 9. being attributable to fall in prices for produce.

FARM - decrease of £ 33,528. 12. 1.

Produce realised £ 43,813. 19. 1. as compared with £ 79,118. 11. 10. in 1929, a drop of approximately £ 35,300.

"Sale of Livestock" represents sheep and cattle sold to the Stanley Butchery.

FITROX SECTION ACCOUNT.

The profit made on this Section is due to the sale of mutton to Stanley Butchery. Also, in 1929 Mr Langdon omitted from his returns 10 miles of fencing materials at Estancia; this will be erected during 1931 and we have therefore reinstated it during the year under review as the cost will be passed to you for capitalisation at the end of the current year - the actual profit for the year is therefore £ 580 less than that shown.

INSURANCE - decrease of £ 151. 8. 4.

Less cargo has been shipped from Stanley to out Stations than in the previous year.

LIGHTERAGE - decrease of £ 298. 19. 2.

Imports were approximately 875 tons less than in 1929 resulting in a heavy fall in Landing Charges while bulk hire has also decreased.

In 1929 this account had the benefit of the hire

THE MANAGING DIRECTOR,
LONDON.

Manager.

Co. 723 per H.M.S. "Despatch" 1/3/31. - 2 -

of our shipway for repairs to the cutter "Weddell" amounting to £ 98.

NAVAL FUEL DEPOT - decrease of £ 231. 3. 9.

This decrease is due to no cargo of oil having been received during the year under review. The profit compares favourably with that made in 1928.

STORES - Increase of £ 2,376. 11. 11.

The Millinery Department discloses a profit of £ 1,164. 4. 6. as against a loss of £ 1,653. 3. 4. in 1929. We feel that the latter figure was probably incorrect, due to faulty stocktaking but in the new premises there should be no difficulty in obtaining accurate figures of stock in future.

The Stanley Store has benefited by the surplus 192½ tons of cod found in "Lady Elizabeth".

The Loss of £ 133. 16. 8. on the Darwin Store is attributed by Mr Wood to selling off a large quantity of old stock we have his Stock Sheets under review and will refer to this again later, if anything comes to light.

The Loss of £ 114. 15. - on the Speedwell Island Store we assume to be due to faulty stocktaking. This is being the subject of investigation.

SMITHY - Profit of £ 125. 5. 6. as against Loss of £ 142. 7. 4.

The result of 1929 working was due to the charge for McNicoll's travelling expenses - £ 271. 10. -.

STANLEY BARRACKS,

Expenditure in 1930 under this head amounted to £ 16,003. 12. 1., an increase of approximately £ 950, largely due to the fact that the constructional gang was employed on Stanley Buildings, principally the new Retail Store, throughout the year, whereas in 1929 it was off our pay-roll, being engaged in the erection of the North Arm woolshed.

I am,

Sir,

your obedient servant,

Manager.

No. 724 per H.M.S. "Despatch" 1/3/31.

PRECIS.

1. Reports arrival of Mr Young per "Orduna" on 2nd February.
Governor Hodson sails by this vessel for U.K.
2. Confirms No. 722 and acknowledges your No. 1334.
3. Currency Notes Ordinance - not yet come into force.
4. "Falkland" Passages - new system working well.
5. Freight Contract 1930/1 season - Clients advised of rates.
6. Ford Motor Agency - agreements to hand.
7. Expect to ship 3,000 bales per "LaPaz" about 10th March.
8. Reports timber from Rieese (Magellan Straits) is excellent.
9. Bleaker Island - notes arrangements to be made.
"Falkland" will shift sheep during April.
10. Notes not more than 4/6 per head to be paid for ewes on Bleaker Is.
11. Conveys Captain Roberts' thanks for your recognition of his services during past two years.
Notes his reliever sails 28th inst. for Montevideo.
12. Mails via Montevideo 1931. Expect subsidy for year will approximate £ 1,875.
13. Remission of wool tax - our letter being forwarded to Secretary of State for Colonies. Suggest you mention matter to Mr Hodson while he is in England.
14. H.M.S. "Despatch" arrived 23rd February; sails 1st March.
15. Government has come to arrangement with Admiralty to transfer their wireless station to Admiralty Station.
16. New steamer - discusses matters in general.
17. Floating Dock - reports progress.
18. F. & D. Sealing Co. - Mr Steel's offer before Directors. Will cable you shortly.
19. Reports voyage homewards of "Orita" in May now cancelled.
Expect passengers will travel to Montevideo per "Falkland" in March and May.
20. Mails - outwards & homewards.
21. Wool shipments via Montevideo - about 1,400 bales will be shipped by this route. Awaiting advices from Nelson Line re quantity to be shipped per "Highland Chieftain".
22. Cheviot rams - reports loss of 3 rams - hope you will recover cost from Underwriters.

from Rieese (Straits of ... in October/November last
by "Falkland" was of excellent quality and the greater portion
has already been disposed of. I shall probably arrange
another voyage there for timber in August next.

THE MANAGING DIRECTOR,
LONDON.

9. Your cable dated the 20th instant re Bleaker Island.

I note that you have purchased all assets as per Camp Haggard's and Kennaford's reports including 300 wethers already sold to Stanley "Falkland" while there early next week to embark Mr. Smith's employees and the wool. Mr. Slaughter is arranging to

H.M.S. "Despatch" on the Island. I hope to be 1st March, "Falkland" 31.

724. shipping the sheep over to the Bay about the middle of

April and have suggested to Mr. Slaughter that on his return to

Sir, the night bring in a lot of sheep from the Island for

I have to report my arrival per R.M.S. "Orduna" on the 2nd instant. Governor Hodeon left the Colony by this vessel which is due in England at the end of March.

2. I confirm my Despatch No. 722 dated 22nd January

with enclosures as specified, and acknowledges your No 1334 of 9th Jan'y.

3. 1334. 14. CURRENCY NOTES ORDINANCE.

This has not yet come into force. I have discussed the question of remittances at length with the Acting Governor, Mr Ellis; he is reconsidering the matter and I will revert to it later.

4. 1334.16. R.S. "FALKLAND" PASSAGES.

The new system is working satisfactorily.

5. 1334.19. FREIGHT CONTRACT 1930/1.

Clients have been advised of the rates for this season - those with no jetty facilities being quoted £1 additional as usual.

6. 1334.21. FORD MOTOR AGENCY.

These agreements have my attention.

7. I estimate that we shall ship about 3,000 bales of wool and sheepskins per m.v. "LaPaz" due here about 10th prox.

8. You will be pleased to hear that the timber shipped from Riesoc (Straits of Magellan) in October/November last by "Falkland" was of excellency quality and the greater portion has already been disposed of. I shall probably arrange another voyage there for timber in August next.

THE MANAGING DIRECTOR,
L O N D O N .

9. Your cable dated the 20th instant re Bleaker Island.

I note that you have purchased all assets as per Camp Manager's and Hannaford's reports excluding 300 wethers already sold to Stanley. "Falkland" calls there early next week to embark Mr. Cobb's employees and the wool. Mr Slaughter is arranging to put someone on the Island. I hope to be able to use "Falkland" for shipping the sheep over to Low Bay about the middle of April and have suggested to Mr Slaughter that on her return to Stanley she might bring in a cut of sheep from the Island for the Butchery here.

10. REFERRING TO YOUR CABLE DATED 23rd inst.

The Camp Manager has been advised that he is not to pay more than 4/6 for ewes and is not to buy sheep for boiling down.

11. Captain Roberts requests me to thank you for your recognition of his services during the past two years and is agreeable to entering into a new agreement at £600 per annum. I note that you have engaged a Captain Evans to relieve him temporarily, and that he travels out to Montevideo per "El Argentino" sailing 28th instant. Captain Roberts will hand over to him there and travel Home per "Highland Chieftain" due London 16th April. I am of opinion that with a new steamer building Captain Roberts can be most useful to you and am therefore sending him Home without delay.

12. MAILS VIA MONTEVIDEO 1931.

The Government have agreed to pay us £175 each for voyages in March, May and June and £350 each for voyages in July and September. The new steamer will bring out a letter and parcels mail and the subsidy will therefore commence from her date of sailing from England. Our mail earnings this year should therefore approximate £1,865.

13. With reference to your cable dated 5th instant re remission of wool tax - on receipt I immediately called on the Acting Governor and discussed the matter with him.

No. 724 per "Despatch" 1/3/31. - 3 -

It is unfortunate that the Governor of the moment is only Acting as you will appreciate that his attitude is generally one of marking time. He is not unfriendly to the appeal of the Farmers but his private view is that the remission or deferring collection of the wool tax this year is not practicable but if the depression continues the matter could be reopened later in the year for consideration, for next season's clip. He also stated that if I applied in writing he could do nothing but forward my letter to the Secretary of State for the Colonies. I decided to adopt this course ~~and~~ and enclose copy of my letter dated 21st inst.

I have not yet received an acknowledgement but as you will doubtless see Mr Hodson during his stay in England it might be advisable to mention this matter to him as if the Acting Governor sends my letter Home together with his views it will possibly be referred to Mr Hodson for his opinion.

14. H.M.S. "DESPATCH", Flagship of the South America and West Indies Squadron, Vice Admiral V.H.S. Haggard, C.B., C.M.G., is now on a visit here arriving on the 23rd instant and sailing on 1st March. I understand that the next cruiser to visit us will be in December next - H.M.S. "Dragon" (August last) and H.M.S. "Danae" (December last) both visited Port Edgar and appear to be impressed with its possibilities as a natural harbour.

15. Government has apparently come to some arrangement with the Admiralty to transfer their Wireless Station to the Admiralty Station. The move appears to be unnecessary and as this Government will then be responsible for the upkeep of the extensive buildings, the Admiralty seem to have the best of the bargain.

16. NEW STEAMER. Much interest has been shown in this and the resulting improvement in communication around the Islands and to Montevideo is appreciated. Everyone who has seen the outline plan is favourably impressed.

With reference to my cables dated 5th and 20th instant and yours dated the 11th inst, I enclose copy of Memorandum from Captain Roberts on the subject of subdivision of tanks, also one detailing several minor matters for your consideration. It is probable that several of these are covered by the specification of which please send me a copy.

Mail contract. This has been submitted to the Acting Governor who has made several minor alterations in the draft agreement. His Excellency is sending the Agreement to the Secretary of State for the Colonies this mail with the request that if approved it may be concluded between the Crown Agents for the Colonies and yourselves. I enclose a copy of the Agreement as amended and with which I am satisfied.

Voyage out. I suggest that the vessel sails about the 10th October - this gives an interval of 20 days between mails ("Groya" sails 20th September) which will be convenient to Government and to us getting her here in ample time for the commencement of the wool collecting season. After discussion with Captain Roberts I am of opinion that the most economical way to bring her out is to fill No. 2 hold with bunker coal and assuming that her consumption will be about 9 - 10 tons per day, keep an itinerary as under

London to Teneriffe on main bunkers and ^{re-}filling bunkers there - 8 days

Teneriffe to Montevideo on main bunkers and No. 2 hold. Fill up both at Montevideo - 20 days.

Montevideo to Port Stanley - 5 days.

Allowing 3 days in Port, estimated length of voyage 36 days.

This should prove more economical than working on the main bunkers only with a small reserve in No. 2 which would necessitate calls at at least two additional ports.

Mails outwards. You will doubtless get in touch with the Postal Authorities and in addition to mails embarked in the United Kingdom arrange for them to notify an overtaking mail to be transhipped at Montevideo.

Crew. I propose to send a crew Home to send her out. This will cost no more than repatriating a crew Home; my experience of Home crews delivering ships has always been most unsatisfactory. Ships always arrive in a very dirty condition and the type of man signed on is invariably troublesome.

Cargo out. With No. 2 hold used for coal we cannot profitably take any weight cargo but shall have about 20,000 cu. ft. available for measurement cargo. I am of opinion that it will be most profitable if we send her to Norway to fill her with pine and am preparing a specification which I will send you next mail. In this case you will doubtless despatch her from Leith to Norway and thence to a Channel port for mails and refilling bunkers.

17. FLOATING DOCK. Work is now going on at the Camber. The four pontoons are bolted together and the foundations of the sides are being erected.

18. FALKLANDS & DEPENDENCIES SEALING CO. LTD.

Mr Steel's offer is before the Directors and I will cable you shortly.

19. I have today been advised by Valparaiso that due to lack of support the Pacific Steam Navigation Company have cancelled the homeward voyage of R.M.S. "Oriza". We had 12 1st class, 12 2nd class and 5 3rd class passengers provisionally booked for her and expect that a number of them will travel per "Falkland" in March, and May. Kindly enquire and advise if the outward voyage of "Oreya" sailing 20th September next stands.

20. MAILS.

	<u>TO U.K.</u>	<u>FROM U.K.</u>
"LaPaz"	about 12th March	-
"Falkland"	" 15th March.	30th March
"Lagarto"	-	late April
"Falkland"	about 15th May	end May.

21. WOOL SHIPMENTS VIA MONTEVIDEO.

I expect about 1,400 bales and 100 tons of tallow will be lifted by this route. I am now awaiting advices as

to the quantity the Nelson Line will accept per "Highland Chieftain" and also of the probable sailing dates of vessels bound from New Zealand to London via Montevideo.

22. CHEVIOT RAMS. I regret to report that three of these animals are lost. One died in Quarantine from Acute Broncho Pneumonia, as per Veterinary Officer's Certificate enclosed. A second was missing when the rams were gathered for shipment to Darwin and is reported to have taken to the water, having apparently been seen halfway across Port William.

The third died 2 days after arrival at Darwin. Kindly recover the value from Underwriters.

With reference to the Camp Manager's Report of 25th instant, please note that it is incorrect that the rams "had a rough time when being shipped from the Cambar to the Falkland". The animals were wild and difficult to gather but were eventually placed in the hold of one of the iron lighters and brought alongside "Falkland" in good weather. The moving from Cambar to lighter and lighter to "Falkland" was carried out with a special pen for this purpose.

I am, Sir,

your obedient servant,

Manager.

Specifications.

Mark.	Wool.	Skins.	Tails.	Hides.
7	70			
12	50			
13	27	1		
14	39			
Triangle				
D R				

ENCLOSURES.

1. Despatch No. 724.
2. Statement on Accounts No. 23.
3. Remarks on Accounts No. 23.
4. Store Indent No. 692.
5. Remarks on Stores No. 692.
6. Remarks on Stock Sheets, 1929.
7. Report on S/T "Kelp", 21/1/31.
8. Copy of P.S.N.C. Account, 31/1/31.
9. Coasting Insurances, January.
10. Coal Statement, January.
11. New Steamer - memorandum re w/b tanks.
12. " " " " vessel (in duplicate).
13. " " - copy of draft Indenture with the Government (in duplicate).
14. Certificate re loss of Cheviot ram.
15. Camp Manager's Report, 25/2/31.
16. Return of Establishment - December, 1930 quarter - all Sections.
17. North Arm Diary - December.
18. Shearing, 1st returns, D.H., W.C., N.A., P.E.s with summary.
19. Lamb marking " " " " " "
20. Copy of letter to Government re abatement of wool tax.
21. F.I. Gazettes, No. 14 (1930) - 3 copies.
22. " " No. 2 & 3 (1931) - 2 copies each.
23. Photographs of interior of Retail Store.

Specifications.

Mark.	Wool.	Skins.	Fallow.	Hides.
F	75			
AP	68			
R B C	27	1		
HP	59	5		
Triangle D H		16		
D.H.	316			

(cont'd over).

No. 725 per "Falkland" via Montevideo 22/3/31.

ENCLOSURES.

1. Statement on accounts No. 24.
2. Remarks on accounts No. 24.
3. Remarks on Naval Fuel Depot. No. 9.
4. Enclosure to Store Indent No. 693. (Indent goes per "La Paz")
5. Coal Statement - February 1931.
6. West Store Cash Voucher January 1931.
7. "Falkland" Manifesta Vows. 6, 7, and 8.
8. Falkland Is. Shipping Report
9. E.I. Gazettes dated 1st Feb. (amended).
10. Coasting Insurances - February.
11. P.S.N.C. Account dated 23.2.31.
12. Statement of Stores Accounts :- Holmsted, Blake & Co. Ltd.
Baillon & Stickney.
Geo. Bonner
H. & G. Cobb Naval project.
Stickney Brothers.
13. List of probable arrivals and departures of mails March - Dec. 1931.
14. "Falkland" Itinerary season 1930/1 (2nd half).

Copies of correspondence :-
To C. & E. Morton re supplies.
From H. E. Acting Governor re Revision of Wool Tax. (per "La Paz")

SPECIFICATIONS.

MARK.	WOOL.	SKINS.	HIDES.
D E	127	120	169
N.A.	262	17	
S.I.	126		
S	43		
T.R.			
Port Louis	119	5	
T.R.			
Fitzroy.	23		
H.G.C.	98	4	
F S	-	43	
A.F.C.	47	4	19
	

No. 725 for "Fairland" 12/2/31

she will therefore only load bunker coal in England. Captain Roberts suggests that he should fill his bunkers with coal at Immingham or Hull with South Yorks coal and then proceed to Norway and thence to a port in the English Channel, probably Dartmouth, fill up bunkers with Welsh coal, embark mails and sail from there about 10th October.

Passages out. It will not be desirable to book any passengers out but passengers could travel out by liner and join the vessel at Montevideo. You will doubtless advise the P.M.S.N. Co. and Nelson Lines of this opportunity in due course.

Crew. I shall send home about 10 men and will endeavour to arrange their arrival in the United Kingdom for about 21st September next. I will revert to this later.

5. FLOATING DOCK. The last pontoon was completed and launched on 20th December and was towed across to the Gamber on 31st - the first favourable day. In the mean time the men were occupied in overhauling, repainting and assembling the slipway carriage which had been dismantled to allow of the building of the pontoons. It had been our first intention to start the erection of the dock walls at an earlier date, i.e. when B & C pontoons had been completed and launched, but this scheme had been found impracticable here owing to the continuous heaving movement of the pontoons and the danger of distorting the wall foundations, angles and stringer plates as the walls would have to be erected overhanging the positions of A & B pontoons.

It may be explained the wall foundations had to be built supported on blocks 4 feet above the pontoon decks as the rivetting is closed on the under side, and the foundation carefully lowered down into position before either the wall frames, plating or main suction line could be proceeded with. Previous to lowering the wall foundations all rivet heads, both in the pontoon deck plates and wall stringer plates had to be chipped flush to allow of a watertight joint being made between these parts. This was completed and the wall foundations lowered into position with

No. 775 per "Falkland" 12/2/31. - 3 -

10. MAINTENANCE, arrived this morning and will about 1400
 each pounce its relative distance apart on 7th February. On
 30th February a gale sprang up from the South Easterly direction
 displacing the pontoons and causing the wall foundations to
 overhang the pontoon deck by 12 inches which took us considerable
 time to remedy. The main suction line was next fitted and it
 was found that its length exceeded the plan dimensions by
 $\frac{3}{4}$ of an inch, the pontoons then having to be partly submerged
 separately and moved to bring the pontoon sections into line
 with their branches on the main suction line. The one inch holes
 for the wall foundation securing bolts were then taken into
 hand, the number of which total about 1,800. A great number of
 these have to be drilled by hand ratchets as we have only one
 pneumatic drilling machine capable of drilling holes of this
 size. All holes on the starboard side were completed on March
 4th and the securing bolts fitted and work is proceeding with
 the wall frames. It may be mentioned that out of a total of
 152 wall frames and bulkheads, 84 were bent and distorted;
 these had to be cut adrift, heated and fattened. Photos enclosed.

6. HOMEWARD PASSAGES. Mr T.G. Slaughter & family and
 Mr J.F. Scorer and family travel by "Falkland"/"Highland Monarch"
 next May. They will be embarked at Brenton Loch and San Carlos, S.
 and taken direct to Montevideo.

7. MAILS. A provisional list of arrivals and departures
 to the end of December next is enclosed in the cover sent by
 "Falkland".

8. "FALKLAND" revised itinerary is also sent in the above
 cover. Should time permit I hope to get the timber in from
 Mars Harbour this Winter. I am of opinion that it may be useful
 here and if "Falkland" has an idle fortnight she might as well
 be in Mars Harbour as here.

9. WOOL HOMEWARDS. It is now apparent that all Farmers
 are holding back a considerable quantity and the quantities to
 go forward via Montevideo this season will probably not exceed
 1,250 bales.

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No. 725 per "La Plata" 1931

10. M.S. "LAPAZ", arrived this morning and sails about 14th instant with 2,265 bales of wool and sheepskins. Amongst the passengers by her are Mr & Mrs G Roberts, Mrs D W Roberts and family, Mr J Mitchell & Master W J Young. Captain Roberts travels to London per "Highland Chief" due there 16th April. I have purchased a further 300 tons coal ex "United" from Government at 50/- per ton ex stack, payment to be made as coal is delivered and the whole quantity to be taken by 1st July 1932, would be most inadvisable.

12. With reference to Messrs R. A. Hogg & Company (Manager British Marine Mutual Insurance, Ltd.) query regarding the law here as regards Employers' Liability or Workmen's Compensation this is not covered by local Ordinances. I note contents of their letter to you dated 17th December last and this being arrangement is quite satisfactory.

13. With reference to the second paragraph of No. 724.14. to the Navy and Port Hagar, there is apparently a project under consideration of erecting a large oil storage there with a deep water jetty for bunkering. Should anything further transpire, I will advise you.

14. I understand that Stromness and Prince Olaf Land Stations are to be closed down at the end of the whaling season. R.M.S. "Discovery II" is to visit Port Stanley (for the first time) on her way Home in April or May (she is now being

15. When s.s. "Fleurus" went ashore on Gold Rocks, West Falkland, s.s. "Afterglow" went on from Port Stanley and rendered material assistance to her. This appears to be a case for the arbitration and I am sending you the relative papers for consideration to Messrs Hogg & Lindley, the Falklands and Dependencies Sealing Company appear to have a good case, failing the presence of "Afterglow" "Fleurus" position was most precarious and I should estimate the value of "Afterglow's" services at between £4,000 and £5,000 annually offering of freight to and from West Falkland comprised of 1000 empty drums.

No. 785 per "Is. Pass" - 24th March, 1931. 6.

Captain Roberts saw the "Fleurus" ashore, and this fact coupled with his local knowledge should be of assistance in formulating the claim.

16. F & D. SEALING CO. LTD. The Directors do not consider Mr Steel's offer acceptable, neither do I consider that it holds any attraction for us, as ^{with} the present constitution of the Company, and with work being carried on on present lines, we are well acquainted with all the facts. A transfer to a financially weak Company such as Mr Steel's must be, in view of the terms suggested, would be most inadvisable.

The sealing station is now closed down and only two men have been kept on pay for maintenance purposes. "Afterglow" is laid up in Port Stanley. Unless the price of oil improves the Directors do not propose to operate this season, and in the meantime have approached the Government with a view to being granted a licence for a longer period of years than hitherto granted - also a licence for whaling in the territorial waters of the Colony. A copy of their letter to the Colonial Secretary, dated 13th February, 1931, is enclosed.

Our debt at 31st December last, after writing back £ 2,000 freight to "Falkland's" debit and which is retained in Suspense, amounts to £ 10,131. 14. 5, against which the assets of the Company, valued at £ 12,533. have been assigned to us, plus 330 tons of seal oil on hand. Credits have to be received for "Bellville" return of premium (she is now being insured "Port Risk only") also for "Afterglow's" claim against "Fleurus". This position, which is mainly due to the heavy fall in the value of produce, gives cause for anxiety, but the value of this connection to us is apparent, as freight credited to "Falkland" for carriage of empty drums from Montevideo and oil to Montevideo amounted to £ 3,772. in 1930, in addition to other freights and stores sold. If and when the value of produce improves to a point at which the station can be worked profitably, we can expect a minimum yearly offering of freight to and from Montevideo comprised of 3000 empty drums, 250/300

No. 725, per "La Paz", 14th March, 1931. 6.

tons of coal and 500 tons of oil. (elementary).

As regards the sale of the 330 tons of oil on hand please request Brokers to keep this before them. I can arrange transshipments to almost any main port, but Rotterdam is the most attractive.

17. BISLEY TEAM. I am requested by the local Bisley Committee to thank you for your kind offer of free passages per "Falkland" for members of the Bisley Team, which is much appreciated. They will probably travel to Montevideo per s.s. "Melville", but return by "Falkland".

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Manager.

No. 725, "La Par", 14th March, 1931.

ENCLOSURES (Supplementary).

1. Despatch No. 725.
2. Statement on Accounts, No. 25.
3. Remarks on Accounts, No. 25.
4. Store Indent No. 693.
5. Remarks on Stores, No. 693.
6. Specification of timber (per new steamer).
7. Documents re "Fleuras" Salvage claim.
8. Copy of letter, Sealing Co. to Government re licence, etc.
9. " " " from the Acting Governor re relief of taxation.
10. Photographs of Dock.

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No. 726 per "Loreto" 9/4/31.

P R E C I S .

1. Confirms No. 725 dated 14th March and acknowledges No. 1335 of 27th February, 1931.
2. Bleaker Island - advises "Falkland" left on 3rd instant to shift stock.
3. Lively Island - notes this Farm is to be supervised by Camp Manager. "Falkland" lands Mr Slaughter there this voyage weather permitting.
4. Notes pension of £ 35 p.a. granted to Alex McKenzie.
5. Captain H.T. Evans arrived in command of "Falkland" on 31st ulto.
6. New steamer - specifications received. Appear to be in order.
7. Wool market - prices at March Sales higher than expected.
8. Douglas Station - Manage to Jetty by "Falkland". - no report made to this Office by Mr Greenshields or Capt. Roberts. Asks you to refer matter to latter and advise us.
9. Lathe at Admiralty Wireless Station - our offer of £35 refused by Commander in Chief, West Indies Station. Asks you to renew offer to Admiralty.
10. Steel Lighter No. 5 now on slipway undergoing overhaul.
11. Encloses copy of letter from Colonial Secretary re Currency Note Ordinance.
12. Encloses copy of letters to and from Colonial Secretary relative to proposed investigation of wool market by Imperial Economic Committee.
13. Reports Mr J. Hamilton's vessel "Penelope" left Falklands for Magallanes 27th February but has since not been heard of.
14. "Great Britain" ready for removal to East of Narrows. Work is proceeding on "Fennia". Propose to leave 6/700 tons fuel in "Fennia" as stock, also serving as ballast.
15. Advises Homeward passenger movements in consequence of "Orite's" cancellation. Pebble Is. wool being shipped this opportunity.
16. Camp Manager reports all Sections have sufficient supplies for next season.
17. Notes your proposal to ship out an additional pontoon for Dock owing to weight of new steamer.
18. Millinery Store - Mrs Riggs' services dispensed with owing to no improvement in methods in new premises.
19. Advises this Despatch will be signed by Mr Vincent as Mr Young will be at Darwin when mail leaves.

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No. 725 per "Herald" 9/4/32. - 2 -

1335.18. DONALD STATION - DAMAGE TO JETTY BY "FALKLAND".

No report of this damage has been made to us by Mr Greenfield or Mr Captain Roberts. Please refer the matter to the latter and request him to send us a Report. The ship's log states:-

"Blowing hard from N.W.E. 9th April, 31.
7. p.m. called out Boat and 3 hands to put fenders between vessel and jetty.
6.30 a.m. removed fenders and sailed."

The Chief Officer states that no damage was visible but

Sir,
that the jetty was moving under the strain was up by the vessel.
I confirm my No. 725 dated 14th March and acknowledge receipt consequent on the strong wind blowing.
of your No. 1335 dated 27th February last, with enclosures as detailed.
"Falkland" will be going to Salvador Waters at the end of the month and I will arrange to have the jetty inspected then.

2. 1335.10. BLEAKER ISLAND. "Falkland" left on the 3rd inst. There is a station at the Admiralty Wireless Station which for Bleaker Island via Darwin to shift the stock.

3. 1335.11. LIVELY ISLAND. I note that this Farm is to be supervised by the Camp Manager in future and that Messrs H. & G. Cobb are to be debited with £ 200 per annum for services rendered.

10. NEW STEAMER No. 1. Is on the slipway and is receiving a thorough overhaul. She is being christened, had rivets cut out and on her return from Bleaker Island to enable Mr Slaughter to land. replaced, red-leaded and painted. She is in fairly good condition.

4. 1335.12. I note that Alex McKenzie has been granted a pension of £ 35 per annum from the date of termination of his employment. With reference to my 725.2. I enclose copy of my letter dated 20th March to the Colonial Secretary. This has since been considered at a Meeting of the Executive Council and I understood "Falkland" on the 31st ultimo.

5. 1335.13. Captain H.T. Evans arrived in command of s.s. "Falkland" on the 31st ultimo. It is considered our case has been made out and the Acting Governor is advising the Secretary of State that we should be been gone through carefully and appear to be in order. The several modifications suggested since my return must now be receiving your attention. If No. 2 tank can be made "reasonably tight" without any great expense and the feed tank is being arranged with a centre line division, our requirements will be met.

6. 1335. 15 & 19. NEW STEAMER. The specifications have been gone through carefully and appear to be in order. The several modifications suggested since my return must now be receiving your attention. If No. 2 tank can be made "reasonably tight" without any great expense and the feed tank is being arranged with a centre line division, our requirements will be met.

7. WOOL MARKET. There is general satisfaction with the prices realised at the March Sales as lower values were expected. and enclosure from the Colonial Secretary and my reply dated 10th

The Managing Director,

LONDON.

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8. 1335.18. DOUGLAS STATION - DAMAGE TO JETTY BY "FALKLAND".

No report of this damage has been made to us by Mr Greenshields or by Captain Roberts. Please refer the matter to the latter and request him to send us a Report. The ship's log states :-

20th December. "Blowing hard from E.N.E.
7. p.m. called out Bos'n and 3 hands to put wool fenders between vessel and jetty.
21st December. "6.30 a.m. removed fenders and sailed."

The Chief Officer states that no damage was visible but that the jetty was moving under the strain set up by the vessel consequent on the strong wind blowing.

"Falkland" will be going to Salvador Waters at the end of the month and I will arrange to have the jetty inspected then.

9. There is a lathe at the Admiralty Wireless Station which I offered £35 for. The Commander in Chief, West Indies Station, refused this but it might be advisable to renew the offer to the Admiralty direct. Will you kindly do this.

10. STEEL LIGHTER No. 5 is on the slipway and is receiving a thorough overhaul. She is being chipped, bad rivets cut out and replaced, red-leaded and painted. She is in fairly good condition and there is no need to renew any plates as yet.

11. With reference to my 725.2. I enclose copy of my letter dated 20th March to the Colonial Secretary. This has since been considered at a Meeting of the Executive Council and I understand that it is considered our case has been made out and the Acting Governor is advising the Secretary of State that we should be excluded from the operation of the 1% charge on remittances.

12. Mr J. Hamilton's vessel "Penelope" left New Island for Magallanes on the 27th February last and has not since been heard of. I am hoping to hear that she arrived when "Loreto" calls here this week from Magallanes.

13. I enclose copy of a letter No. 80/31 dated 16th ultimo and enclosure from the Colonial Secretary and my reply dated 18th idem for your information.

14. Mr Vincent will sign this Despatch as I shall be at

No. 726 per "Loreto" 2/4/31. - 3 -

14. Since "LaPaz" sailed "Great Britain" has been cleaned out and is ready for removal to the East of the Narrows. Work is proceeding on "Fennia". I propose to leave 6 - 700 tons of Patent Fuel in her as reserve stock which will also serve as ballast. Precautions will be taken to obviate any risk of damage to wool stored in her, from coal dust.

15. Consequent on the cancellation of "Crita" Homewards I arranged with the F.S.N.Co. for "Loreto" to call here for passengers and she is expected on the 10th instant. We have booked 110 bales wool ex Pebble Island and ~~17~~ ¹⁷ passengers, amongst them are Mr & Mrs J.F. Bonner and Mrs Louis Williams.

The F.S.N.Co. have since asked if we have any ~~wool~~ ^{need} for "Lobos" leaving Magallanes late June. I can probably offer 200 bales of wool ex Pebble Island and a few passengers.

I have refused to ship Pebble Island wool per "Falkland" at Port Stanley via Montevideo but have offered to take it at Pebble Island at the through rate of freight quoted to other Clients.

16. With reference to your telegram dated the 12th ulto. Mr Slaughter advises me that all Sections have ample supplies for next season. A statement showing quantities on hand will be sent you by next mail.

17. With reference to your telegram dated 20th ultimo re the weight of the new steamer being 650 tons and that you proposed to ship out an additional pontoon which would increase the capacity of the Dock from 600 to 750 tons. Under the circumstances this is the best course to adopt. I have not suspended work as ~~xxxxxxx~~ ~~xxxxxxxx~~ Mr Thomson is satisfied that he can safely continue construction of the side walls of pontoons 2 and 3.

18. MILLINERY STORE. With considerable reluctance we have been compelled ^{to change over} with Mrs Biggs' services. She showed no improvement in methods in the new premises and in order to prevent them getting into the same condition as the old one a change was imperative.

19. Mr Vincent will sign this Despatch as I shall be at

No. 726 per "Loreto" 7/4/31. - 4/13/31.

No. 726 per "Loreto" 5th April, 1931.

Bleeker Island when the mail leaves.

I am,

Sir,

your obedient servant,

- 1. Despatch No. 726.
- 2. Statement on account of ...
- 3. Remarks on accounts No. 26.
- 4. Remarks on Naval Fuel Depot No. 10.
- 5. Store Inventory No. 644 prepared for Manager.
- 6. Remarks on ...
- 7. Coal Statement for March.
- 8. Cash Voucher for February.
- 9. Camp Reports - Darwin, Walker Creek, North ...
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In Pursuit of Despatch No. 724, 10. per "Bleeker Is." ...

No. 727 per "Falkland" via Montevideo 9/5/31.

No. 726 per s.s. "Maudie" 9th April, 1931.

P R E C I S .
E N C L O S U R E S .

1. Confirms No. 726 of 9th April and acknowledges your No. 1336 of 17th March.
 1. Despatch No. 726.
 2. F.I. & Dry. Sealing Co. Ltd. - encloses copy of rough balance sheet Statement on accounts No. 2610. Hopes you will be able effect sale of 100 tons oil to Montevideo.
 3. Remarks on accounts No. 26.
 4. New steamer - sundry matters discussed.
 5. Remarks on Naval Fuel Depot No. 10.
 6. New steamer - mail contract. Notes Agreement, with amendments, now Store Indent No. 6945 preparation by Crown Agents.
 7. Remarks on Stores - Finance - notes local Government may vary remittance charge if desired - matter will be taken up later.
 8. Coal Statement for March.
 9. Wool Sales - remarks re D.K. wool passed on to Camp Manager.
 10. West Store Cash Voucher for February.
 11. Bleaker & Lively Islands - advises sheep shifting from former.
 12. Camp Manager's report dated 4th April, 1931, weather conditions. Mr Elliott will visit Lively Island at an early date.
 13. Camp Reports - Darwin, Walker Creek, North Arm & Islands.
 14. Douglas Station Jetty - Captain Evans reports damage. Will revert to Camp Diaries - Darwin, Walker Creek and North Arm.
 15. Memorandum for Managing Director re Dip on Farm Section - estimate hull is sufficiently sound to warrant putting her in working order.
 16. Coasting Insurances - March 1931.
 17. Store Freights for March quarter of.
 18. P.S.N.C. Account dated 31st March 1931 Manager enclosed.
 19. Duplicate of shipments per "Falkland"/"Bibury" and "Falkland"/"Highland Chieftain".
 20. Bleaker Island Cutter - copy to A.H. Bonner enclosed.
 21. F.I. Gazette 1st March 1931.
 22. Reports grounding of "Sentao" & "Fleurus" and subsequent refloating. Copies of correspondence relating damage to attach.
 23. To Colonial Secretary re Investigation of Wool Market.
 24. From "Bibury" reports landing of "this year's" contract. Advises sale of 55 head of cattle for shipment to Magallanes.
 25. To Colonial Secretary re Currency Notes Ordinance 1930.
 26. Tallow barrels from Coast - quotations obtained. Order placed for shipment per "Falkland" in September.
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19. New steamer - H. McLeod Junior engaged as W/T. Operator & Ship's Clerk. He is D & S No. 133 this opportunity. Copy of agreement enclosed.
 20. Confirms cable J.H. Doh instant re Speedwell & Swan Islands wool sheds. Set Pebble-irving 9th of 25% in cost if framed here.
 21. "Bertha" (re Triangle Harbour) visited by "Falkland". Reports position, and F.B. No. 69 of timber.
 22. Floating dock Triangle points, mooring etc. reported open.
 23. Stocktaking of Farm Consumption stores - suggests this is done at 30th June instead of 31st December owing to shearing.

NOTE. In précis of Despatch No. 724, 18. for "Bleaker Is." read "Bonner".

P R E C I S .

1. Confirms No. 726 of 9th April and acknowledges your No.1336 of 17th March.
2. F.I. & Dep. Sealing Co.Ltd. - encloses copy of rough balance sheet to 31st December 1930. Hopes you will be able effect sale of 100 tons oil to Montevideo.
3. New steamer - sundry matters discussed.
4. New steamer - mail contract. Notes Agreement, with amendments, now in course of preparation by Crown Agents.
5. Currency Notes Ordinance - notes local Government may vary remittance charge if desired - matter will be taken up later.
6. Wool Sales - remarks re D.H. wool passed on to Camp Manager.
7. Bleaker & Lively Islands - advises sheep shifting from former. Latter Island not visited owing to weather conditions. Mr Elliott will visit Lively Island at an early date.
8. Douglas Station Jetty - Captain Evans reports damage. Will revert to matter on receipt of Mr Greenshields claim.
9. Reports reconditioning of lighters. "Samson" - if refloated estimate hull is sufficiently sound to warrant putting her in working order.
10. "Penelope" - advises safe arrival of.
11. Shearing supplies - letters to Camp Manager enclosed.
12. Steamer movements.
13. Bleaker Island Cutter - copy/to A.M.Bonner enclosed.
14. Reports grounding of "Gentoo" & "Fleurus" and subsequent refloating without sustaining damage to either.
15. Advises death of Captain L.Carlsen, late of "Fleurus".
16. Horses from Coast - reports landing of this year's contract. Advises sale of 55 head of cattle for shipment to Magallanes.
17. Tallow barrels from Coast - quotations obtained. Order placed for shipment per "Falkland" in September.
18. Reports dismissal of Bernard Biggs (Bill Clerk in West Store Office).
19. New steamer - N.McLeod Junior engaged at W/T.Operator & Ship's Clerk. He travels Home by this opportunity. Copy of agreement enclosed.
20. Confirms cable of 7th instant re Speedwell & Swan Islands wool sheds. Estimate saving of 25% in cost if framed here.
21. "Bertha" wreck (Mare Harbour) visited by "Falkland". Reports position, and discusses use of timber.
22. Floating deck - sundry points, mooring etc. reported upon.
23. Steektaking of Farm Consumption stores - suggests this is done at 30th June instead of 31st December owing to shearing.

NOTE. In Precise of Despatch No.724, 10. for "Bleaker Is." read "Bonner".

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4. 1336. 8. NEW STEAMER - MAIL CONTRACT.

I note the amendments and that the Agreement is in course of preparation by the Crown Agents.

5. 1336. 9. EMERGENCY SOTS ORDINANCE.

From the copy of the Crown Agents' 9th May, you do 31. "FALKLAND" via Montevideo.

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17th March last, it appears that the local Government may vary the charge if they desire to do so and this point will be taken up if necessary when I hear from them (See my 726. 11.)

Sir, 1336. 10. WOOL SALTS.

I confirm my No. 726 of the 9th ultime and acknowledge receipt of your No. 1336 dated 17th March with enclosures as detailed.

2. 1336. 5. F.I. & DEP. SEALING CO. LTD.

A copy of their rough Balance Sheet to 31st December 1930 which was recently forwarded to Government, is enclosed for your information. The oil on hand was valued at £7 by my advice. The assets are assigned to us vide my 714. 19.

I trust that you will be able to sell 100 tons oil to Montevideo at about £17. There is much discussion going on at present regarding the possible restriction of whaling and if this materialises prices should improve.

3. NEW STEAMER. 1336. 7.

I note that the feed tank and No. 2 main tank are being divided which will meet our requirements. I presume that the vessel will be decked and painted immediately before her trial trip. Please have an adequate medicine chest put on board and provide stern pans.

Electric lights in cabins should be placed as near the head of berths as possible.

I note all you write re the Floating Deck insofar as this vessel is concerned and am dealing with this matter in a later paragraph.

THE MANAGING DIRECTOR,
LONDON.

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4. 1336. 8. NEW STEAMER - MAIL CONTRACT.

I note the amendments and that the Agreement is in course of preparation by the Crown Agents.

5. 1336. 9. CURRENCY NOTES ORDINANCE.

From the copy of the Crown Agents' letter to you dated 16th March last, it appears that the local Government may vary the charge if they desire to do so and this point will be taken up if necessary when I hear from them (See my 726. 11.)

6. 1336. 10. WOOL SALES.

Your remarks re "D.H." wool have been passed on to Mr Slaughter.

7. My 726. 2 & 3. BLEAKER AND LIVELY ISLANDS.

"Falkland" lay at Bleaker Island from 6th to 10th ulte. but owing to inclement weather only 400 sheep could be shifted. Mr Slaughter and myself were on board and we decided to leave

"Speedwell" there with two boats to carry on when weather conditions improved. She moved a further 800 and then returned to Darwin but will shortly return to Bleaker to move the remainder.

I have arranged with Mr Slaughter that 7 - 800 wethers be left on Bleaker Island for the Stanley Butchery and "Falkland" will lift them in two shipments between July and November.

Bad weather also prevented our landing at Lively Island and Mr Slaughter has arranged for Mr Elliott to visit this Island when "Speedwell" goes to Bleaker.

8. 726. 8. DOUGLAS STATION JETTY.

Captain Evans has examined the jetty and reports damage. I am awaiting details of Mr Greenshields claim and will revert to this later.

9. 726. 10. Steel lighter No. 5 - repairs have been completed and the lighter launched. Steel lighter No. 4 will be slipped and surveyed shortly. "Fleetwing" and "Nimrod" are receiving attention; the three Coast lighters have recently been overhauled and their condition is satisfactory.

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I examined "Samson" during a recent low tide with Mr. Thomson. Her hull below the water line appears to be fairly good and if we can get her off the ledge of rocks on which she is lying without her incurring further damage, we are of opinion that the hull is sufficiently sound to warrant our putting her into working order.

10. 726. 12. "PENILOPE" is safe. She encountered heavy weather and had to put back and Mr Hamilton did not advise us of her eventual safe arrival at Magallanes.

11. 726. 16. SHEARING SUPPLIES. Copies of my letters dated 20th April and 6th May to Mr Slaughter are enclosed.

Re Kymac dip marked K.V.21 - Mr Langdon reports that he has used some of this, it required considerable working and appeared to be very strong as it burned his hands.

12. STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

Consequent on the late sailing of the next outward P.S.N.C. cargo vessel, I cabled requesting you to ship a quantity of stores per "Highland Brigade", later requesting shipment per "Asturias" and not the former vessel. This alteration is due to the new Governor desiring to travel per "Asturias" to Montevideo and sail thence for the Colony per "Falkland" without delay.

"Falkland" sails for Montevideo on the 10th instant with 434 bales of wool and sheepskins for transhipment to London. On her return she collects about 425 bales in Salvador Waters and sails for Montevideo about 1st June.

M.V. "Lobos" homeward bound will call about 27th prox. for a small quantity of wool and passengers.

"Falkland" further sailings are :-

- about 18th June West Falklands & Speedwell Island.
- " 1st July. Montevideo (about 200 bales expected).
- " 18th August Montevideo (tallow & crew for new steamer)
- " mid September Magallanes.

S.S. "Solstreif" and 4 catchers called in Homeward bound on the 6th instant.

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13. BLEAKER ISLAND CUTTER. With reference to my cable dated 27th April, I enclose copy of my letter to Mr Alex Bonner dated 27th ulto. If sold, she might fetch about £20.

14. "Gentoo" grounded on an unexposed reef at Pebble Settlement on 10th April but got off next day without assistance.

"Fleurus" grounded on the North shore of Stanley Harbour opposite "Great Britain" on the 24th April and got off next day without assistance.

15. I regret to inform you that Captain Carlsen of s.s. "Fleurus" died on the 9th April.

16. HORSES FROM THE COAST. 59 horses against this year's contract and 9 being replacements of over age horses landed last year were landed at Egg Harbour on the 15th ulto. ex s.s. "Antartico". Mr Slaughter reports that they are a good lot. He shipped by her 55 head of cattle for Magallanes sold to V. Summers at £3 per head.

17. You will doubtless recollect that the question of obtaining barrels for tallow from Magallanes was discussed whilst I was at Home. I have received quotations as follows :-

150 litres 10/- per barrel ("Roble") (For salted mutton)

260 " 11/- " " " (for tallow)

300 " 12/6 " " " " " "

and am ordering a quantity to cover next season's requirements.

These will be shipped from Magallanes to Darwin per "Falkland".

After paying "Falkland" a fair freight they will be considerably cheaper than those supplied from England.

18. I regret to inform you that Bernard Biggs who was employed as a Bill clerk in the West Store Office and has been in the Company's employ for about 20 years, was detected making omissions in certain accounts with fraudulent intent. In view of his long service I have not prosecuted him but he has been summarily dismissed.

19. NEW STEAMER - CREW. I have engaged Norman McLeod Jun. son of our pensioner, as Wireless Operator and Ship's Clerk

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in charge of shop and enclose copy of his Agreement - pay commences from date of joining the ship. He has worked the wireless and electric light plant at San Carlos North for some time and Mr Andreassen speaks highly of him. He is proceeding Home per "Falkland"/"Highland Monarch" and will undergo a course in Wireless telegraphy at his own expense prior to joining the new vessel.

Kindly give him any assistance he may require and permit him to select and purchase for the ship's use a spark transmitter which can be obtained for £3 to £4 (Air Force surplus) and is suitable for local transmission without employing the ship's dynamo.

20. I cabled you on the 7th instant suggesting that the Speedwell and Swan Islands wool sheds be framed here of Sandy Point timber instead of placing the order with Bains. I roughly estimate our cost of materials and labour at £450 (of which "Falkland" will receive a portion in freight from Magallanes). Messrs Bains quotation was £511 f.o.b. Glasgow (see your letters to Camp Manager dated 14th March and 15th May, 1930.)

21. "BERTHA" - MAKE HARBOUR. I visited this wreck on 3rd ulto. with Captain Evans. We were able to get on her and it appears doubtful whether any more timber will come out of her as the whole of the 'tween deck has silted up. However, it may be worth while putting a few charges in her and seeing what action the tides then set up.

As regards the timber ashore we are satisfied that there is no great difficulty in shipping this to Stanley and "Falkland" will do this during the coming Winter or Spring, circumstances permitting.

The minimum size appears to be 12' x 12" x 12", a number run up to 18 ft. and there are a few 22 ins. square. When we get the squares in we will classify them and go into the question of sawing them for local use. They can be used

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where we now use pine. There is no less than 3,000 cub. ft. and its value to us out it, say 12' x 10" x 2" lengths would be £750 to £1,000.

22. FLOATING DOCK. With reference to Messrs Clark and Standfield's report on a proposed extension to the floating dock, I suggest that if the designers approve the additional pontoon be fitted at the forward end, for if fitted at the after end the suction of the new pontoon will be 104 ft. 6 ins. from the nearest pump, whereas the suction would be 84 ft. 6 ins. from the nearest pump if fitted forward. The advantages in operating the dock will be obvious.

As far as can be seen at the moment the fitting of an additional pontoon and the extension of the walls present no insuperable difficulties as far as construction is concerned and with little or no scrapping of present materials, but will mean careful manipulation of the pontoons to bring them into alignment for the erection and joining up of the wall extension.

The present No. 1 pontoon with its cable stopper stiffening end platform etc can be disconnected and removed, the present wall foundation will then be overhung allowing access to the parts where alteration is necessary for the new wall extension (I have previously explained that the under side of the wall foundation and the pontoon deck have flush rivetting to allow a watertight joint being made between these parts). The new pontoon will take the place of the present No. 1, thus becoming No. 2 and No. 1 will retain that number. The present end lengths of the main suction line can be used to advantage in the new extension with the renewal of approximately 29' 6" of 14 in. piping and 10 ft. of 10 in. piping

With reference to the mechanical side shores, I am of opinion that the present position will meet all requirements as consideration will have to be given to the docking of smaller vessels. When docking the new vessel the forward bearing shore will be about 48 feet from the forward bearing

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position which I consider will give ample scope in its required operation. I am assuming, of course, that the additional pontoon will be placed at the forward end.

With reference to moorings - I have very grave doubt as to whether the moorings included in the dock equipment will be sufficient to hold it against some of the gales experienced in Stanley Harbour and this is a subject which must have careful consideration at an early date. The wall structure is 156 ft. long and stands 20 feet above the level of the pontoon decks. It will readily be seen what an enormous area is exposed to wind resistance (see photo) and although the prevailing winds are from the South West, we have had some very strong gales from due North and South. On the morning of April 7th a strong wind of gale force sprang up from due North catching the Floating Dock broadside on. It may be mentioned that the dock is presently lying at the Camber crane wharf with her length in an Easterly and Westerly direction. The ranging of the dock parted ten of the twelve mooring lines during the gale and the structure swung round into a Northerly and Southerly position, the two remaining lines fortunately holding her some little distance from the East arm of the Camber wall until fresh moorings could be attached. In addition to this, an anchor which had been placed in a South Easterly position and secured with a one and a quarter inch cable was dragged 120 feet from its original position. During the gale it was impossible to handle the structure in the limited space of the Camber basin and two days lapsed before she was re-moored again at the crane wharf.

Again, on April 10th a gale unexpectedly sprang up from due South and before the mooring lines to the South could be attended to the Dock was blown against the crane wharf, in both of these instances fortunately the structure sustained no damage. It may be stated here that during the day the mooring lines are slackened down to allow of moving the dock within the working radius of the steam crane, also to facilitate

working from the wharf - all moorings being tightened up at night.

The moorings first fitted were 4 - 3½" wires; 6 - 5½" and 2 - 6½" manilla ropes, not new but with sufficient life to do good service. The dock is now secured with 3 - 8½", 8 - 7" and 4 - 5" manilla ropes and additional wires are about to be fitted.

I have not suspended work on the dock for I consider the work being carried out at the moment will not interfere with any extension that may be decided upon; sufficient margin will be left at either end for the extension to be fitted. It would be an advantage if the designers could supply us with particulars of their proposal at an early date to enable us to carry out as far as possible the construction of the dock before the arrival of the new parts.

To revert to the subject of her final moorings there appears to be no doubt that the mooring arrangements provided by designers are inadequate (i.e. 4 one ton anchors with 20 fathoms of cable on each) - this is the considered opinion of Mr Thomson, Captains Roberts and Evans and myself.

I have gone into this matter very carefully. I am of opinion that a considerable margin of safety is most necessary, the Dock is not insured, the third party risk may at times be considerable and as regards weather in the past two years I have seen P.S.N. steamer, a tanker and "Fennia" drag their anchors in the Inner Harbour during a strong blow.

Our proposals are that we should moor her with a one ton anchor on 90 fathoms of chain and backed at each end - lying N.N.E. and S.S.W., and one ton anchors on 105 fathoms of chain and backed, from each corner.

Four one-ton anchors and 84 fathoms chain were shipped out with the Dock. We have spare here two suitable anchors and about 180 fathoms chain. We shall therefore require a further 340 fathoms of 1½" to 2" stud link cable and I suggest that you endeavour to obtain this second hand - Messrs Wards, the shearing and to meet this difficulty, and subject to yours and the Auditors approval, I propose to have stock taken by count

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shipbreakers ~~and~~ or one of the London ship repair yards such as R.H.Green & Silley Weir might be approached. I am enquiring in Montevideo and Buenos Aires and if I get a quotation will cable it you for comparative purposes. We have sufficient small anchors and chains for backing on hand.

In view of the area which will be fouled by the laying of these moorings, Government may object to our placing her in "Fennia's" berth and I am considering mooring her in 20 feet L.W.O.S.T. about 150 to 200 yards North East of the East Jetty. The average rise in tide is 6 feet and we can dock vessels up to the maximum draft (15 feet) the dock will take on high tides and the new vessel when light at any state of the tide. This position will also be very much handier for our work.

In addition to the cable stoppers supplied, provision must be made for securing the cable ends after they have passed over the cable stoppers. Owing to the movement of the Dock when moored, a certain amount of wear will be going on continually between the cable link and the lips of the cable stoppers and in time there will be a danger of the cable overriding the stopper. We suggest that we should fit a substantial ring plate to the deck of the pontoon for this purpose but a certain amount of stiffening will be required to make this sufficiently secure. ^{If} additional cables are fitted fore and aft as suggested above, provision must be made for securing them and the deck suitably stiffened to sustain any strain that may be brought to bear through stress of weather. These matters may be put before the designers of the dock for their consideration.

23. STOCKTAKING OF FARM CONSUMPTION STORES.

Section Managers have frequently stated how difficult it is to take stock at 31st December when they are busy with shearing and to meet this difficulty, and subject to yours and the Auditors approval, I propose to have stock taken by count

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1. Despatch No. 727.
2. Statement on accounts No. 28.
3. Remarks on accounts No. 28.
4. Remarks on Naval Fuel Depot No. 11.
- Store Indent No. 695 (under separate cover).
- Remarks on Stores (" " ").
5. West Store Cash Vouchers March & April 1931.
6. Coasting Insurances - April 1931.
7. Stanley Ledger Balances at 31st March 1931.
8. Copy of Agreement between Company & N. McLeod Junr.
9. Return of Establishment & Wages - March Qr. - Stanley.
10. " " " " " " " " - all farm sections.
11. P.S.N.C. A/c. dated 30th April.
12. "Falkland" manifests Voyages Nos. 9, 10, 11a, 12 & 13.
13. F.I. Shipping Report.
14. Duplicate Specification of 'Loreto' shipment.
15. F.I. Gazettes dated 1st April.
16. Photographs for Head Office.
17. F. & D. Sealing Company's Balance sheet (rough) at 31st Dec. 1930.
18. Camp Medical Report for period October 1930 - April 1931.

COPIES OF CORRESPONDENCE :-

- With Camp Manager re shearing supplies (2).
- With Mr A.M. Bonner re Bleaker Island cutter.
- With Phosphor Bronze Co. Ltd. re representation in Falkland Islands.
- With Consolidated Pneumatic Tool Co. Ltd. re air compressor plant.
- Copy of letter of introduction to N. McLeod Junr.

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1. Confirms No. 727 and acknowledges your No. 1337.

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1. Deepening of ... of Speedwell Island ... December 1930.

MARK. WOOL. SHEEPSKINS. HIDES.

2. States ... will be adjusted.

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4. Rear J.H.D. Naval Fuel Dept No. 17. 5. Pebble 22 22 year deal has been laid. Requests cable Store indent ... will be sent in July.

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7. West State Cash ... 8. DH 85 8

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8. Confirms ... 51 5 39

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11. P.K.D. Sealing Co. - asks for advice re value of letter of "Falkland" reassignment given by Directors of Sealing Co.

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12. F.I. 228 Wood ... notes decline of 10%. R.B.C. 15

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13. Public "Speedwell" sheepshifting at Bleaker Is. Mr. Elliott visits Lively Island. Report follows.

14. Douglas Station Jetty will be surveyed by Challen & Ramsford.

15. Speedwell Is. & Swan Is. Woolsheds - confirms receipt of your P. & D. Sealing cable of 31st ult. re creation with S.P. Materials.

16. Slaughter House - reports progress of improvements.

17. Correspondence dealing with subject enclosed.

18. "Falkland" ... reports reduction in fares to Ports in Group 4

19. ... will be designed and painted at Montevideo - July.

20. ... representation in Falkland Islands

21. ... re air compressor plant.

22. Copy of ... to ...

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No 728 per "Falkland" 1st June, 1931.

P R E C I S .

1. Confirms No. 727 and acknowledges your No. 1337.
2. Stocktaking of Farm consumption stores. Reports error in stocktaking of Speedwell Island Store - December 1930.
3. Freight Contract - Notes Horseshoe Bay rate will be adjusted.
4. Mail contract - notes sealing of. Acknowledges copy of contract.
5. New Steamer - pleased to hear keel has been laid. Requests cable advice of launch. Details of crew will be sent in July.
6. Floating Dock - reports progress. Asks for cabled decision re position of new pontoon.
7. "Oraya" - confirms cable of 21st ulto. re passages.
8. Produce via Montevideo - confirms May shipment, advises June quantities to connect with s.s. "Bellorado".
9. Cheviot rams - Encloses certificate relative to loss of one ram. Requests confirmation that Camp of Assistant Manager in future supervise release of quarantined sheep.
10. Understand two "D" class cruisers to be stationed in South American Waters.
11. F. & D. Sealing Co. - asks for advice re value of letter of assignment given by Directors of Sealing Co.
12. Wool sales - notes decline of 10%.
13. "Speedwell" sheepshifting at Bleaker Is. Mr Elliott visits Lively Island. Report follows.
14. Douglas Station Jetty will be surveyed by Challen & Hannaford.
15. Speedwell Is. & Swan Is. Woolsheds - confirms receipt of your cable of 11th ulto. re erection with S.P. Materials.
16. Slaughter House - reports progress of improvements.
17. Freezing Works - correspondence dealing with subject enclosed.
18. "Falkland" fares - reports reduction in fares to Ports in Group 4.
19. "Falkland" - will be docked and painted at Montevideo - July.

... ..
 Brown was given a trial as Storekeeper at North Arm but has not given satisfaction and I have replaced him by Watson. I am sending Mr Thompson out to go through the stocks at Darwin and North Arm.

Speedwell Island Store - on investigation I find that Clark did not include an invoice for £187 covering stores sent out late December and not unpacked. This turns the loss

THE MANAGING DIRECTOR,
 LONDON.

"FALKLAND" via Montevideo. of starting "Lion" on 1st June, 31.

728. is again to be better dealt with by the Case Manager.

Sir,

I confirm my No. 727 of the 9th ulto. and acknowledge receipt of your No. 1337 dated 1st idem with enclosures as detailed.

2. 1337. 2. (Sub. para 4). The system suggested in my 727-23 whereby stores stocked and consumed on the Farm will be entered in a Stores ledger will doubtless meet your requirements. I have discussed this matter with Mr Harding and a start will be made as from 1st July.

I confirm that stores supplied to the Farm are charged out at c.i.f. Stanley plus 10% plus Coastal freight and insurance.

Darwin Store stocks have been reduced by the writing down of certain articles, selling off cheap and the return of surplus stocks to Stanley. I am not satisfied with the present management of the Stores there; the stockkeeping is poor, for example, they have recently run out of tea and it has been necessary to restock from Walker Creek - this is inexcusable. The sooner Mr Wood can be housed at Goose Green the better and I will go into this matter with Mr Goddard on his arrival. Brown was given a trial as Storekeeper at North Arm but has not given satisfaction and I have replaced him by Watson. I am sending Mr Thompson out to go through the stocks at Darwin and North Arm.

Speedwell Island Store - on investigation I find that Clark did not include an invoice for £187 covering stores sent out late December and not unpacked. This turns the loss

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I shall then have about 650 bales wool and skins and into a profit of £72 but I do not propose to alter the accounts 100 tons allow for shipment. Of this about 400 bales will be unless you require it. The Store needs reorganisation and I shipped in July and the balance in August. About 140 bales wool propose to limit their stock to essentials, in future.

The system of storing "Ilex" requires going into but "Lobos" sailing in Howard bound about 27th inst. this again is better dealt with by the Camp Manager.

3. 1337.5. FREIGHT CONTRACT.

I enclose a certificate signed by Jamieson and I note that J.G. H.B.B. station rate will be adjusted rounding up the sheep and Heive who was assisting him, covering next season.

4. 1337.9. MAIL CONTRACT.

I am pleased to note that this has now been sealed all you write in this connection. When sheep are released from Quarantine their movement should be carried out under the supervision of the Camp Manager of Fitzroy Manager and I request and signed and thank you for the copy of the contract.

5. 1337.12. NEW STEAMER. I am glad to hear that the keel has been laid. I should appreciate cable advice of her launch. that this will be confirmed by you.

Crew - Full details of the ratings being sent Home will be sent you in July and they will travel in August to arrive to be detached from the North America and West-Indies Squadron Home by 1.1th September. for service in South American Waters.

6. 1337.13. FLOATING DOCK.

I enclose a series of photos showing progress to 15th May last. Since then the side and top plating on the second wall has been bolted into position and rivetting has commenced. If your advices are not in the mail on receipt of this, please cable me stating at which end the additional pontoon is to be placed. Certain claims are being made by persons in Norway for the supply of stores to "Bellville" when she was fitted out there. Their claims do not appear to be good particularly as they have been held back for almost three years, and Messrs Christiansen and Pettersons are probably the instigators, but if action is possible requirements as regards passages outwards in September taken against the Sealing Company in the Courts here and judgment next. As the Drydock will not be available for some time given, if may be necessary for me to take action to protect our interests and it is for this reason I require advice.

7. 1337.14. "CROYA".

I cabled you a message for transmission to the P.S.N.Co. on 21st May so that you would know the position in view of your and Pettersons are probably the instigators, but if action is possible requirements as regards passages outwards in September taken against the Sealing Company in the Courts here and judgment next. As the Drydock will not be available for some time given, if may be necessary for me to take action to protect our interests and it is for this reason I require advice.

8. 1337.15 & 20. PRODUCE SHIPMENTS VIA MONTEVIDEO.

Mr. Creamer cabled you advices of shipments per

12. WOOL SALES. I note the decline of about 10% and trust "Coyote" and "Highland Monarch". that this is temporary.

bales of wool and bales skins ex Salvador

Waters Stations per "Falkland" sailing 1st 2nd inst. will be

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transhipped to "Ballorade" about 9th idem.

13. 727.7. "Speedwell" is now at ...
I shall then have about 650 bales wool and skins and sheep. Mr Elliott travelled to ... 100 tons tallow for shipment. Of this about 400 bales will be report will be forwarded by next mail.
shipped in July and the balance in August. About 160 bales wool

14. 727.8. DOMESTIC SEALS
ex Pebble Island and a quantity of hides will be shipped per

I have sent out Mr Challen, a ...
"Lobos" calling in Homeward bound about 27th instant.

employ. and Hazaforde to survey the ...

9. 1337.17. GREVIOT RAMS.

further by next mail.

Enc.

I enclose a certificate signed by Jennings who was

15. 727.20. SPEEDWELL AND STAS ISLANDS
rounding up the sheep and Reive who was assisting him, covering

I note from your cable dated 11th ...
the one which took to the water. These rams were placed on Navy
of my suggestion to frame them here of ...
Point with Mr Slaughter's approval but I note, for future guidance,
endeavour to have at least one shed ready for ...
all you write in this connection. When sheep are released from

16. SLAUGHTER HOUSE.
Quarantine their movement should be carried out under the personal
The improvements have almost been ...
supervision of the Camp Manager of Fitzroy Manager and I request
the Board of Health requirements.
that this will be confirmed by you.

17. WASHING WORKS.
10. 1337.22. I understand that two "D" class Cruisers are
I enclose copies of a letter from Mr S.O. ...
to be detached from the North America and West Indies Squadron
Colonial Secretary dated 25th April, 1931, and my remarks thereon,
for service in South American Waters.
for your information.

11. 1337.24. F. & D. SEALING CO. LTD.
18. SEALING COMPANY
Will you kindly consult your Solicitors and let me
Mr Jason Hansen and Mr A.E. Felton recently took up the
know if they are satisfied that the letter of assignment signed
question of fares charged between Stanley and their Islands
by the Directors of the Sealing Company (copy sent you 1st Jul
stating that in the past they have been charged the same rate as
1930) gives as a first lien on all the Sealing Company's property.
applicable to Hill Cove and Chartres. On going through past
Certain claims are being made by persons in Norway for the supply
records I find that they have grounds for their complaint
of stores to "Bellville" when she was fitted out there. Their
particularly now that no reduction is allowed on return tickets
claims do not appear to me to be good particularly as they have
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19. "FALKLAND"
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given, if may be necessary for me to take action to protect our
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interests and it is for this reason I require advice.
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12. WOOL SALES. I note the decline of about 10% and trust
opinion that a consequent saving in fuel will more than
that this is temporary.
compensate us.

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13. 727.7. "Speedwell" is now at Bleaker Island shifting sheep. Mr Elliott travelled to Lively Island by her and his report will be forwarded by next mail.

14. 727.8. DOUGLAS STATION JERRY.

I have sent out Mr Challen, a shipwright in Government employ, and Hamaford to survey the damage and will advise you further by next mail.

15. 727.20. SPEEDWELL AND SWAN ISLANDS WOOL SHEDS.

I note from your cable dated 11th May that you approve of my suggestion to frame them here of Sandy Point timber. I shall endeavour to have at least one shed ready for next shearing.

16. SLAUGHTER HOUSE.

The improvements have almost been completed and satisfy the Board of Health requirements.

17. FRIBING WORKS.

I enclose copies of a letter from Mr E.G. Rowe to the Colonial Secretary dated 25th April, 1931, and my remarks thereon, for your information.

18. "FALKLAND" FARES.

Mr Jason Hansen and Mr A.E. Felton recently took up the question of fares charged between Stanley and their Islands stating that in the past they have been charged the same rate as applicable to Hill Cove and Chartres. On going through past records I find that they have grounds for their complaint particularly now that no reduction is allowed on return tickets and I have therefore reduced fares to Ports in Group 4 to the same level as Ports in Group 3 as from 15th April last.

19. "FALKLAND".

As the Drydock will not be available for some time yet I propose to dock and paint her at Montevideo in July next. She will then only have about 4 months work to do but I am of opinion that the consequent saving in fuel will more than compensate us.

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F. N. C. L. & G. U. R. S. S.

I am,

Sir,

your obedient servant,

Manager.

- 1. Despatch No. 728.
- 2. Statement of accounts No. 20.
- 3. Remarks on accounts No. 20.
- 4. Remarks on Naval Fuel Depot No. 12.
- 5. Store Indent No. 696.
- 6. Remarks on Stores No. 696.
- 7. F.I. Cigarettes 1st May 1931.
- 8. "Falkland" Manifest Voy. 5. 14.

Correspondence :-

- 1. Copy of letter from Estate L. Williams to Colonial Secretary re proposed building of Pressing Works.
- 2. "Notes" re introduction to Mr. Vera Summers.
- 3. "Notes" re introduction to Mr. Vera Summers.
- 4. "Notes" re introduction to Mr. Vera Summers.
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MEMORANDUMS

	<u>WARR.</u>	<u>WOOL.</u>	<u>SKINS.</u>	<u>TALLOW.</u>
1. Lighter		103	5	
2. Military	A.P.	110		
3. Heavy	H.P.	113		
4. Coal	J.H.B.			40
5. Iron				

16. In connection with the construction of the wharf at Falkland, a preliminary survey was being conducted in order to investigate the possibility of substituting a pier for the wharf.

17. It is suggested that the wharf be constructed of concrete.

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ENCLOSURES.

1. 1. Despatch No. 728. 1st June and acknowledges your No. 1358 of 21st May
2. 2. Statement on accounts No. 29. of sheep shifted, and cutter.
3. 3. Remarks on accounts No. 28. Elliott's report in duplicate.
4. 4. Remarks on Naval Fuel Depot No. 12. etc.
5. 5. Store Indent No. 696. In view of Surveyors' reports estimate cost of repairs at about £110.
6. 6. Remarks on Stores No. 696 produce shipped at Horseshoe Bay.
7. 7. F.I. Gazette 1st May 1931. cable of 30th June. Advises additional voyage of "Falkland" to Montevideo arranged
8. 8. "Falkland" Manifest Voy. S. 14.
9. 9. F.I. Shipping Report. - Owing breakdown of "Gentee", "Falkland" will lift wool en route to Montevideo present voyage.
8. Floating Dock - steady progress being made.
Correspondence :- advice re quotations for chain for moorings.
9. Copy of letter from Estate L. Williams to Colonial Secretary re proposed building of Freezing Works.
10. "Kymac" Dig - your letter to Colonial Secretary re above. Managers.
11. Notes "you" have of introduction to Mr Vere Summers.
12. "Falkland" being shipped by Messrs Miller & Co. (July) at Montevideo.
13. Reports arrival of Governor Sir James O'Grady.
14. s.s. "Fleurus" - for sale. SPECIFICATIONS. Discussion between Mr Rowe and several Managers. Matter dropped by them.

	<u>MARK.</u>	<u>WOOL.</u>	<u>SKINS.</u>	<u>TALLOW.</u>
15. Lighter "Fairy" - reports disposal of.	F	103	5	-
16. Millinery Building & Cottage - proposed alterations advised.	A.P.	110	5	-
17. Steamer movements and cost of "Falkland" at Montevideo for one	H.P.	113	-	-
18. Coal - reports condition of stocks.	J.H.D.	5	-	40
19. Iron Lighter (No. 4) now on slipway for overhaul. Condition fair.	W.P.	24	-	-

20. Mr Mansford goes to Montevideo in connection with shipping of "Falkland" & ~~viewing vessels~~ viewing vessels being docked. If possible, also to investigate possibility of substituting Parana pine for red pine. It would be advisable if the ship is fitted up by
21. Mr J.M. Thomson's reports on farm machinery enclosed.
22. Enclosed copy of instructions sent Mr Harding re Stockkeeping on farm sections. "Lafonia", in most appropriate

I note that both will be transferred to registry. I am of opinion that it is desirable to transfer the present registration to Port Stanley in the course of the British registry. British consuls at foreign ports could doubtless raise questions of non-compliance with certain Board of Trade regulations which

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P R E C I S .

1. Confirms No. 728 of 1st June and acknowledges your No. 1338 of 21st May
2. Bleaker Island - advises position of sheep shifted, and cutter.
3. Lively Island - encloses Mr Elliott's report in duplicate.
4. New steamer - discusses several matters. 14th July, 31.
5. Douglas Station Jetty - In view of Surveyors' reports estimate cost of repairs at about £110.
Rate of freight on produce shipped at Horseshoe Bay.
6. Outward passages - confirms cable of 30th June.
Advises additional voyage of "Falkland" to Montevideo arranged - subsidy £175.
7. Pebble Island Produce - Owing breakdown of "Gentoo", "Falkland" will lift wool en route to Montevideo present voyage.
8. Floating Deck - steady progress being made.
Await your advice re quotations for chain for moorings.
Sheep moved in Bay
9. Wool Market - regrets to note decline in April/May series.
10. Kymac Dip - your remarks passed on to Farm Section Managers.
11. Notes you have accepted Mr H.C. Harding's resignation.
12. "Falkland" being slipped by Messrs Miller & Co. (July) at Montevideo.
On Large Island
13. Reports arrival of Governor Sir James O'Grady.
14. s.s. "Fleurus" - for sale. Advises discussion between Mr Rowe and several Farmers. Matter now dropped by them. 3,100
15. Lighter "Fairy" - reports disposal of. 3,100
16. Millinery Building & Cottage - proposed alterations advised. where
17. Steamer movements. and convert one of "Fennia's" lifeboats for use
18. Coal - reports position of stocks.
19. Iron Lighter (No. 4) now on slipway for overhaul. Condition fair.
20. Mr Hannaford goes to Montevideo in connection with slipping of "Falkland" & ~~viewing~~ viewing vessels being docked, if possible, also to investigate possibility of substituting Parana pine for red pine.
It would perhaps be advisable if the ship is fitted up by
21. Mr J.M. Thomson's reports on Farm machinery enclosed. Builders. Captain Roberts will advise them of our requirements.
22. Encloses copy of instructions sent Mr Harding re Stockkeeping on Farm sections. "Lafonia", is most appropriate.

I note that both will be her first port of registry. I am of opinion that it is desirable to transfer the present registration to Port Stanley in due course. With British registry, British Consuls at foreign ports could doubtless raise questions of our compliance with certain Board of Trade regulations which are

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729.

Sir,

I confirm my No. 728 of the 1st ultimo and acknowledge receipt of your No. 1338 dated 21st May last with enclosures as detailed.

2. 1338.2. BLEAKER ISLAND. The position is -

Sheep moved in April	1,200
Sheep moved in May	900
	2,100
Wethers left on Island of which as many as possible will be brought in for Stanley Butchery about October next - approximately	800
On Large Island	200
	3,100

As regards the cutter - I do not think it will pay us to repair her temporarily where she lies and bring her to Stanley, when we may possibly have to condemn her. I hope to sell her as and where she lies for £20 and convert one of "Fennia's" lifeboats for use at Bleaker Island.

3. 1338.3. LIVELY ISLAND. I enclose two copies of Mr. Elliott's report and stock returns.

4. 1338.4. NEW STEAMER. Progress noted.

It would perhaps be advisable if the shop is fitted up by Builders. Captain Roberts will advise them of our requirements.

The name chosen "Lafonia", is most appropriate.

I note that Leith will be her first port of registry. I am of opinion that it is desirable to transfer the ~~present~~ registration to Port Stanley in due course. With British registry, British Consuls at foreign ports could doubtless raise questions of our non-compliance with certain Board of Trade regulations which are estimated the cost of repairs at about £110. I am of opinion

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not enforced for vessels registered and employed in the Home Trade of this Colony.

1338.20. The registry of schooner "Lafonia" was surrendered early this year and she is now designated No. 7.

With reference to the particulars of the Milkmaid Emulsor recently sent us. I suggest that No. 2 size be fitted in the pantry - this should prove more economical than supplying tinned milk. I saw one recently/which had been in use since the "Discovery II" was commissioned and it was most efficient.

CREW. I enclose a statement giving details re men proceeding Home to join "Lafonia". They comprise Wireless operator, Steward, Assistant steward, leading hand, two A.B's, three ordinary seamen and 3 firemen. Only Officers, engineers and possibly a cook will have to be engaged in England.

As regards C.E. Aiken - Chief Steward - his agreement dated 21st August 1925 has been renewed for a period of 5 years. The original agreement provides for 6 months leave on half pay if it is renewed but I have arranged to pay him full pay from the date of leaving Stanley until he joins "Lafonia", say two months in lieu thereof. The other men, except A. Cletheroe and G. Harris sailing hence by this opportunity, are being allowed to leave a month earlier than necessary to enable them to have a short stay in England and therefore go off pay from arrival in the United Kingdom until signing on again. The two above mentioned will be paid off at Montevideo and pay their own passages Home.

Each man has been given a letter of instructions (as per draft enclosed).

5. 1338.5. DOUGLAS STATION JETTY. Negotiations with Mr. Greenhields are still going on. When I first requested him to let me know the extent of the damage, his estimate was £750 to £1,000. I therefore sent out Mr Challen (Government Shipwright) and Hannaford to survey the jetty and from their reports I estimate the cost of repairs at about £110. I am of opinion

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that we have a certain liability in this case for if any jetty is not strong enough to lie at in any weather we should only use it under protest.

Will you please advise the Club of a possible claim on them in this connection?

As regards to freight on wool from Horseshoe Bay I agree that it is perhaps not worth while disturbing 1930 accounts.

Our advice of rates for the current year has never been acknowledged by Mr Greenshields and the question arose after the advice had been despatched. I am of opinion that this does not affect the position as it is common knowledge produce lifted from "no jetty" stations is £1 more than that "with jetty" and if we so desired we could surely claim the additional £1 for as many past years as is permitted by statute.

6. 1338.12. OUTWARD PASSAGES. I cabled you on 30th June that "Falkland" would connect at Montevideo with -

"Asturias" due Montevideo 1st September and

"Alcantara" "LAND" "WILL" 9th October.

You will note from this that an additional voyage has been arranged, Government paying us £175 for this voyage.

7. 1338.13. PEBBLE ISLAND PRODUCE. "Gentoo" has had engine room trouble and I have arranged to give a portion of our wool in place of theirs to "Lobos" and for "Falkland" to ship about 65 bales en route to Montevideo (sailing hence 15th instant) at a through rate of £10. 5.

8. 1338.14. FLOATING DOCK, is making steady progress. The greater portion of the rivetting is completed, the mechanical shores and gearing and side decking blocks are being fitted. Erection of the deck houses will commence shortly, after which the machinery will be installed (Photos enclosed).

I thank you for your cable advice to the effect that the new pontoon comes between original numbers one and two.

As regards the extra rivetting, we prefer to do this here as this will doubtless save a certain amount of distortion

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caused to rivetted sections which was suffered by the Deck
 14. "FALKLAND". It is probable that the Tonsberg
 shipment at "Laguna" in November 1929.

Whaling Co. Ltd. will withdraw this vessel from service. Mr Ross
 I note that the order for the additional pontoon has been
 placed with Swan Hunter/Wigham Richardson.

Government have now received definite advice.

With reference to my 727.12. quotations for chain
 The Tonsberg Company enquired if there were any buyers
 received from Montevideo are too high and I await your advices.
 I understand that at the investigation of Messrs Ross and
 I understand there is a quantity of chain in "Garland" which
 might be used if salvaged and I am investigating this. I have
 being Messrs Jaxton, Felton and Barton who later saw the Governor
 recently had raised the "Capricorn's" moorings which have hardly
 with a request for assistance on the plea that a second steamer was
 every been used, also those of "Preecis" and some of the chain will
 necessary to bring in urgent medical cases and to keep some
 be suitable for the Deck.

control over our rates. I understand that the matter has now been

9. 1338.16. WOOL MARKET. I regret to note the set back in
 prices in the April-May series.

In many ways it is to be regretted, as an effort to run
 10. 1338.17. KYMAC DIP. I note all you write and Section
 a vessel of this type as a commercial proposition would give some
 Managers have been advised accordingly.
 of our critics cause for thought.

11. 1338.18. I note that you have accepted Mr H.C. Harding's
 The Tonsberg Company asked £5,000 for her and an British
 resignation.

registry she would not be much cheaper to operate than "Falkland".

12. "FALKLAND" will go on Messrs Miller & Co's. slipway at
 She can carry about 200 bales and has lying down accommodation
 Montevideo towards the end of this month. The quotations received
 for 7 passenger or a cabins and 4 in the saloon. She is due for
 for slipping and docking and two coats of paint were -

survey (Bureau Veritas) next October and as she is about 12 years
 old it will

Regusci & Voulminot	£ 590
Montevideo Gas Works	585
Miller & Company.	450

In the event of her being withdrawn it is possible that
 13. SIR JAMES O'GRADY, the new Governor, sailed per
 Government ship to give an occasional voyage to the
 "Falkland" from Montevideo on the 13th ult. at 10 a.m. and
 Dependencies. This matter has already been mentioned and I have
 arrived Port William 19th 6 p.m. and landed next morning. They
 suggested that Government should endeavour to arrange to hire a
 experienced bad weather particularly on the 18th and 19th. You
 catcher from each Company operating in the Dependencies, in turn, as
 will be pleased to know that His Excellency speaks most highly
 of "Falkland" and did not miss a meal. Before landing at the
 Public Jetty he requested that the crew be assembled when he
 voyage with Underwriters now, so that our position is defined.
 thanked the Captain and crew publicly for the courtesy and care
 shown him. Since then he has also thanked me as representing the
 Company for the arrangements made for his comfort.

15. "FAIRY" No 707.20. It offers very obtainable for breaking
 up - she could not be moved and my estimated cost for breaking her
 Company for the arrangements made for his comfort.
 up ourselves was between 250 - 275, but small return. I therefore

From what I have seen of His Excellency I think that we
 shall find him reasonable and sympathetic.
 they broke her up in their own time and within a reasonable period.

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14. MILITARY BUILDING & COTTAGE. The latter has been

14. "FLEURUS". It is ~~probable~~ probable that the Tonsberg Whaling Co. Ltd. will withdraw this vessel from service. Mr Hans Borge informed me of this when I met him last December and the Government here have now received definite advice.

The Tonsberg Company enquired if there were any buyers here and I understand that at the instigation of Messrs Rowe and Evans the matter was discussed with several farmers, amongst them being Messrs Luxton, Felton and Barton who later saw the Governor with a request for assistance on the plea that a second steamer was necessary to bring in urgent medical cases and to keep some control over our rates. I understand that the matter has now been dropped.

In many ways it is to be regretted, as an effort to run a vessel of this type as a commercial proposition would give some of our critics cause for thought.

The Tonsberg Company asked £5,000 for her and on British registry she would not be much cheaper to operate than "Falkland". She can carry about 200 bales and has lying down accommodation for 7 passengers in cabins and 4 in the saloon. She is due for survey (Bureau Veritas) next October and as she is about 12 years old it will probably be extensive.

In the event of her being withdrawn it is possible that the Government may ask us to make an occasional voyage to the Dependencies. This matter has already been mentioned and I have suggested that Government should endeavour to arrange to hire a catcher from each Company operating ⁱⁿ the Dependencies, in turn, as ~~is~~ required. We do not wish to voyage South if possible but it would be advisable to discuss the matter of additional premium per voyage with Underwriters now, so that our position is defined.

15. "FAIRY" My 707.20. No offers were obtainable for breaking up - she could not be moved and my estimated cost for breaking her up ourselves was between 250 - £75 ^{with} but small return. I therefore arranged that the men on the Navy gang could have the spoil if they broke her up in their own time and within a reasonable period.

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16. MILLINERY BUILDING & COTTAGE. The latter has been done up and will be let. I propose to convert the ~~two~~ former into two cottages each with entrance, sitting room, kitchen and four bedrooms. The cost is estimated at about £300 each. I propose to fix the rent at £3 per month. The whole of Marmont Row requires improvement and I propose to have this done as circumstances permit.

19. One cottage is occupied by a Mrs Ryan, widow of an old servant of the Company. Subject to your approval I should prefer to pay her £2 monthly in lieu of a house and re-let the house after it has been done up. Naval Depot.

17. STEAMER MOVEMENTS. ~~and to Montevideo per "Falkland"~~
 M.V. "Lobos", homeward bound arrived and sailed 11th instant and embarked 3 passengers, 178 bales and £8,000 specie (Government).
 M.V. "LaPaz", outward bound, is due about 6th proximo.
 S.S. "Falkland" is now on a voyage around West Falklands, Government paying us £25 towards expenses as they had a heavy parcel mail to go forward. She is to sail on the 15th instant with passengers, mails and about 420 bales for Teal Inlet, Pebble Island and Montevideo. She is due back about the end of the month, proceeds to Darwin, Walker Creek, Lively Island (optional) and Fitzroy, thence Stanley, Speedwell Island, Foxbay and Montevideo with about 110 tons tallow and 200 bales. To the best of my knowledge this completes 1931 production with
 Thereafter 12th September - East & West Falklands, Magallanes.
 2nd October - Montevideo.

18. COAL. It appears that Government have overestimated ~~the~~ their stocks so I may have to draw on the patent fuel ex "Fennia" to a certain extent. "Falkland" will bring from Montevideo about 175 tons bunkers for stock in September and again in October and I am of opinion that I can carry on without importing from the United Kingdom

On her next voyage she is bringing 175 tons House coal at 43/5 f.e.b. of which I have sold 40 tons to Government at £4, about 60 tons are for Darwin, and the balance for stock.

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Will you please discuss with Captain Roberts the advisability of having an alternative quotation for North Country coal in our next contract. I have had to complain twice this year of the Welsh coal supplied by Wilson, Sons & Co.Ltd. which certainly has been no better than fair North Country.

19. LIGHTER No. 4 (Iron) is now on the slip undergoing repairs and appears to be in fair condition.

O.C.82 has been beached at the East Jetty - this is dealt with under Remarks on Naval Depot.

20. I am sending Hannaford to Montevideo per "Falkland" this voyage to enable him to see a vessel slipped and, if possible one decked as I wish him to act as Shipwright to the Floating Dock, also to investigate the possibility of substituting Parana Pine (which is brought to Montevideo in the log and sawn there) for certain sizes of Red pine imported by us. Prices appear to be competitive and if the wood is suitable, it will provide more business for our steamer.

21. Mr Thomson recently visited Darwin and North Arm to inspect the machinery. The several points raised by him are receiving attention. Copies of his reports are enclosed.

22. With reference to my 727.23. and 728.2. I enclose copies of instructions sent Mr Harding in connection with Farm stockkeeping, for your information.

I am,

Sir,

your obedient servant,

Manager.

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32. Statement of sheep disposed of 1931.

K N C L C S U N E S .

33. Cattle returns - - - - -

34. Cattle Loss Return. 1931 Year and 2nd July respectively.

1. Despatch No. 729. 25 tons of wool packed with this vessel.

35. Horse Return.

2. Statement on Accounts. No. 30. Factory to note supplies arrived at.

36. Horse Loss Return.

3. Remarks on accounts. No. 30.

37. Dipping Return.

4. Remarks on Naval Fuel Depot No. 13.

38. Shearing Return.

5. Store Indents Nos. 697 & 697a. "Gosno" will not be used.

39. Wool statistics.

6. Remarks on Stores No. 697.

40. Loading statistics (incomplete - Islands to follow).

7. Coasting Insurances May & June 1931.

41. Fitzroy - final disembarking return.

8. Coal Statement May & June 1931.

CORRESPONDENCE

9. West Store Cash Voucher - May 1931.

Copy of letter to P.S.N.C. Liverpool re outward passages. 4/6/31.

10. Return of Establishment & Wages - Stanley - June quarter.

11. do. do. All Farm Sections - June Qr.

12. P.S.N.C. account dated 30th June, 1931.

13. Store Freight for June quarter.

14. Duplicate of Specification of shipment per "Lobos" 11/7/31.

15. F.I. Shipping report dated 14th July 1931.

16. Statement re men proceeding Home to join s.s. "Lafonia"

17. Superintendent Engineer's Report on North Arm wool press.

18. " " " Goose Green boiler & press.

19. Mr B. Elliott's report on Lively Island (in duplicate).

20. F.I. Gazettes dated 1st June, 20th June & 1st July 1931.

21. Duplicates of Stock Sheets 1930. (Originals per "Lobos" 11/7/31).

22. Ag. Camp Manager's Report dated 22nd June 1931.

23. Summary of Killing at Goose Green 1931.

24. Sundry photos for Head Office.

25. Fitzroy Diary December 1930 to May 1931.

26. Fitzroy Camp report.

27. Darwin Diary - May.

28. Walker Creek Diary - May.

29. Islands Diary 20/4/31 to 30/5/31.

30. Islands Camp Report of 1st May 1931.

31. Stock & Loss account.

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P R E C I S .

1. Confirms No. 729 of 14/7/31 and acknowledges Nos. 1339 and 1340 of 19th June and 2nd July respectively.
2. New steamer - pleased to note progress made with this vessel.
3. Currency Notes Ordinance - satisfactory to note decision arrived at. Remittance of £2,700 by Estate L. Williams provides us with ample funds at the moment.
Charge of 1% on remittances instituted; presume you will also charge on remittances payable here.
4. Lighters - No 4 (Iron) reconditioned. "Samson" will not be moved at the present.
5. Farm Consumption Stores - your remarks communicated to Section Manager.
6. "Fleurus" Salvage - acknowledges your cable of 7th August. "Fleurus" arrested 11th inst. owing to proposed sailing.
7. "Lafonia" Crew - number sent from Stanley now complete. Requests cabled dates of sailing on outward voyage.
8. "Bert a" Wreck - reports further opening up of vessel. "Falkland" will visit Mare Harbour in October.
9. Floating Dock Extension - notes materials being shipped per "Lafonia". Present construction gang reduced by 50%.
10. Stone from Navy Point - matter will be dealt with next mail.
11. Donald Morrison, Pension - notes pension of £35 p.a. granted to him.
12. "Falkland" - reports slipping at Montevideo on 27th ulto. Fast passage made to Stanley. Boiler will be surveyed this voyage.
13. P.S.N.Co. Passage Commission - pleased you are being allowed full 5%. Discusses through bookings with R.M.S.P.Co.
14. Mail Contract - acknowledges receipt of.
15. Steamer movements.
16. Foreman Carpenter enabled to see docking whilst at Montevideo. Reports purchase of trial quantity of Parana Pine which proves suitable & prices are competitive.
17. Mails to and from United Kingdom.
18. Wool Sales - regrets to note set back in July series.
19. Mr M. Creece will tour Farm Sections in connection with stock-keeping and Store matters, on 15th inst.
20. Admiralty Matters - will be dealt with next mail.
21. Labour in Stanley - reports unemployment to extent of 75/100 men.
22. Approaches to this Office being improved and limits of Company's adjacent property being defined.
23. Mr Young's proposed visit to Montevideo in November.
24. Floating Dock moorings - notes requirements being ordered.
25. Remission of wool tax - question will be reopened with Government.
26. F.I. & D. Sealing Co. - matters discussed.

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4. 1339. 6. LIGHTERS. No. 4 (Iran) has been unslipped and is now in good condition.

"Samson" - in view of present conditions I am not doing at the present time.
"FALKLAND" via Montevideo. 15th August, 31.

730. 1339. 7. FARM CONSUMPTION STORES. I note your approval re stocktaking at 30th June each year - also your orders re the Sir, of bagging, hoops and dip to be kept on hand on the Para.

I confirm my No. 729 of 14th ulto. and acknowledge receipt of your 1339 dated 19th June and 1340 dated 2nd ulto. with enclosures as detailed.

1339. 3. NEW STEAMER. I am very pleased to hear of the good progress Messrs. H. Robb are making with the construction of this vessel and that Captain Roberts and Mr. Kenneough are so satisfied with the quality of the work. You will doubtless bring cable news of her launch shortly. I appreciate the consideration you have given to the several proposed additions to this steamer and feel certain that we shall find her a most suitable vessel for our trade.

1339. 4. CURRENCY NOTES ORDINANCE. It is satisfactory to note that this matter has been decided in our favour and in that the mutual benefit of the arrangement is now realised by the Colonial Office.

Prior to receipt of your advice I had arranged to make a remittance for Estate Louis Williams of £2,700 (see our telegram dated 20th July) and therefore have ample funds at the moment and shall not require any remittance from you here before the end of September, if then. I have now instituted a charge of 1% on outside remittances, but exempting certain Company's employees, clients, persons who keep current accounts with us and Church funds, and presume that you will also make a charge on remittances payable here.

1339. 17. PICASSIE DOCK EXTENSION. This has my attention.
The Managing Director,
LONDON.

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4. 1339. 6. LIGHTERS. No. 4 (Iron) has been unslipped and is now in good condition.

"Gansen" - in view of present conditions I am not doing anything at present.

5. 1339. 7. FARM CONSUMPTION STORES. I note your approval re stocktaking at 30th June each year - also your orders re the stock of bagging, heeps and dip to be kept on hand on the Farm. The Acting Camp Manager and Section Managers have been advised accordingly.

6. 1339. 10. S.S. "FLEURUS" SALVAGE. I note from your cable dated 7th August that London and Norwegian Underwriters have agreed to a payment of £750 for salvage services rendered by s.s. "Afterglow" in January last, that the Tonsberg Company have withheld payment on the grounds that the creditors of the Sealing Company in Norway have put a stop on and that Solicitors advise that the Sealing Company should be prepared to arrest "Fleurus". As she was to sail after arrival of "LaPaz" (11th instant) she was arrested on that day. The warrant contains the clause :-

"Provided that arrest in this Warrant shall not be taken to mean detention in Stanley Harbour but that the said steamship "Fleurus" may from time to time be permitted to voyage between places in the Colony and Dependencies, as approved by this Court, in the custody of an Officer acting under instructions".

7. 1339. 14. "LAFONIA" - CREW. I regret to hear that Norman McLeod arrived Home sick and that he has since been discharged from Hospital. Fuhlendorff and Fulbrook sail per "Falkland"/"Arlanza" due Southampton 15th September. I enclose copies of the letters of instructions given them. This completes the crew sent from here.

Please request Captain Roberts to also cable me when sailing from ports of call en route, on her voyage out.

8. 1339. 16. "BERTHA" WRECK. During a recent Southerly gale "Bertha" broke apart astern of amidships and I understand that a few more logs have floated out. I hope to send "Falkland" to Marc Harbour to lift the logs on the beach during October next.

9. 1339. 17. FLOATING DOCK EXTENSION. This has my attention.

Enc

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The proposal to ship the material per "Lafonia" is an excellent one and should obviate damage as we can doubtless discharge direct at the West Jetty.

PROGRESS OF CONSTRUCTION. I have reduced the number of men employed on her by 50%, retaining those who have been trained as riveters. There is enough work to keep them going until the additional pontoon arrives.

10. 1339. 23. SHED RENTAL & STONE QUARRIED AT NAVY POINT.

I will deal with this matter in my next despatch.

11. 1339. 24. DONALD MORRISON - PENSION. I note that the

Board have decided to grant him a pension of £35 per annum from the termination of his services.

12. 1340. 10. "FALKLAND" was slipped (photos enclosed) at

Montevideo on 27th ulto. and her bottom cleaned and painted, and a few necessary minor repairs were also executed. Messrs Miller & Company's work was satisfactory and their charges reasonable. You will be interested to know that on her return voyage she made the passage in 4 days 17 hours.

Her boiler will be surveyed at Montevideo when she is next there and I am sending Mr Thomson up with her.

13. 1340. 11. P.S.N.Co. PASSAGE COMMISSION. I am pleased

to note that this Company is now allowing you the full 5% on passage bookings. I presume this will extend to R.M.S.P. and Nelson Lines.

I enclose copy of my letter dated 8th inst. to the P.S.N.Co. Valparaiso for your information, also copy of R.M.S.P. fare tariff No. 31 (see page 31).

The R.M.S.P. Co. have now agreed to quote a through 3rd class fare Port Stanley - United Kingdom and vice versa for British subjects only, of which our proportion is £10, theirs being £18 against their tariff rate of £20 - £21 according to steamer. They have also under consideration a proposal to quote a through fare for 1st and 2nd class passengers - our proportion

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being £14 and their tariff rates less 10%.

14. 1340. 13. MAIL CONTRACT. I thank you for the copy of the contract entered into with the Crown Agents dated 1st May 1931.

15. STEAMER MOVEMENTS. "LaPaz" outward bound arrived on the 11th instant and sailed 14th. The French Training ship "Jeanne d'Arc" is to call here between 5th - 7th December next.

"Falkland" is now collecting produce from Darwin, Walker Creek, Lively Island & Fitzroy and sails for Montevideo via Speedwell Island and Foxbay about 15th instant. She will take about 110 tons tallow and 275 bales wool and skins and space for London has been reserved in a steamer sailing from Montevideo about 23rd instant.

This completes 1931 produce but I may have a few bales of skins for shipment via Montevideo in October next.

16. 729. 30. Hamford was enabled to see something of docking etc. whilst at Montevideo. He purchased a trial quantity of 10 tons Parana pine, it is certainly suitable for our requirements and present c.i.f. prices are competitive.

17. MAILS. TO U.K. FROM U.K. "Falkland" proceeds there 15th August next in connection with "Falkland"'s shipments of 2nd October that per "Lagarto" note that the first five auctions for "Lafonia" 12th January, 1st March, 12th April, mid November 5th "Lafonia" if you approve I end November. early December

A small Despatch will be posted to you by Captain Evans from Magallanes next month.

18. WOOL SALES. I regret to note the set back in the July sales which is presumably due to the financial crisis in Germany.

19. MR M. CREECH is touring Speedwell Island, North Arm, Darwin and Fitzroy leaving here on the 15th instant. He will pay special attention to Store matters and go into the stock-keeping system referred to in my 729. 22. which has recently been inaugurated.

20. ADMIRALTY matters will be dealt with next mail but you

requirements also Captain Evans is examining the possibility of

will be pleased to know that we have completed lifting and relaying the anchors and chains of the three arms of the buoy and the buoy has been brought ashore, chipped, painted and removed. The buoy anchors, chains and shackles were all found to be in good condition. "O.C.82" has been repaired and painted and will be floated on the next suitable tide and removed.

21. LABOUR. I have reduced the number of men employed by us in Stanley considerably and have yet to put off a few more when "LaPaz" cargo has been landed. There is now considerable unemployment here which I estimate at 75 - 100 men.

Encl.

22. THE APPROACHES TO THIS OFFICE have been long neglected and are now in a bad state - the enclosed photo taken last year gives some idea of this. I am therefore having them improved and at the same time am having defined the limits of our property between the road and our buildings. I am hoping that this improvement will have the effect of making Government put the road in good order.

23. With your permission I propose to visit Montevideo when "Lafonia" proceeds there in November next in connection with next season's shipments of produce via that port.

I note that the first five auctions for 1932 have been fixed for 12th January, 1st March, 12th April, 24th May and 5th July and if you approve I shall endeavour to get an additional 8/900 bales Home in time for the May sales and the balance for the September sales.

24. FLOATING DOCK MOORINGS. 1339. 18. & 1340. 14.

I thank you for copies of letters from Mr Gordon Glever and Messrs Clark & Standfield and note that you have ordered the additional hawse pipes and stoppers required. As regards cable - I have telegraphed you today suggesting that you defer purchase. I have recently raised the moorings of "Flectwing" and "Preecis" and a quantity of the chain will be suitable for our requirements also Captain Evans is examining the possibility of

getting the chain out of "Garland" and will report to me on his return from Darwin.

25. 724. 13. and 725. 3. I am reopening the question of the remission of wool tax for next year, with Government, and will report further in my next Despatch.

26. 1339. 2. F.I. & D. SEALING CO. LTD.
1340. 7.

The value of the Balance Sheet as at 31st December last put before Government by this Company is certainly open to criticism.

The concession is limited and is not saleable without the consent of Government. If it can avoid previous liquidation, it will have to be reconstructed when conditions improve and the present Directorate and Management changed.

The most elementary requirements of their business have not been attended to, for instance, they have no seal as yet, the transfer of "Bellville" (renamed "Albemarle") to British Registry has only just been completed, they hold a clean Bill of Sale for "Afterglow" but she has not been registered - this is being attended to.

I trust that with the curtailment of whaling some improvement in prices may be apparent towards the end of the year and you may be enabled to sell the oil on hand.

I have taken over the stock of coal at Albemarle estimated at about 100 tons at 50/- per ton and shall put "Falkland" in there to bunker next month en route to Magallanes; this will enable me to obtain a report on the condition of the Station and oil stocks.

Please advise Underwriters that "Bellville" has been renamed "Albemarle" and registered at Port Stanley under the British flag.

I note all Messrs Ince & Company write in their letter dated 2nd July last. As stated above, the Company have no seal as yet, no stamp duties are levied on documents in this Colony.

Their Shore Station is on land rented from Dean & Coy. I have obtained from them a Debenture in our favour also Mortgages

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on their property and on "Albemarle" and "Afterglow" - the latter on Form No. 12 (to secure Current Account etc.) which gives a full description of the vessels.

The Memorandum of the Company gives power to borrow and to charge their property for that purpose. Their titles to the two vessels are in order. All these documents are now with the Registrar General for registration. The Memorandum of the property and stocks at Albemarle is being prepared but checking; this will be done when "Falkland" is there, and then registered. Copies of Debenture and Memorandum are enclosed.

It has occurred to me that it might be advisable to exercise our right to appoint a receiver - would you please consult Messrs Ince & Co. as to this, presumably we could act as such in view of the unusual circumstances of this Colony and there being no qualified person available. If this can be done and they recommend it, I should appreciate any advice they can give me.

I am,

Sir,

your obedient servant,

Manager.

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 No. 731 per "Falkland" via Pan-Am

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1. Despatch No. 730.
2. Statement on accounts No. 30.
3. Remarks on accounts No. 30/31.
4. Store Indent No. 698.
5. Remarks on Stores No. 698.
6. Stanley Ledger Balances at 30th June, 1931.
7. Clients Half yearly accounts (see Remarks on accounts).
8. P.S.N.C. A/c dated 31st July, 1931.
9. West Store Cash Vouchers June & July 1931.
10. Abstract of Farm account (all Sections) April - June Qr.
11. Coasting Insurances - July.
12. Coal Statement - July.
13. Return of Establishment & Wages - Fitzroy - June Qr.
14. "Falkland" Manifest - Voy.S.16a.
15. F.I. Gazettes (2) 1st August 1931.
16. Copies of instructions issued to H. Fullendorff & S. Fullbrook.
17. Store & Butchery Ledger Balances at 30th June, 1931.
18. Remarks on Store & Butchery Debtors at 30/6/31.
19. Legal Charge & Debenture - F.I. & D. Sealing Co. Ltd. / F.I. Co. Ltd.
20. Photos.
21. R.M.S.P. Fare Tariff No. 31. (See page 31).
- Copy of letter to P.S.N.Co. Valparaiso re through bookings.
18. Wool Tax - correspondence with Government enclosed.
19. Details census figures.
20. "Fennia" - reports work being done on vessel.
21. Advises Government proposal to reduce duty on spirits as from 1st January, 1932.
22. Presumes you are negotiating for 1932 bunker contract.
23. Erection of Fitzroy Cookhouse - undertaken by contract.
24. Reports finding of lice on Swan Island sheep.
25. "Ellan" - enclosed report of damage sustained at West Swan Island.
26. Advises grounding of "Falkland" at Montevideo (August voyage).
27. Disposal of "Falkland" - particulars have been sent Montevideo and Magallanes Agents.

P R E C I S .

28. Floating Dock - Progress report.
1. Confirms No. 730 of 15th August & acknowledges No. 1341 of 13th idem.
 2. Advises additional requirements of chain for Dock moorings will be called you shortly.
 3. Pleased to note purchase of lathe at Admiralty Wireless Station.
 4. Notes claim paid for ram drowned in Port William.
 5. Acknowledges receipt of your cable dated 22nd Sept. re bookings Montevideo/Stanley "Falkland" October voyage.
Confirms cable of 24th idem re "Lafonia" Narr. connection.
 6. Do not anticipate a remittance from you will be needed end of October.
 7. "Fleurus" salvage - confirms cable of 24th ulto. requesting legalised copy of award.
 8. "Lafonia" - note from your cable of 22nd Sept. launch and subsequent movements of vessel.
 9. Notes you are sending out a Wool Classifier.
 10. Reports damage sustained by Iron Lighter No. 5 whilst alongside "LAPAZ".
 11. Donald Morrison (Pensioner) - advises death of - 27th August.
 12. Reports survey of "Falkland" boiler August at Montevideo - condition excellent.
 13. Advises continuance of special 10% abatement on 1st & 2nd class fares agreed to by R.M.S.P.Co.
 14. Encloses list detailing mails to March 1932.
 15. Steamer Movements.
 16. Labour - reports present situation.
 17. Advises Government proposal to improve road from Public Jetty to East Town fence.
 18. Wool Tax - correspondence with Government enclosed.
 19. Details census figures.
 20. "Fennia" - reports work being done on vessel.
 21. Advises Government proposal to reduce duty on spirits as from 1st January, 1932.
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 26. Advises grounding of "Falkland" at Montevideo (August voyage).
 27. Disposal of "Falkland" - particulars have been sent Montevideo and Magallanes Agents.

- 28. Floating Dock - progress report.
- 29. Claim for damage by "Falkland" to Douglas Station Jetty - settlement arrived at.
- 30. s.s. "Fleurus" - advises payment of subsidy by Government for 1932 mail service to Dependencies.
- 31. Centenary of Colony (1933) - Committee appointed to consider arrangements to celebrate occasion.
- 32. R.R.S. "William Scoresby" arrives Stanley 21st ulto. Advises movements. Understand vessel is for sale April 1932.
- 33. "Lafonia" - proposal to apply for packet license. Passengers will be allowed to live on board at terminal ports if convenient to ship. Requests allocation of code cypher re connections for passengers and mails at Montevideo.
- 34. Advises proposal of Governor to visit Darwin after return from South Georgia.
- 35. Port San Carlos Ltd. - encloses correspondence with Government vide cables exchanged. Advises debit balance at date.

1341. 3. ARRIVAL ... I am pleased to note that the Admiralty have accepted the offer for the loan.

1341. 4. CHIVOT RAME. It is satisfactory that the Underwriters have at last settled the claim for the crew drowned at Port William.

1341. 7. FALKLANDS COMMISSION. I note from your cable dated 22nd ulto. that you have booked 16 cabin and 8 third class passengers for her next voyage. I confirm my cable dated 24th ulto. to the effect that the "Lafonia" will await mails on "Highland Research" on Wednesday 3rd December next.

1341. 8. REMITTANCES. I have ample cash at present and unless something unforeseen happens do not anticipate that I shall require a remittance from you at the end of this month.

7. S.S. "FLEURUS" SALVAGE. I cabled you on 24th September requesting you to send me a legalised copy of the salvage award in this case. It is required for production in the High Court in support of the Sealing Company's claim.

THE MANAGING DIRECTOR,
LONDON.

*FALKLAND" via Montevideo.

5th October, 31.

731. go alongside "Lafonia", Iron lighter No. 5 sustained damage and sprung a leak. A small quantity of outside cargo was damaged, and

Sir,

I confirm my No. 730 dated 15th August last and acknowledge receipt of your No. 1341 dated 13th idem, with enclosures as detailed.

2. 1341. 2. FLOATING DOCK MOORINGS. I shall not require additional chain before March next and expect to be in a position to cable you the length required about a month hence.

3. 1341. 3. ADMIRALTY WIRELESS STATION LATHE. I am pleased to note that the Admiralty have accepted our offer for this lathe.

4. 1341. 4. CHEVIOT RAMS. It is satisfactory that Underwriters have at last settled our claim in full for the ram drowned at Port William.

5. 1341. 7. "FALKLAND" CONNECTIONS AT MONTEVIDEO. I note from your cable dated 22nd ulto. that you have booked 3½ cabin and 8 third class passengers for her next return voyage.

I confirm my cable dated 24th idem to the effect that (re "Lafonia" will await mails ex "Highland Monarch" due Montevideo 3rd December next.

6. 1341. 8. REMITTANCES. I have ample cash at present and unless something unforeseen happens do not anticipate that I shall require a remittance from you at the end of this month.

7. S.S. "FLEURUS" SALVAGE. I cabled you on 24th September requesting you to send me a legalised copy of the salvage award in this case. It is required for production in the High Court here in support of the Sealing Company's claim.

THE MANAGING DIRECTOR,

LONDON.

8. "LAFONIA". I was pleased to hear of this vessel's launch on 18th August last and to note her movements vide your cable dated 22nd September.

9. 1341. 12. I note that you are sending out a wool classer.

10. LIGHTERS. I regret to inform you that whilst receiving cargo alongside "LaPaz", Iron lighter No. 5 sustained damage and sprung a leak. A small quantity of outside cargo was damaged, and protest has been noted. She will be slipped for repair on the next suitable tide.

11. 1339. 24. I regret to inform you that Donald Morrison died on 27th August.

12. "FALKLAND'S" BOILER was surveyed at Montevideo in August last and was found to be in excellent condition.

13. 730. 13. (3rd para.) The R.M.S.P. Company have now agreed to continue indefinitely a special rebate of 10% off 1st and 2nd class fares.

14. MAILS. I enclose a list detailing mails to March 1932. No despatch was sent you via Magallanes as I found that nothing would be gained thereby.

15. STEAMER MOVEMENTS. "Falkland" arrived from Magallanes on the night of the 2nd instant. She lost 3 days here at the commencement of her voyage and 2½ days at Magallanes owing to bad weather. I have therefore had to cancel the call at Albemarle (referred to in my 730.26) She will sail for Montevideo via Salvador Waters about 6th idem with 63 bales wool/sheepskins amongst which are some Pebble Island bales brought in by "Fleurbaey" and which I am shipping by this route as we need all we can get for ballast (see 726.15 - 3rd para.)

Providing there is time "Falkland" will go to Mare Harbour on her return, to work "Bertha" timber. She will sail again shortly after "Legarto" arrives for Darwin and East and West Falkland ports. The wool shed for Swan Island will go out by this opportunity. She will return to Stanley in time for Captain Evans to leave for Home per "Lafonia" sailing 19th November.

16. 730. 21. LABOUR. Government are employing a number of men on road-making. Though not termed "relief work", this is what it is in effect. As peat cutting is now commencing the unemployment is not so apparent. In the meantime Government request that so far as is possible we do not import any labour.

17. 730. 22. APPROACHES TO THIS OFFICE. You will be interested to hear that since this work commenced Government have decided to improve the road from the Public Jetty to the Town Fence Gate (East) and work will be commenced early in the new year.

22. BUNKER CONTRACT AT MONTEVIDEO FOR 1932. This is doubtless receiving your attention. Messrs Wilson Sons & Co. Ltd. have on the whole given satisfaction, we have had to complain once or twice but they always endeavour to satisfy.

Enc. 18. 730. 25. I enclose copies of correspondence exchanged with Government regarding the Wool Tax. I regret that I have not been successful in obtaining some modification of this for the coming season but the matter will be taken up again later.

23. PITEROY COOKHOUSE. This is now in course of erection and Mr Langdon estimates that it will take 5/6 months to complete.

19. The recent Census of the Colony shows that the population is :-

	<u>MALES.</u>	<u>FEMALES.</u>	<u>TOTALS.</u>
Stanley	609	604	1,213
Darwin and Lafonia.	226	136	362
Other districts East Falklands.	207	133	340
West Falklands	271	155	426
Shipping	45	6	51
	<u>1,358</u>	<u>1,034</u>	<u>2,392</u>

24. Mr Harding reports that this compares with the four previous census' as follows :-

	<u>1891.</u>	<u>1901.</u>	<u>1911.</u>	<u>1921.</u>	<u>1931.</u>
Total population	1789	2043	2272	2094	2392
of which Stanley				890	1213
Increase in Stanley dwelling houses				177	265

Of the increase in the population of Stanley, more than 160 came from the Camp. the meantime Mr Harding states that she can carry

20. "Fennia" is now ready to receive wool. The patent fuel on board has been screened off and the ballast boarded over. A certain amount of work still requires to be done on deck. I propose to paint out the hold, spreading the work over 2 to 3 years. The hull also requires scraping and painting. I hope to move "Great Britain" and "Fennia" in the near future.

21. I understand that Government proposes to reduce the duty on spirits from 30/- to 20/- per gallon as from 1st January next.

on spirits from 30/- to 20/- per gallon as from 1st January next.

Our stocks on which the higher duty has been paid, are not excessive and by averaging we should be in a position to pass a portion of the reduction on to customers, early in the new year. We have under consideration a proposal to import draught spirits, particularly rum and gin at proof and break them down here. Gin is usually about 17% under proof and rum 15%. We therefore pay duty to this extent on water which we can very well add here.

22. BUNKER CONTRACT AT MONTEVIDEO FOR 1932. This is doubtless receiving your attention. Messrs Wilson Sons & Co. Ltd. have on the whole given satisfaction, we have had to complain/once or twice but they always endeavour to satisfy.

23. FITZROY COOKHOUSE. This is now in course of erection and Mr Langdon estimates that it will take 5/6 months to complete.

The work has been given out on contract for £180 and comprises:-
 "Erection of cookhouse and completion of whole job.
 the 41 ft 6 ins X 26 ft. 3 ins. high 26 ft height to apex. the
 Roof to be boarded, felted and tiled.
 Sides to be boarded, felted and flat ironed. on the pneumatic
 Upstairs to contain passage and 8 rooms.
 Downstairs to contain kitchen, galley, pantry, stairs, utility
 & two bedrooms and to have two porches."

24. Mr Harding reports that in July last Clark found that Swan Island sheep had lice. This was duly reported to the Stock Inspector. A dip was erected and the sheep were dipped 31st August/1st September and were to be dipped again in September.

25. "ILEN" Mr Harding reports that "Ilen" suffered damage whilst riding out a gale at West Swan. Hannaford, when en route to mooring the dock in its present position at the Outer Crane to Magallanes, examined her and arrangements are being made for her repair. In spite of our most careful attention, we have had two of the cast iron bollards on the pontoon docks broken owing to heavy strains during recent gales. These bollards are claim will be forwarded you in due course.

26. "FALKLAND" I regret to inform you that whilst making for the Inner Harbour, Montevideo on 31st August last, under pilotage, this vessel went aground at 7 a.m. and did not refloat until 10.30 a.m. No damage is apparent, but as her propeller hit an obstruction it may be damaged, as may the hull.

enc.

Copies of extract from log and correspondence are enclosed. Please notify Underwriters. Unless the necessity arises earlier, the vessel will not be docked until the Floating Dock is in service.

27. With reference to the disposal of "Falkland", Messrs Maclean & Stapledon and Messrs Dick & Bravo have been supplied with full particulars and plans, though she is a suitable vessel for the South American coasting trade I fear that there is little likelihood of a sale until conditions improve.

I propose to lay her up after the November voyage and think it will be advisable to keep a watchman on board.

28. FLOATING DOCK. The progress of work on the Dock has been slowed down, 50% of the men having been discharged on 8th August pending the delivery of the new material for the extension. At present only seven men are employed on the structure, three of which are completing the caulking of the laps and landings of the wall plating, and three rivetting the house erections on the port wall, the remaining man being in attendance on the pneumatic plant. Owing to recent bad weather we have not had an opportunity of erecting the engine and valve house structures as the two pumping engines, together with the electric light plant must be placed in position and the house erected around them. To expose this machinery to wet weather while the houses are in course of erection would be most inadvisable.

I must again mention our constant anxiety with reference to mooring the dock in its present position at the Camber Crane Wharf. In spite of our most careful attention, we have had two of the cast iron bollards on the pontoon decks broken owing to heavy strains during recent gales. These bollards are small and are not intended to carry the weight of the dock in a gale, but they are our only means of securing the mooring wires. The most dangerous winds appear to come from the North to North East and against these, we have as a further preventative measure, secured the dock to the Camber Wharf piles by means of the 1½ inch cables

provided for her final moorings, these being attached to the cable stoppers on the dock. The broken bollards are not of vital importance at the moment and it is our intention to repair them at some future date. The present position of the work on the dock is as follows :-

All pontoons are complete with their suction piping and valve connections. Wall structures in way of B, C & D pontoons completely rivetted both externally and internally and 60% of the caulking completed. No rivetting has been carried out to the wall plating in way of pontoon A pending the delivery of the material for the extension. Main suction line of pipes jointed in position in wall up to A pontoon complete with dip pipes. Both centrifugal pumps jointed in position including discharge valves and pipes. Vent valve, deck standards and operating rods completed for B, C & D pontoons. Lift valve operating rods, brackets and rollers completed up to A pontoon. Flap ~~and~~ valve operating rods, brackets, pulleys and chains completed for B, C & D pontoons. Bilge block girders fitted in position including their operating winches, pulleys, fairleads, etc. After mechanical shore tubes, rollers, operating gear and deck standards completed. After capstans, roller fairleads, brackets and bollards fitted in position. Vertical fenders, platform brackets, shoring and painting platforms being completed up to A pontoon. After roller fender brackets rivetted in position.

29. 729. 5. DAMAGE BY "FALKLAND" TO DOUGLAS STATION JETTY.

I have arrived at a settlement of this matter with Mr. Greenshields and estimate that the cost of repairs etc. for which I have accepted responsibility will be between £75 - £100. The necessary timber arrived per "Falkland" and a statement of claim will be forwarded to you as early as possible.

30. With reference to my 729. 14. I understand that as certain Land Stations at South Georgia will be whaling this coming season, Government have arranged that "Fleurus" will make 6 round voyages to South Georgia during 1932 on payment of a

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subsidy of £ 4,000. She is due for survey this month.

31. CENTENARY 1933. This Colony will attain its Centenary during 1933 and it is proposed to celebrate the occasion in a fitting manner. His Excellency is appointing a Committee to consider the necessary arrangements and I have received an invitation, which I have accepted, to serve thereon. I enclose a copy of my letter dated 26th August last to the P.S.N. Company in this connection. your obedient servant,

32. R.R.S. "WILLIAM SCORESBY" is now here and is to carry out a survey between the Colony and several hundred miles North between now and the end of December. I understand that she will proceed to England in April next and will be placed on the sale list.

33. "LAFONIA" I propose to apply for a packet license to enable us to sell wines and spirits, beer and tobacco to passengers on board. Sales to employees at Stations or to the crew will be prohibited.

Passengers will be allowed to live on board at terminal ports - if convenient to the ship - at tariff rates. This is intended to be of assistance to passengers via Montevideo who may prefer to live on board whilst awaiting on carrying steamer.

Please allot us a text in our Code for the phrase
"LAFONIA SCHEDULED TO LEAVE MONTEVIDEO FOR STANLEY
"PLEASE ADVISE CROWN AGENTS, P.S.N.C., R.M.S.P. & NELSON LINES"

The phrase will be followed by the date to fill in the blank.

This will, whenever possible, be telegraphed to you in good time so that you will have an opportunity of ascertaining the closest connection at Montevideo for passengers and mails for the Colony.

Kindly note that women and children cannot be booked third class in "Lafonia" or "Falkland".

34. I understand that His Excellency the Governor proposes to visit Darwin on his return from South Georgia in H.M.S. "Dauntless" about the third week in December next.

ENCLOSURES.

1. Despatch No. 731.
2. Statement on Accounts No. 32.
3. Remarks on Accounts No. 32.
4. Remarks on Naval Fuel Depot No. 14.
5. Store Indent No. 699.
6. Remarks on Stores No. 699.
7. Coal Statements - August & September 1931.
8. "Falkland" Manifests Voys. S.17 - 18 - 18a.
9. P.S.N.C. Account dated 5th September 1931.
10. Coasting Insurances August & September.
11. Store Freight per "Falkland" - September Qr.
12. West Store Cash Voucher - August.
13. Report on "Ilen" ~~Damage~~ damage.
14. List detailing mails to March 1932.
15. F.I. Shipping Report.
16. F.I. Gazettes 1st September 1931.

Correspondence :-

14. With Colonial Government re remission of Wool Tax.
15. " " " " Port San Carlos, Ltd.
16. " P.S.N.C. Liverpool, re Centenary celebrations.
- From Capt. Evans re "Falkland" grounding at Montevideo (August).

SPECIFICATIONS.

<u>MARK.</u>	<u>WOOL.</u>	<u>SKINS.</u>	<u>TALLOW.</u>	<u>HIDES.</u>
S	61	12		49
J.H.D. -K-	29			
M.V.	26			

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P. S. N. C.

1. Confirms No. 731 dated 5th October and acknowledges receipt of No. 1342 of 17th September and 1343 of 14th October.
 2. Bleaker No. 731 per "Falkland" 5/10/31. Please see Year ending 1931.
 3. Managers of Stations at which Company's produce is marketed have been advised of the above.
- SUPPLEMENTARY ENCLOSURES.**
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4. Requests you to take up matter with Bank regarding the amount of...
 17. Asst. Camp Manager's report dated 28th September 1931.
 18. Camp Diaries - Darwin July & August.
 19. North Arm August.
 20. Details present stock of Walker Creek May, June, July & August.
 21. Notes your reports on Port Fitzroy June, July & August.
 22. Fitzroy June, July & August.
 23. Advice "Falkland" voyage to Haru Harbour. Enclosure photos and...
 24. Passage Commission Outwards - Nelson & King Star arrangements noted. Enclosure correspondence exchanged with N.M.S.P. Co.
 25. Barkus Pine matter will be gone into with Wilsons in Montevideo re purchase.
 26. Your instructions re Kirk's affairs overdrifts dealt with. Advice death of Mrs P. Browning.
 27. Submission of wool tax - matter will be referred to next mail.
 28. Cheviot runs imported 1930 - matter being discussed with Government.
 29. Lubricating oils - trial shipment will be given fair test.
 30. Inventory of furniture at Darwin House - your instructions being dealt with.
 31. F. L. & D. Sealing Co. Ltd. - will revert to this later. Your advice received.
 32. "Fleurna" v "Afterglow" Salvage Award - acknowledges receipt of Horace Foxer & Back's letter dated 29th September.
 33. Wool Market - pleased to note improvement in price.
 34. Asks for your ruling re employment of "Falkland" crew before 1922 in connection with compiling of service records of present employees of the Company.
 35. Advice excellent quality of timber at Magallanes 1931. Considering importation of coal at Skyring Water Mine would be profitable. Enclosure extract of Log re damage to jetty at Riasco by "Falkland".
 36. Advice P.S.N.C. homeward sailings 1932. Enclosure copy of letter from P.S.N.C. Valparaiso re basis of collecting freight.

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P R E C I S .

1. Confirms No. 731 dated 5th October and acknowledges receipt of your Nos. 1342 of 17th September, and 1342 of 14th October.
2. Bleaker Island - sheep shifting postponed until New Year owing to delay in "Falkland" itinerary.
3. Managers of Stations at which Company's vessels go alongside have been advised re non-acceptance of liability of damage to jetty.
4. Requests you to take up matter with Dean Brothers re shipment of part Pebble Island produce per "Lafonia" ex Station.
5. Advises s.s. "Fleurus" now at South Georgia for survey. Notes additional premium required by Underwriters covering "Lafonia's" voyages to South Georgia.
6. Details present stock of bunker coal.
7. Notes your remarks re Port San Carlos Estate. Await copy of Mortgage.
8. F. McLeod Jun. - note he obtained certificate in U.K.
9. Advises "Falkland" voyage to Mare Harbour. Encloses photos and specification of logs moved.
10. Passage Commission Outwards - Nelson & Blue Star arrangements noted. Encloses correspondence exchanged with R.M.S.P.Co.
11. Parana Pine - matter will be gone into with Wilsons in Montevideo re purchase.
12. Your instructions ^{re} ~~xxxx~~ Clients overdrafts dealt with. Advises death of Mrs F. Browning.
13. Remission of wool tax - matter will be referred to next mail.
14. Cheviot rams imported 1930 - matter being discussed with Government.
15. Lubricating oils - trial shipment will be given fair test.
16. Inventory of furniture at Darwin house - your instructions being dealt with.
17. F. I. & D. Sealing Co. Ltd. - will revert to this later. Your advices received.
18. "Fleurus" v "Afterglow" Salvage Award - acknowledges receipt of Morice Tozer & Beck's letter dated 29th September.
19. Wool Market - pleased to note improvement in price.
20. Asks for your ruling re employment of "Falkland" crew before 1922 in connection with compiling of service records of present employees of the Company.
21. Advises excellent quality of timber ex Magallanes 1931. Considering importation of coal ex Skyring Water Mine would be profitable. Encloses extract of Log re damage to jetty at Riasce by "Falkland"
22. Advises P.S.N.C. homeward sailings 1932. Encloses copy of letter from P.S.N.C. Valparaiso re basis of collecting freight.

23. Remittances - do not anticipate will req. at end of November, and possibly not December.
24. "Falkland" & "Lafenia" movements advised. Encloses itinerary for early part of 1931/2 season.
25. Reports moving of "Great Britain" to East of Narrows 30th October. "Pannia" will be moved shortly.
26. Advises bridge over Swan Inlet completed. That over Antieco Stream new in course of erection.
27. Requests your consideration of case of M. McMillan as regards a pension. Has service approximately 30 years with Company.
28. Advises arrival per "Lagarto" of Mr & Mrs G.M. Gaddard who travelled to Darwin per "Falkland" on 4th instant.
29. Mr A. Barrett, Wool Sorter, proceeded to Darwin ~~xxxxxx~~ 14th inst.
30. s.s. "Lafenia" - notes your remarks re vessel. Reports arrival on 10th November. Various matters discussed.
31. Reports shipment of Swan Island Woolshed per "Falkland". Anticipate its completion before Christmas.
32. Floating Dock - nothing further to report. Additional pontoon new being landed.
33. Advises Governor's proposed tour of East & West Falklands.
34. Reports intended visit of H.M.S. "Durban" from 17th December to 2nd January next.
35. Advises departure of Capt. H.T. Evans for U.K.

arrived before putting... ..
in hand.

3342. 5. Managers of Stations at which the Company's steamers lay alongside are being advised as regards our non-acceptance of any liability for damage which may be caused to their jetties by any of our vessels.

3342. 6. PEBBLE ISLAND PRODUCE. I should like to secure a proportion of their produce for shipment from Pebble Island, if possible, and as it must be in Messrs. Dean Brothers' own interests to get their produce to market as early as possible, would you kindly take up the matter with them again? I could undertake to list 150/200 bales in time for the March/Apr sales. They must have lost heavily this year consequent on the late marketing of

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their produce.

5. 1342. 10. MANAGERIAL I should like to see the survey made and undergo survey there. I also want an additional premium of 10% to cover "Lafonia" via Montevideo. 17th November, 1931.

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6. 1342. 11. COAL Sir, it will not be necessary to confirm my Despatch No. 731 dated 5th ulto. and have to acknowledge receipt of your Nos. 1342 and 1343 dated 17th September and 14th October last respectively, with enclosures as detailed.

2. 1342. 2. BLEAKER ISLAND. Owing to "Falkland" getting behind her itinerary it has not been possible to ship the sheep for Stanley Butchery. I hope to lift them early in the New Year and arrangements have been made for them to be shorn on the Island. As regards a boat for use at Bleaker Island, after consultation with Mr. Harding I decided to await Mr. Goddard's arrival before putting the work of converting "Fennia's" lifeboat in hand.

3. 1342. 5. Managers of Stations at which the Company's steamers lay alongside are being advised as regards our non-acceptance of any liability for damage which may be caused to their jetty by any of our vessels.

4. 1342. 6. PEBBLE ISLAND PRODUCE. I should like to secure a proportion of their produce for shipment from Pebble Island, if possible, and as it must be in Messrs. Dean Brothers' own interests to get their produce to market as early as possible, would you kindly take up the matter with them again? I could undertake to lift 150/200 bales in time for the March/May sales. They must have lost heavily this year consequent on the late marketing of

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LONDON. 1342. 23. GENERAL The delays caused by "Falkland"

in September last due to bad weather and the early arrival of

their produce.

5. 1342. 10. S.S. "FLEURUS" is now at South Georgia and will undergo survey there. I note that Underwriters would require an additional premium of 1 1/2% to cover "Lafonia's" voyages to South Georgia. I certainly do not wish to undertake this trade.

6. 1342. 11. COAL (Bunker). I can now say definitely that it will not be necessary to import coal from the United Kingdom during 1932, unless something unforeseen should arise. I have in stock today 647 tons patent fuel (this will be retained as a reserve and only drawn on in emergencies)

100 tons coal (at Albemarle)

200 " " (approx) reserves accumulated ex "Falkland" and "Lafonia".

947 tons

"Falkland" should return with a small quantity and "Lafonia" has sufficient on board to enable her to reach Montevideo. Her bunkers and No. 2 hold will be filled there. Taking No. 2 hold at 200 tons, I shall then have 500 tons/available which will be more than sufficient to take us to March 1932, when "Lafonia" will probably make a voyage to Montevideo and replenish stocks.

I thank you for passing on my complaint re bunkers supplied to "Falkland", to Messrs Wilson Sons & Co. Ltd. This has had the desired effect as "Falkland" (October) and "Lafonia" (November) were given excellent coal.

7. 1342. 18. CAMERON'S EXECUTORS - SAN CARLOS ACCOUNT.

I note all you write and now await copy of the Mortgage. The arrangement as detailed, should prove profitable.

Mr N. Keith Cameron arrived per "Lagarto".

8. 1342. 22. I note that Norman McLeod passed his examination and obtained the necessary certificate. He certainly makes a good impression.

9. 1342. 23. "BERTHA" WRECK. The delays caused to "Falkland" in September last due to bad weather and the early arrival of

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"Lagarto" out during the time available for working the timber. However, she is away on the 22nd ulto. for Darwin and Mare Harbour and returned on the 27th idem. I accompanied her. We took an old Ford lorry and three additional hands and proved definitely that there is no great difficulty in making the logs on the beach available for shipment whenever we require them. The lorry would go almost anywhere and we succeeded in removing 116 logs from the beach near the wreck to a point just above High Water mark, Mare Harbour, a distance of $\frac{1}{2}$ to 1 mile (had we not had engine trouble, we should have done much better). From that point they can be shipped without difficulty at H.W.S.T. as and when required.

I propose to carry on the removal to this Point whenever "Lafonia" has time available - when they are all removed I will ship them into Stanley and classify them.

A good proportion are in excellent condition and there are some very fine squares among them as you will note from the enclosed specification of the logs transported. There are about 230 logs still to be moved. They still appear to be working out and those which came out recently were in excellent condition.

All the timber on the beach is cedar - we found only one small piece of rosewood which evidently came out recently.

The enclosed photographs show clearly the means of working adopted.

10.11.1342. 26. PASSAGE COMMISSION OUTWARDS. I note the arrangements come to with the Nelson and Blue Star Lines. Will the latter allow 5% on passages booked Homewards? I do not wish to take this matter up at this end in view of the special concessions given us by the R.M.S.P. in quoting reduced fares to passengers ex this Colony (copies of correspondence enclosed).

I should not like to imperil this in any way as the Blue Star Line carry only 1st and cabin passengers and cannot therefore make a proposition which would be of equal value to us.

11.11.1342. 27. PARANA PINE. It appears that we might do

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better by shipping this from Porto Alegre or PLEASE ATTEMPT and I am going into this matter with Wilson Soms the latter whom have Offices at these ports, when I am in Montevideo. We shall not require any timber for some time but if we can eventually substitute Parana Pine for Scandinavian timber it will provide more work for "Lafonia" and we could proceed to either of these Ports from Montevideo once a year.

12. 1342. 33. CLIENTS' ACCOUNTS. Your instructions have my attention. You will doubtless deal with G. Bonner and Stickers Brothers at Home. Douglas Station account is in debit at present (30th September, 1931) to a lesser extent than it has been for some years past at this date and as we are doing so good a business with them I should prefer to defer any action for the moment. Other accounts which call for attention are Estate H. J. Piteluga and Bluff Cove and these are being attended to.

Estate B. Browning is also in debit - Mrs Browning died yesterday and I fear that we shall find the affairs of the estate somewhat involved.

13. 1343. 3. PETITION FOR REMISSION OF WOOL TAX & ECONOMIES.

I thank you for the copy of the petition addressed by the Sheep Farmers Association to His Excellency the Governor and to your views. I will revert to this matter next mail by which time it may have been possible to discuss this and other matters formally with Government. conditions our requirements for next

14. 1343. 3. CHEVIOT RANS IMPORTED 1930. This matter is under discussion with Government and will be dealt with next mail.

15. 1343. 4. LUBRICATING OILS. I am going into this matter with Mr. Thomson. The trial shipments will be given a fair test and the results communicated to you.

16. 1343. 5. INVENTORY OF FURNITURE - DARWIN HOUSE. Your instructions are noted and are being attended to.

17. 1343. 6. F.I. & D. SEALING CO. LTD. I thank you for your advices and will revert to this matter later.

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18. 1343. 7. "FLEURUS" V "AFTERGLOW" SALVAGE AWARD.

I note all you write and thank you for the letter from Messrs. Morice Tozer & Beck Ltd. dated 29th September, 1931. This will be placed before the Court and should satisfy them.

19. 1343. 9. WOOL MARKET. I am pleased to note the improvement in wool prices and trust that by the time the new clip comes to sale, the market will be altogether firmer.

20. In compiling a records of Employee's services, the point has arisen as to whether employment in s.s. "Falkland" up to 31st March, 1922 can be considered as service with the Company. The circumstances vary in a number of cases, but there are some men who worked from dated between 1914 and 1922 in "Falkland" when she was owned by the Falkland Islands Transport Company, and who have continued in our employ (not necessarily in "Falkland") since 1st April, 1922.

A similar point arises in the case of Mr Vere Packer's employees whose services we "took over" when we purchased the Fitzroy property, and who have continued in our employ.

Your ruling on these points will be appreciated.

21. TIMBER IN MALLANES - 1931 SHIPMENT. This again was of ~~excellent~~ excellent quality; unfortunately the fall in exchange consequent on the abandonment of the gold standard increased the first cost by 25%.

In view of present conditions our requirements for next will doubtless be small and I have under consideration the importation of house coal from a mine in Skyring Waters, Straits of Magellan. This is a few hours beyond Riesco where we now load timber. I have had a sample of this, it is excellent coal and could be sold profitably at about 50/-, at which price there should be a good demand. So. for wool shipments (see para. 22) are

known. Whilst at Riesco "Falkland" did a certain amount of damage to the jetty at the Sawmill owing to a sudden heavy swell

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from the North East. I do not anticipate there will be any claim in this connection but it would perhaps be advisable to advise the Club. Extract from Chief Officer's Log is enclosed. Inc. No. 22. HOMEWARD SAILINGS 1932. The Pacific Steam Navigation Company advise the following serious anchorage shortly.

- "Lagarto" 11th January Expect to ship 2,000 bales wool for March sales.
- "Loreto" 2nd February Expect to ship 1,250 bales wool for March sales, April. Auction will be held.
- "Losada" 18th February Expect to ship 800 bales wool for April sales.
- "LaPaz" 13th March Will take passengers only.
- "Laguna" 6th April Will take passengers only.

With reference to my cable dated the 2nd inst. suggesting that you only contract for 4,000 bales per P.S.N.C. steamers, I now await your reply. If you decide to give them 5,000 bales they will have to allot us space in "LaPaz" or "Laguna".

As regards the basis for collecting freight, to be the gold dollar, also referred to in this cable, a copy of letter No. F.12 dated 24th September last is enclosed. I cannot think that they seriously intend to apply this to wool shipments but it is a point which requires elucidating.

23. REMITTANCES. I do not anticipate that I shall require a remittance from you at the end of this month and unless we have to meet heavy withdrawals about Christmas time, possibly not at the end of December.

24. STEAMER MOVEMENTS. "Lafonia" made a quick trip to Darwin over the week-end and averaged 10.3 knots for the round voyage. She sails on the 18th instant for Montevideo via Salvador Waters. The sailing programme from 18th November to 2nd February is enclosed. Further sailings will be notified when arrangements come to with the P.S.N.Co. for wool shipments (see para.22) are known.

"Falkland" arrived at Stanley on 15th inst. and will now be put in her which does her builders great credit. She should be a great asset to the P.S.N.Co. and will be a great help in the wool trade.

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be laid up. She brought in 85 bales wool, 60 bales sheepskins and 37 hides which will be transhipped to "Lafonia".

25. "GREAT BRITAIN" was removed from her anchorage and removed East of the Narrows on the 30th ulto. "Fennia" will be removed to "Great Britain's" previous anchorage shortly.

26. With reference to my 712. 24. the bridge over Swan Inlet has been completed and that over the Antiocho stream is in course of construction. Government's share in the construction will be claimed from them on completion of the second bridge.

27. I beg to request your consideration of the case of M. McMullen as regards a pension. This man has worked for the Company for about 30 years. 19 1/2 years as shepherd and horse tamer at North Arm, and 10 1/2 years attached to the Stores department, Stanley. His age is 62, he is married, has two boys at work and two girls 15 and 7 years. He is still working but is not really up to the heavy work required of him.

28. Mr & Mrs G.M. Goddard arrived per "Lagarto" on the 31st ulto. They left for Darwin on the 4th instant and as this vessel was continuing to North Arm, Speedwell and Swan Islands, Mr Goddard took the opportunity of travelling to Swan Island, returning to Brenton Loch per "Ellen".

29. Mr Barrett, Wool Sorter, arrived per "Lafonia" and went out to Darwin by her on the 14th instant.

30. 1342. 2. 1343. S.S. "LAFONIA". I note all you write. This vessel arrived safely about 8 p.m. on the 10th inst. The time taken from Leith to Port Stanley was 34 days 30 minutes, distance 7629 miles, average speed 9.34 miles, coal consumed engines 308 1/2 tons, in port 9 1/2 tons (i.e. 318 tons), and no engine stoppages, which is most satisfactory. I enclose Log extracts of her voyage Leith - Port Stanley.

I have been carefully round the vessel and am greatly impressed with the high quality of workmanship and material which has been put in her which does her builders great credit. She should be a wireless communication with Port Stanley when 750 miles off.

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Insurance. Details of cover are noted. There is a minor amendment required in the cover which now reads "in The Falkland Islands Company's Trade including voyages to and from Montevideo and/or any South American Ports between Montevideo and Magallanes included. In place of Magallanes it should read "the western limits of the Straits of Magellan". Riesco, where we load timber, is in Otway Water and we may also proceed to Styring Water (see para. 21).

Registry. The Registrar advises me that it is necessary for you to formally request the Registrar of Shipping, Leith, to close the Registry of the vessel there and transfer it to Port Stanley. A copy of his letter is enclosed.

Deck, Engine and Cabin Stores. The adjustment of these will be advised you later and a copy of the outward voyage's account sent.

Uniforms, Slop Chest, etc. - noted.

Loading. I note that owing to the stowage of the Dock material you were not able to ship as much of the timber as anticipated. The timber shipped appears to be quite satisfactory but in view of present conditions I do not require the balance of 25 standards prepared by Messrs Park, Dobson & Co. Ltd. and have cabled you accordingly. We have no liability in this connection, but they might be asked to quote c.i.f. Montevideo when we are next in the market.

Mails. "Lafonia" arrived with 63 bags mails and as a fair proportion of these were shipped at Plymouth there can be no question that the payment of subsidy commenced from 5th October last.

Brundvit Patent Temperature Valves for Boilers. I note that these will be shipped per "Lozada" and will be fitted without delay.

Wireless Call Signal. This has not yet been allotted. This is done, I think, by the International Convention, Berne. You will doubtless trace the Authority in England to whom application should be made. Also code letters used in visual signalling require to be allotted. This, I think, is done by Lloyds.

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31. SWAN ISLAND WOOLSHED. Blocks for foundations, framing and la'out went out per "Falkland", sailed 4th instant. The shed should be completed before Christmas.

Mr Goddard is of opinion that he has sufficient material on the farm for the Speedwell Island shed and will have it framed on the site.

32. FLOATING DOCK. I have nothing to report - paint, of the completed portion is in hand.

The additional pontoon is being landed, building ways are being prepared and construction will be begun as early as possible.

33. HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR proposes to tour East and West Falklands per "Lafonia", voyage No. A. 8, sailing about 20th January next.

34. In addition to H.M.S. "Dauntless" which visits the Colony during December next, H.M.S. "Durban" will be here from 17th December 1931 to 2nd January 1932.

35. Captain H.T. Evans leaves per "Lafonia" and will probably proceed to the United Kingdom per "Almanzora", due 15th December. He has given me every satisfaction whilst in command of "Falkland".

He has made good passages, and is popular with our Clients and passengers, and I consider that we have been most fortunate in having a man of his calibre in command, during Captain Roberts' absence.

I am,

Sir,

your obedient servant,

Manager.

MARK. WOOL. SKINS. TALLOW HIDES.

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- 22. Labour - advises red P R E G I S'penters staff. Agreement made to with ~~number of hours worked per week~~ from 45 - 40 as from 1st February next.
- 1. Acknowledges your No. 1344 of 13th November and confirms No. 732 of Government.
- 23. Mail contract 47th identity to 31st December (2577-15, 61) 1931 of Government.
- 2. "Falkland" - advises laying up as from 30th November.
- 24. Brays, you Grounding at Montevideo August 1931 - no seaworthy certificate obtained. Certificate dated 1st November (page 147).
- 25. Sale of vessel - notes your views.
- 26. Steamers movements.
- 3. Advises "Fennia" not yet moved to "Great Britain" anchorage.
- 26. Reports Wool for "Lagarto" being stored in lighters.
- 4. Confirms cable of 2nd instant re insurance of building.
- 4. Reduction in duty on spirits passed on to customers as from New Year.
- 27. Advises completion of bridge over Antioja Stream. Government grant.
- 5. Erection of Fitzroy Cookhouse - contract given to A. Wall (Station employee). Good progress being made.
- 28. Petition from P.J. Sheep Breeders Assn to Governor - nothing to report.
- 6. "Ilen" - ~~repairs~~ repairs effected at Swan Island by Stanley Carpenter.
- 29. Shearist rods imported 1770 - enclosed circular re Govt Government.
- 7. Floating Dock - acknowledges your appreciative remarks.
- 30. Erection of last pontoon in progress.
- 30. Excellent. No additional hands yet engaged. Prospect in good weather.
- 8. Douglas Station Jetty - alarm for damage enclosed. Favourable report on "Lafonia" arrival with 21000 freight. Prices reduced.
- 9. Mail Service (South Georgia) - agree carriage by whale catcher would be less expensive. Offers to ship wool from West Falkland Stations to Magallanes en route for P.S. @ £2. per ton.
- 10. Centenary 1933 - notes your approval of Company's gift to Colony of Church Green.
- 33. Advises H.S. "Harvey" trading around islands. Estimate business done.
- 11. "Lafonia" - encloses correspondence with Government re amendment of Mail Contract in connection with berthing.
- 34. Reports Negative slip, shortening of firebars, light weight for docking - your remarks noted. To take matter up again with Advises arrival of Certificates & temperature valves.
- Shop - business to extent of £125 done on first two inter Island voyages. produce shipments 1771.
- 35. Encloses
- 12. Details H.E. the Governor's proposed tour of Camps per "Lafonia".
- 13. Encloses copy of Notice re cargo bookings (out) via Montevideo.
- 14. Accounts - Store accounts and costing now transferred to this Office. Acknowledges receipt of calculating machine.
- 15. Notes contract with P.S.M.Co. to lift 4,000 bales during 1932. Encloses statement of freight rates Magallanes - London. Confirms cable of 19th ulto. re "Lafonia" February & March sailings to Montevideo.
- 16. Foreign exchange - advises English goods ordered wherever possible.
- 17. Lubricating ^{oils} - encloses special letter on subject.
- 18. Wool Market - pleased to note market firmer
- 19. Sheepskin sale - notes your remarks.
- 20. Advises Millinery Cottage let at £2.15.-. per month. Reports bulging in North wall of Ship Hotel bar. Outlines plan for use of old Millinery Store. Plans follow.
- 21. Coal & Patent Fuel - advises stocks at 31st December, 1931.

- 22. Labour - advises reduction in Carpenters staff. Agreement come to with Government to reduce number of hours worked per week from 45 - 40 as from 1st February next.
- 23. Mail contract - subsidy to 31st December (£597. 16. 6.) paid by Government.
- 24. Draws your attention to Veterinary Officer's Report for 1930/1 in F.I.Gazette dated 1st November. (Page 147).
- 25. Steamer movements.
- 26. Reports completion of erection of Swan Island woolshed. Confirms cable of 2nd instant re insurance of building.
- 27. Advises completion of bridge over Ahtiojo Stream. Government grant will be claimed after inspection by Colonial Engineer.
- 28. Petition from F.I.Sheep Breeders Assn to Governor - nothing to report.
- 29. Cheviot rams imported 1930 - enclosed circular letter from Government to Farm Managers dated 6th April, 1929.
- 30. Excellent progress made with shearing consequent on good weather.
- 31. Timber ex "Lafonia" (U.K.) - Foreman Carpenter's unfavourable report on "Lafonia" credited with £1000 freight. Prices reduced.
- 32. Understand Mr J.Hamilton offers to ship wool from West Falkland Stations to Magallanes en route for U.K. @ £2 per ton. No support yet gained.
- 33. Advises M.S."Morven" trading around Islands. Estimate business done to extent of about £800.
- 34. Reports wireless communication now established with U.K. Rate per work 1/4d. Requests you to take matter up again with Home Authorities.
- 35. Encloses statement of produce shipments 1931.

At 5 p.m. on 1st February
 was not correct and was
 necessity of obtaining a
 of the vessel have also
 Bahia Blanca. Several
 but the exchange
 present. Should it be possible to
 a cash payment of
 instalments. I presume you
 case the vessel would have to

THE HANAPING DIRECTOR,
 HANAPING.

No. 733 per "Lagarto" 25/12/44.
Satisfactory to me. In the case of a tanker like a foreign flag
it would probably be advisable to appoint a local agent or
representative to act on our behalf.

m.v. "Lagarto" 11. & 732. 25. I have not yet moved "Pamela" as
the visits of the British and a French cruiser have made this
733. difficult. Wool for shipment per "Lagarto" has been stored in
lighters and as all lighters are available (in view of the small
imports on "Lagarto") I anticipate no difficulty. I am of opinion
that when the interval between discharges at Stanley or "Lagarto"
November last with enclosures as specified and to confirm my
No. 732 dated 17th idem.

2. 1344. 6. s.s. "FALKLAND" has been laid up as from 20th
November last. All cargo and passenger spaces have been cleaned,
engines greased and boiler blown down. She has been anchored
near to "O.C.82". I am not keeping a watchman on board but
she is visited regularly.

4. 1344. 12. DUKE OF WINDSOR. I have decided to pass on the
Grounding at Montevideo August 1931. On arrival here
Captain Evans advised me that after grounding he made a careful
examination of his vessel and that as he found no apparent
damage he did not obtain a sea worthy certificate as he
anticipated being delayed thereby. He sailed from Montevideo
on which duty has been paid at the higher figure, to the value
at 6 p.m. on 1st September. I appreciate that this procedure
was not correct and have impressed on Captain Roberts the
necessity of obtaining a sea worthy certificate in such cases.

Sale of s.s. "Falkland". I note your views. Particulars
of the vessel have also been sent to Messrs Dodero Brothers,
Bahia Blanca. Several persons in Montevideo are interested in
her but the exchange position renders business difficult at
present. Should it be possible to arrange a sale on terms of
a cash payment of between £1,500 - £2,000 and the balance in
instalments, I presume you would have no objections. In this
case the vessel would have to be mortgaged and insured on terms
which can conveniently spare her.

1344. 17. FLOATING DOCK. I thank you for your appreciation
regarding the work so far accomplished which have been

THE MANAGING DIRECTOR,
LONDON.

No. 733 per "Lagarto" 8/1/32.

satisfactory to us. In the case of a transfer to a foreign flag it would probably be advisable to appoint a Bank or firm of repute to act on our behalf. *see rivalling. This may slow up*
 3. 1344. 11. & 732. 25. I have not yet moved "Fennia" as the visits of two British and a French cruiser have made this difficult. Wool for shipment per "Lagarto" has been stowed in lighters and as all lighters are available (in view of the small imports ex "Losada") I anticipate no difficulty. I am of opinion that when the interval between discharge at Stanley ex "Lafonia" and loading into on-carrier is brief, as this season, this method is more economical than working in and out of hulks and will enable us to work on-carriers more expeditiously. So long as our shipments per P.S.N.C. are limited to 4,000 bales lifted by three vessels yearly, as this season, there will be but little use for "Fennia".

4. 1344. 12. DUTY ON SPIRITS. I am pleased to note that I have decided to pass on the reduction in the duty on spirits from 1st instant. You will recollect that just previous to the last increase in duty we imported heavily thereby making an additional profit which we estimate at £1,100. This immediate reduction will affect stocks on which duty has been paid at the higher figure, to the extent of about £500 which will be written off Store Profit and Loss Account 1931. I am of opinion that this immediate reduction will do us considerable good with our clients and customers.

5. 1344. 14. Mr Langdon has given the contract to A.H. Hall who is assisted by one other man. These men are of the Fitzroy staff but are off pay for the time being. Mr Langdon reports that good progress is being made. *out* I have agreed to the Hall contract.

6. 1344. 16. "HEEN". Repairs were carried whilst the carpenters were working at Swan Island on the wool shed. I understand that Mr Goddard proposes to send her into Stanley for an overhaul when he can conveniently spare her.

7. 1344. 17. FLOATING DOCK. I thank you for your appreciative remarks regarding the work so far accomplished which have been

passed on to all concerned. Erection of the last pontoon is in progress. I have decided not to engage additional hands until we are nearly ready to commence rivetting. This may slow up the construction slightly but under present conditions it appears to be the prudent course to adopt.

8. 1344. 18. DOUGLAS STATION JETTY. Repairs have been completed and I enclose our claim together with relative papers for submission to the British Marine Mutual Insurance Association. This is slightly over my estimate which is due to the increased cost of timber consequent on the rise in Chilean exchange (25%) and that the repairs took longer to complete than anticipated.

9. 1344. 19. MAIL SERVICE, SOUTH GEORGIA. The proposal re carrying mails by catcher would doubtless have proved less expensive.

10. 1344. 20. CENTENARY 1933. I am pleased to note that you approve of the proposal that the Company's gift to the Colony should be the piece of land known as the Church Green, providing that it is retained as an open space and kept in order at the Public expense. This is most generous and suitable in every way.

11. 1344. 21. "LAFONIA". has made several excellent passages. She was greatly admired in Montevideo, was inspected by the Commodore of the South American Squadron during his stay here and Farmers are very pleased with her. The mail contract stipulates for 12 third class passengers in open berths. As accommodation is only provided for 8 I took up this matter with Government and in view of the additional lying down accommodation provided in the 1st class they have agreed to the Mail contract being amended accordingly. Copies of correspondence are enclosed.

Negative slip. This has my attention. Shortening of firebars etc. Mr Kermaugh's letter of 2nd November last and enclosures have my attention. Certificates are also to hand for which I thank you.

This is doubtless due to the stand you were entitled to

take in view of our
Brundrit Patent Temperature Valves for boilers have arrived and
will be fitted at the first opportunity.

I note that "Lafonia's" light weight for docking is estimated
is of material benefit
at 690 tons. Shop - you will be interested to know that
business to the value of £125 was done on her first two inter
1931 and 1932 supplies
island voyages.

12. 1344. 22. PROPOSED VISIT OF GOVERNOR TO DARWIN. Owing
to the necessity for fuel economy H.M.S. "Dauntless" did not take
February and H.V. "Lafonia"
His Excellency to South Georgia and Darwin. He now proposes to
will go forward by steam
tour per "Lafonia" as follows :-

- Leave Stanley 5th January Pitcairney & Darwin.
- " " 12th " " Berkeley Sound & Salvador Waters.
- " " 20th " " Port San Carlos, San Carlos S. Port
- Howard, Hill Cove, Chartres, Roy Cove,
- Port Stephens & Foxbay.

13. 1344. 24. BINNIE'S STORES and freights ex Montevideo per
"Lafonia". I enclose copy of a notice recently issued for your
information. This was issued as the view had been expressed that
we might restrict cargo bookings by other importers, to their
detriment.

14. 1344. 27. ACCOUNTS. The Store accounts and costing have
now been transferred to this Office. I thank you for the Maldivo
calculating machine which has already proved its value.

15. 1344. 28. P.S.N. COMPANY & HOMEWARD SHIPMENTS. I note
from your cable dated 2nd ulto. that you have contracted with
the P.S.N. Company for 4,000 bales January - February shipment at
the same rate as last year, i.e. £ 4. 15. -. and that the
instructions from Valparaiso re payment of freight on a gold
basis do not apply to us. Clients have been advised accordingly.

17. 1344. 30. LUBRICATING OILS. I thank you for the
This is most satisfactory particularly as regards the
additional 1,000 bales made available for shipment via Montevideo.
You will be interested to know that wool freights per
1,000 kilos from Magallanes to London for 1931 which were 85/-
less 7/6 rebate against out 95/- less 7/6, or 10/- extra, are
97/9 less 3/7 against out 95/- less 7/6, or 1/8d less for 1932.

This is doubtless due to the stand you were enabled to

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take in view of our having an alternate route, when negotiating with the P.S.N.Co. This may not be fully appreciated by wool producers but it is a proof that our present shipping policy is of material benefit to the Colony.

Enc.

I enclose a Memo giving wool freights via Magallanes for 1931 and 1932 supplied by Messrs Dick and Bravo. The M.V. "Lagarto" arrived on 3rd instant and I hope to ship about 2,300 bales by her. M.V. "Loreto" is due about 10th February and M.V. "Losada" about 18th idem and about 1,700 bales will go forward by these opportunities.

As advised by cable "Lafonia" will sail for Montevideo in February and March and should take about 800/850 bales in each voyage (copy of letter to Colonial Secretary enclosed). Only one of these voyages will come under the mail contract but the additional 1,000 bales for shipment by this route and the necessity of getting the Colony's produce Home without delay justifies the extra voyage.

Enc.

16. 1334. 29. FOREIGN EXCHANGE. We specify English goods wherever possible and I am pleased to note that English fruit and vegetable canners are now in a position to export.

I understand that bristling are now being packed by Mac Fisheries Ltd. in Scotland and would like particulars and samples. The quality of English and Irish tinned milks do not appear to be satisfactory but it might be worth discussing this with manufacturers. I understand that the United Dairies and Wilts Dairies produce a tinned milk and we would be prepared to make a trial of small lots on consignment.

17. 1344. 30. LUBRICATING OILS. I thank you for the trial barrel of Messrs C.C.Wakefield's A extra heavy engine oil per "Losada" and 1 drum Vaelory have been sent out to Darwin for use on the Blackstone engine and will be reported on in due course. Please also see my special letter of date on the subject of all classes of oils.

18. 1344. 31. WOOL MARKET. I am pleased to hear that the market was distinctly firmer and more healthy at the time of writing. The results of the March sales are anxiously awaited.

19. 1344. 33. SHEEPSKIN SALES. I note all you write.

20. 729. 16 & 1342. 12. MILLINERY BUILDING & COTTAGE. The latter has been let at £ 2. 15. - per month. The North wall of the bar at the Ship Hotel shows signs of bulging and has had to be shored up. Since Perry took over the running of this Hotel he has increased the trade considerably and I have under consideration a proposal to extend the premises by turning the old Millinery Store into the Bar and making additional bedrooms overhead. This would perhaps be a better project than that outlined in my 729. 16. and I will revert to it by next mail by which time plans will be ready.

21. COAL. Our stocks at 31st December 1931 were Patent Fuel 647 tons 14 cwt. Steam coal 453½ tons.

22. LABOUR. Three carpenter apprentices completed their indentures at 31st December last. I have not re-engaged any of them as carpenters, but one has been engaged temporarily as a painter. I have discussed the labour position with Government on several occasions. They are definitely averse to reducing wages despite the large number of casual labourers they are now employing to alleviate unemployment. We have, however, mutually agreed to reduce the hours worked weekly by hourly paid labour from 45 to 40, i.e. a 5 day week as from 1st February next.

23. MAIL CONTRACT. Government paid us £ 597. 16. 6. on 31st December last being the payment due under the Contract, from 5th October, the date "Lafonia" sailed from Falmouth, to 31st December 1931.

24. I would draw your attention to the Veterinary Officer's report for 1930/1 published in the F.I. Gazette at page 147 of the issue of 1st November last.

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25. STEAMER MOVEMENTS

H.M.S. "Dauntless" arrived 30th November and sailed for Magallanes for 27th December. Fitzroy 120 - of which I hope to ship 900

H.M.S. "Durban", Flagship of the South American Squadron arrived on 17th December and sailed for Magallanes on 2nd January.

French Cruiser "Jeanne d'Arc" arrived on 7th December and sailed for Magallanes on 9th December. Credited with 21,000 freight on

S.S. "Lafonia" arrived from Montevideo on 8th December after making a good passage. She has since lifted produce from East and West Falkland Ports and sailed for Darwin and Fitzroy on the 5th instant. of 42 per ton (gross) payable per "Morven"

"Losada" arrived and sailed for Magallanes on 21st December.

"Lagarto" arrived from Magallanes on 3rd instant and sails about 9th idem for London with produce. goes to the Colony sailing

26. SWAN ISLAND WOOLSHED has been completed and will be used for this season's shearing. Details of cost will be sent you by next mail. I have cabled you to insure it against fire for £2700. profitable but of course cuts into our trade.

27. 732. 26. The bridge over Antiojo stream has now been completed and I have requested the Colonial Engineer to inspect and pass this and the Swan Inlet bridge to enable me to claim the Government grant of £60 and £120 respectively.

28. 1343. 2. PETITION FROM THE SHEEP BREEDERS ASSOCIATION TO H.E. THE GOVERNOR. I have nothing to report as yet.

29. 1343. 3. CHEVROT RAIS IMPOSED 1930. With reference to your query - the scheme for assisting importation in the Falkland Islands of pedigree livestock from the United Kingdom did not materialise. On going into this matter I find that the provisional scheme was published in the "Penguin" of 6th April, 1929. A circular letter was sent to all Farm Managers dated 2nd January 1930 by Government (copy enclosed) but no copy was sent to this Office. I understand that those Farmers who replied were not in favour of the scheme and Government therefore dropped the matter.

Your obedient servant,

Manager

No. 733 per "Lagarto" 8/1/32.

30. We have had a month of good weather and excellent progress has been made with shearing. Darwin has about 600 bales ready, North Arm 300 and Fitzroy 120 - of which I hope to ship 900 bales per "Lagarto".

31. With reference to the timber imported ex "Lafonia" you will be pleased to know that Hannaford is very satisfied with the quality. "Lafonia" has been credited with £1,000 freight on this and we have also been able to reduce our prices.

32. I understand that Mr Hamilton has offered to convey wool from West Falkland stations to Magallanes en route to the United Kingdom at a rate of £2 per ton (meast) presumably per "Morven" which will load about 140 bales. I do not think he has secured any support so far.

33. "Morven" has made two voyages to the Colony selling flour, kerosene and timber direct to Stations and so far as can be ascertained has done about £800 trade. It is said that Mr Hamilton proposes to maintain a store on Weddell Island. This business cannot be profitable but of course cuts into our trade.

34. WIRELESS. Messages are now being sent and received to and from United Kingdom direct. The rate is 1/4d per word as compared with 1/- to United Kingdom via Bergen and 3/8d via Montevideo. Messages are accepted in code from the Colony only but the Home telegraph Authorities will only accept messages in clear. This makes the reduction valueless. Perhaps you would call on them again as you would doubtless adopt the direct route if they quote 1/4d per code word.

35. SHIPMENT OF PRODUCE 1931. I enclose a statement showing the several shipments of produce made in 1931. You will note that
2,193 bales wool and sheepskins
341 barrels tallow and
584 hides
were shipped by our vessels via Montevideo, which is satisfactory.

I am,

Sir,

your obedient servant,

Manager.

CORRESPONDENCE ENCLOSURES.

Copy of letter to Colonial Secretary re "Lafonia" Montevidean sailings.

1. Despatch No. 733.
2. Statement on Accounts No. 34.
3. Remarks on Accounts No. 34.
4. Remarks on Naval Fuel Depot No. 26.
5. Store Indent No. 701.
6. Remarks on Stores No. 701.
7. Coasting Insurances - November & December 1931.
8. Claim for repairs to Douglas Station Jetty.
9. F.I. Gazettes dated 1st November & 1st December 1931.
10. West Store Cash Voucher for November.
11. Coal Statements - November & December 1931.
12. P.S.N.C. Accounts dated 30th November & 31st December 1931.
13. "Falkland" Manifest Voy S.22, & "Lafonia" Manifests Voye A. 4 & 5.
14. F.I. Shipping Reports Nos. 7/31 and 1/32.
15. List of Store Freights per "Falkland" ~~November/December~~ Oct/Novr.
16. List of Store Freights per "Lafonia" November/December.
17. Statement of Rates on Produce from Magallanes to London.
18. Statement of Produce shipments 1931.
19. Report on Naval Fuel Depot for half year ended 31st December 1931.
20. Return of Establishment & Wages - Stanley - December Qr.
21. Camp Manager's Report dated 1st January 1932.
22. Wool Classifier's Report (to Camp Manager).
23. Copy of Notice re "Lafonia's" Montevidean sailings.
24. Camp Diaries :- Darwin - October & November.
North Arm -do-
W. Creek -do-
Fitzroy -do-
Islands - October.
25. Camp Reports - Darwin, North Arm, Walker Creek, Fitzroy & Islands.
26. Lamb Marking First Return - Darwin, Walker Creek, North Arm,
Fitzroy, Islands & Summary.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Copy of letter to Colonial Secretary re "Lafonia" Feb/March sailings to Montevideo.
2. " " " worked satisfactorily. " " " "
3. " " " erection completed " " " "
4. " " " from " " " " " "
5. " " " progress report of " " " "
6. " " " Importation of Pedigree Stock.
7. Letter to Managing Director re Maps of Falkland Islands.
8. " " " offer of Church Green. " " " "
9. " " " Oils.
10. "Lafonia" - encloses letter to T.F. Evans re Crew - advises increase in " " " "
11. " " " wool consumption - details " " " "
12. " " " Reports shrinkage in " " " "

SPECIFICATIONS

<u>MARK.</u>	<u>WOOL.</u>	<u>SKINNS.</u>
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7. D.H. 641 14
8. S 116 4
9. F.I.C. S.I. Details stocks to 31st ult. 6
10. F Labo S - confirms cables of 22nd ult. 21 re " " " "
11. H & B - advises Government have no " " " "
12. Lan Island woolshed 47 comparison of " " " "
13. J.L.W. Inlet & Antio 202 from bridge 30 used by " " " "
14. D&S 83 13
15. J.H.D. Pebble 52 26
16. Arrangements to ship Blaker Island sheep " " " "
17. F E 61 7
18. HEART Petition from Sheep Breeders Association - Government " " " "
19. 2 "Laurus" v. "After 55" Salvage - 17 derelict " " " "
20. S B 42 3
21. Floating Dock Moorings - confirms cable of 21st ult. re " " " "
22. F 81 quantity of chains 9
23. A.P. Jetty - advises 64 repairs " " " "
24. H.P. 44 5
25. J.B. 100 proposed tour of Falkland " " " "
26. B 15 " " " "

SECRETARY'S OFFICE
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1. Confirms No. 733 dated 24th January.
2. Advises stowing and loading of produce ex lighters to "Lagarto" worked satisfactorily. "Losada" shipment also lightered off.
3. Fitzroy Cookhouse - erection completed. Confirms cable of 12th Jan. re insurance. Photos enclosed.
4. Floating Dock - progress report of pontoon for extension of Dock. 8th February.
5. Centenary 1933 - encloses copy of letter to Government re Company's offer of Church Green. Advises celebration proposals.
6. "Lafonia" - encloses letter to T.T. Kenneagh Esq. Crew - advises increase in number. Coal consumption - details given. Reports shrinkage in Pilot bridge deck & cabin linings.
7. Advises His Excellency's tours of Camps per "Lafonia".
8. Encloses copy of letter to Government re wool freight rates 1932.
9. "Ship Hotel" Project - plans follow by next mail.
10. Coal - details stocks to 31st ulto. for "Losada" has also been
11. Labour - confirms cable of 22nd ulto. re short time. Advises Government have now cancelled their orders re short week. Details situation.
12. Swan Island washed - comparison of Bain's and our costs given.
13. Swan Inlet & Antiojo Stream bridges passed by Government subject to two minor additions. Grants being claimed from Government.
14. Advises dates of completion of shearing at Company's sections. Mr Barrett, wool classer, travel to U.K. this opportunity.
15. Arrangements to ship Bleaker Island sheep made for April. Ship will be lifted by same opportunity.
16. Petition from Sheep Breeders Association - Government awaiting short wool sales results before communicating with them.
17. "Fleurus" v. "Afterglow" Salvage - understand case comes up for hearing about middle of this month.
18. Floating Dock Moorings - confirms cable of 21st ulto. re sufficient quantity of chains when at Fitzroy last month.
19. East Jetty - advises repairs necessitated through perished pilings. Work put in hand immediately.
20. Advises Mr Vincent will tour Company's Camp re accounts in March. the plan proposed tour of Falkland Sound and West Falkland Ports in April or May.
21. North Swan Island - Mr R.S.P. Evans queries Company's ownership. Wash Head and progression to put sheep on island.
22. Steamers

LONDON.

No. 734 for "Losada" 2/2/32.

4. 733-7. FLOATING DOCK. The construction for the extension of the Floating Dock is well in hand, structure being fully erected with the exception of a few last plates which have been left off for ventilation purposes and access to the internal rivetting and painting. 8th February, 32.

m.v. "LOSADA"

734.

On 22nd January and to date 13,000 rivets have been put in out of a total of about 32,000. An insufficient number of rivets of Sir, lengths have been sent out with the materials. In addition I confirm my Despatch No. 733 dated 8th January last and have nothing to acknowledge from you.

2. 733. 3. Storing and loading produce ex lighters for "Lagarto" worked very satisfactorily and was cheaper than working in and out of hulks. Wool for "Losada" has also been stowed in lighters.

builders' "Femia" will be moved to the wack hulk anchorage before next season. I enclose copy of my letter dated 22nd 3. m.v.

733. 5. FITZROY COOKHOUSE. Mr. Langdon advises me that A.H. Hall completed his contract on 15th January last. I cabled you on 12th idem to insure the cookhouse for £1,300. This includes an outbuilding. This is an approximate figure for replacement only. Details of cost to us here will be sent you shortly, valuation of the material used ex Anson will doubtless be made by you as the Anson purchase was dealt with for accounts purposes by you. In Stanley during the Celebration Week.

6. 7 I inspected the building when at Fitzroy last month. It is on two floors, has two porches, galley, good pantry, living room and two rooms to sleep 3/4 men each on the ground floor. On the first floor a 3 ft. corridor runs the full length and there are 8 bedrooms each 10 ft x 12 ft. The outbuilding contains a wash house and closet. Photos enclosed.

THE MANAGING DIRECTOR,

LONDON.

CHIEF. The total cost of the building is £19,000.

due to - Wireless Operator & Ship's Clerk
1 Ordinary seaman

4. 733.7. FLOATING DOCK. The construction for the extension of the Floating Dock is well in hand, the additional ordinary beams being carried as that running parallel to the structure being fully erected with the exception of a few deck plates which have been left off for ventilation purposes and access to the internal rivetting and painting. Rivetting was started on 22nd January and to date 13,000 rivets have been put in out of a total of about 32,000. An insufficient number of rivets of certain lengths have been sent out with the extension. An additional quantity has been ordered from Montevideo to obviate delay. Up to the present very little delay to the work has been caused by unfavourable weather and I hope to have the pontoon ready for launching about March 22nd when tides will be suitable. The pontoon will naturally take longer to complete than those previously built as no rivetting has been carried out at the builders' yard, the additional rivets totalling approximately 9000.

5. 733.10. CENTENARY. I enclose copy of my letter dated 22nd January to the Colonial Secretary offering the Church Green, for your information. Amongst the proposals made to celebrate the centenary is the issue of a set of centenary stamps, which incidentally should help the Colony's revenue for 1933, and an attractive set has been designed by Mr Roberts, Colonel's Secretary. It is also proposed to hold a stock show and to merge the Stanley, Darwin and West Falkland Sports meetings into a Meeting to be held in Stanley during the Celebration Week.

6. 733.11. "PIAFONIA". I enclose original letter to T. J. Kennaugh Esq. (with copy for your records) which please forward in reply to his letter dated 22nd November last. Boilers will be cleaned next week and I hope to have the in places over the wireless room, office, Captain's cabin, Brundit Patent Temperature valves fitted then also. The wheel house and had to be rescrewed and moved on a bridge in order to get a revolution counter sent to Stanley. The seal having opened up so much in for "Falkland" that it fitted, is being adapted for use. The oakum could not be pressed down and in fact devoured these seams with the greatest care the oakum was used. CREW. The total is 23 as last 19 for the underside of the deck. The other wood decks are due to - Wireless Operator & Ship's Clerk
1 Ordinary seaman

Enc.

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 1 Cabin Boy £ 3 per month
 and 1 Engineer out. The £14 "

The additional Ordinary seaman and Cabin boy are carried for purposes of upkeep of vessel. The additional engine is carried so that running repairs may be better carried out by the ship's staff - this man has been taken from the Superintending Engineer's staff and will not be replaced as there will not be the same call from the ship for assistance from his staff. I am hoping that the Ordinary seaman and Engineer will both work for Navigating and Engineer's certificates respectively. They are both of a good type and keen.

It was the custom for many years to employ a shore night watchman for "Falkland" when in Stanley at £ 5. 10. - per month. This has been stopped. The nett increase to the Company in wages is therefore £ 198 per annum.

COAL CONSUMPTION. The averages for voyages A.2 to A.3, 14th November 1931 to 28th January 1932 inclusive -

Inc.	8. Miles steamed	4,082	
Inc.	Average speed	9.42 knots	
Inc.	to the Coal consumed, port	92 tons	61 days
Inc.	-do- sea	181½ tons	18 days
Inc.	inform Average consumption, port	1.51 per day	
Inc.	do steaming	10.1 " "	
Inc.	Miles per ton	22.49	

This compares with "Falkland" average consumption port 1.4 tons steaming 9.4 . 18.5 miles per ton and 7.4 knots average speed. A detailed statement will be prepared and sent you at the half year.

PILOT BRIDGE DECK AND CABIN LININGS. This deck is of spruce or white pine and has shrunk so much that in some places the seams have opened 3/8". During the voyage out this deck leaked badly in places over the wireless room, office, Captain's cabin and wheel house and had to be recaulked and payed on arrival at Port Stanley. The seams being opened out so much in fact that oakum could not be forced down and in fact decayed in places. These seams with the greatest care the oakum was forced down on the underside of the deck. The other wood decks are

little signs of shrinkage but they will require to be relined but I will send and payed throughout. The lining of the Deck cabins has shrank so much that they will all require to be relined but I will send you a detailed report later.

7. 733. 12. HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR visited Fitzroy and Darwin from 5th to 8th January last. He showed great interest in the Company's activities as evidenced by the modern equipment and by the care taken of the employees in respect of medical aid, education, stores etc.

He visited Berkeley Sound and Salvador Waters from 12th to 16th idem and West Falkland Stations from 19th to 28th idem. I accompanied him on the first two tours and the Colonial Secretary accompanied him on the last tour.

On the visit to our Stations I invited him to be the guest of the Company, no fare was therefore charged in this case, which I trust you approve. Copy of letter dated 30th January from the Colonial Secretary is enclosed, for your information.

Enc. 8. 733. 15. I enclose copy of my letter dated 19th January to the Colonial Secretary re wool freight rates, for your information.

Enc. 9. 733. 20. SHIP HOTEL PROJECT. As the plans have not yet been completed I will deal with this matter next mail.

10. 733. 21. COAL. Stocks at 31st January last were -
Patent Fuel 647 tons 14 cwt.
Steam coal 364 tons
Of this amount "Falkland" carried 222. 4. -
As "Lafonia" voyages to Montevideo in February, March and probably May, I do not propose to replenish stocks until the last voyage.

11. 733. 22. LABOUR. With reference to my letter dated 22nd January last, I enclose copy of my letter dated 22nd January to the Colonial Secretary re wool freight rates, for your information.

12. 733. 23. SWAN ISLAND WOOL. Details of cost, which amount to 2,367 bales wool and skins were shipped per "Lagarto" sailed 11th ulto.
1,633 bales will be shipped per "Losada" sailing about 10th instant. "Lafonia" sails about 18th idem with 800 bales and a quantity of hides and again on 19th March.

13. 733. 24. ESTIMATED COST - SALE. COST AS ESTIMATED.
Shed complete with paint 15. -
Timber for floors and rolling table and wool bins not included in Bain's quotation.
Freight to Swan Island 105. 10. 11.
Foundations & erection 60. Saving £222. 4. -
Shed 1 1/2 larger.

14. 733. 25. ESTIMATED COST - SALE. COST AS ESTIMATED.
Shed complete with paint 15. -
Timber for floors and rolling table and wool bins not included in Bain's quotation.
Freight to Swan Island 105. 10. 11.
Foundations & erection 60. Saving £222. 4. -
Shed 1 1/2 larger.

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ulto. re wages in which reference was made to a 40 hour week but worked in Stanley from 1st instant, this was arranged with Government after discussions which have been carried on since November last.

Subsequent to notification by Government and by us a number of the men affected held a meeting and a deputation saw the Colonial Secretary whereupon he agreed to suspend the notice meanwhile. The matter was reconsidered by the Executive Council a few days later and Government have now decided to cancel their orders re short time.

As soon as I knew that Government had suspended the notice I informed them that I would not be bound in any way by their decisions and that I intended to carry on with the short time proposals. I realised that this might possibly lead to trouble with the men but to my mind no other course was possible. So far as I can judge my decision has been received quietly, the bulk of the men realise the position and if anything prefer one to know one's own mind. Government's position is doubtless different to ours but they should have realised this ~~fact~~ fact before making a decision. a vacillating policy in such cases is to be deplored.

I enclose copy of Office Order No. 35 re short time.

12. 733. 26. SWAN ISLAND WOOLSHED. Details of cost, which amount to £ 705. 16. --, are being sent you under "Remarks on Accounts".

To compare this with Messrs. Bain's quotation for a shed 60 ft. x 35 ft. The shed as built is 80 ft. x 30 ft. or 14% larger.

<u>ESTIMATED COST - BAIN.</u>	<u>COST AS ERRECTED.</u>
Shed complete with pens £ 425.	£705. 16. -- which includes
Timber for floors and gratings. 86.	rolling table and wool bins not
(Above prices are f.o.b. Glasgow).	included in Bain's quotation.
to c.i.f. Stanley, add 244.	Of this amount "Falkland" earned
Freight to Swan Island 105.	£136. 10. 11.
Foundations & erection 68.	Saving £222. 4. -- or 24% for a
<u>£ 928.</u>	shed 14% larger.

The old moorings ~~being~~ gone over carefully, had lengths of which "Falkland" would have gained £105.

Enc.

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The decking of the East pier from the

Shore to the East pier from the
patched from time to time but it has got much

- 1. Despatch No. 734.
- 2. Statement on accounts No. 734.
- 3. Remarks on Accounts No. 734.
- 4. Remarks on Naval Depot No. 734.
- 5. Store Indent No. 734.

A passage has been cut through the "Shand" to the West
end of the East Jetty which enables us to work a steamer and
a lighter, or two lighters at once.

20. Mr Vincent will tour the Company's Camp on accounts
inspection during March next.

I hope to visit Darwin early in April and to tour
Falkland Sound and West Falkland Stations April or May next.

21. NORTH SWAN ISLAND. With reference to the enclosed copy
of D.O. letter to Mr G. Goddard re the ownership of this Island.
Mr Goddard proposes to put sheep on it and as he has heard that
Mr Evans claims it as Port Howard property, he would like to
know if he may carry out his proposal.

22. STEAMER MOVEMENTS. "Losada" arrived this morning and
should sail on 10th idem.

"Raina del Pacifico" is due on 13th instant.

"Lafonia" arrived yesterday from a voyage to West Falklands and
Salvador Waters. She sails on 13th instant for Fitzroy, Darwin,
Foxbay, Port Stephens, Roy Cove and Montevideo.

A list giving probable mail movements to August next is enclosed.

"Lafonia's" voyages to and from Montevideo May/June and
July/August are not yet fixed. I am endeavouring to secure
employment for her in the local River Plate trade for two
periods of 3 to 4 weeks each May/June and July/August and will
revert to this matter in a later despatch.

I am,
Sir,
Obedient servant

Manager

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ENCLOSURES

1. Despatch No. 734.
2. Statement on accounts No. 35.
3. Remarks on Accounts No. 35.
4. Remarks on Naval Depot No. 17.
5. Store Indent No. 702.
6. Remarks on Stores No. 702.
7. Duplicate Specification of "Lagarto" shipment 11/1/32
8. West Store Cash Voucher December 1931.
9. "Lafonia" Manifests Voyas A.6-7-3.
10. Camp Manager's Report Dated 4/2/32
11. Wool Classifier's Report dated 4/2/32.
12. Coal Statement for January.
13. Copy of Office Order No. 35.
14. List of Probable mails 1932.
15. F.I. Gazettes 1st January & 1st February 1932.
16. Photos.

A.P.	147	
B	54	
E	64	9
R.S.C.	62	2

CORRESPONDENCE:-

- Letter to T.F. Kennaugh Esq. re "Lafonia" (Original & copy)
- " " Colonial Secretary re wool freight rates 1932 (copy)
- " " " " " gift of Church Green to Colony (Copy)
- " " Mr G.M. Goddard re ownership North Swan Island (Copy).
- " from Colonial Secretary re tour of His Excellency & Mr Ellis per "Lafonia".
- " " H. Nunn re credentials.

MARK.	WOOL.	SPECIFICATIONS.		
		SKINS.	TALLOW.	HIDES.
D.H.	351			
N.A.	588	20		
S.I.	69	4		
B.I.	16	1		32
F S	-	22		
H & B	137			
L	108			
J.L.W.	75			
D & S	140			
HEART	37	13		
Z	128	3		
S B	60			
W.P.	-	7		
H.G.C.	97	7		
T.R.	67	5		
F	83			
J.B.	95	7		
A.P.	147			
B	54			
H	64	9		
R.B.C.	42	2		
W.K.C.	208			
McG.	BM	32		
W & R.H.	-	31		

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the loss of this ... is therefore increased by ...
LIGHTHOUSE, BULKAGE ETC. - loss of £1,100. 13. ...
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19/3/32.
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consequent on Montevideo transshipment. Landing charges also show
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I beg to enclose the Annual Accounts for 1931 showing a
profit of £ 12,714. 12. 11. as compared with £ 20,286. 3. 7.
in 1930, the decrease of £ 7,571. 10. 6. being partly attributal
to the fall in prices of produce. debited with travelling expenses
FARM - decrease of £2,993. 10. 1. Floating Dock - a total of £570.

This is Proceeds of wool showed a fall of £,490 but this is
offset by more thorough stocktaking: deliveries of materials
during 1931 were approximately £1,100 less than during 1930
while stocks on hand at the end of 1931 amounted to £2,300 more
than in the previous year.

NAVAL All shearing supplies and dip have been included in
Stocks on hand at 31st December, 1931. For the previous two years
we have deducted one year's supply of shearing materials and all
dip, previous to that all shearing materials and dip were written
off to the year in which they were sent out to the Farm, but in
view of your latest instructions regarding the stocks to be held
of these materials we have now decided to carry forward all on
hand, these, of course being for the following year's work.

Bitzroy profit is composed ~~mainly~~ almost entirely of
the proceeds of sheep sold to Stanley Satchery - vide remarks on
letter.

BIORRE Speedwell Island - As Clark omitted to send in his
returns of materials on hand the accounts were closed on the
assumption that these would be equal in value to those on hand at
the beginning of the year. These particulars have since been

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received and disburse the value of materials as £679. 19. 4. the loss of this section is therefore increased by £180. 0. 8.

LIGHTERAGE, HULKAGE ETC. - Loss of £1,100. 13. 0. against profit of £139. 7. 6.

This department has lost a large part of revenue from hulk hire on produce, there being a drop of £550 from this source consequent on Montevideo transshipment. Landing charges also show a decrease of £1,100 due to (1) less cargo being handled ex P.S.V. vessels and (2) "Lafonia" and "Falkland" receiving credit for landing charges on cargo discharged from them direct. On the other hand Stanley Wages have decreased £440 and deliveries £230.

This account has also been debited with travelling expenses and board of Riveters engaged on Floating Dock - a total of £570. This is in accordance with your instructions.

SMITHY A/C. - Decrease of £ 94. 8. 1.

Of this the increased expenditure on upkeep of buildings accounted for over £30, while decrease in work carried out was responsible for the remainder.

NAVAL FUEL DEPOT - Increase £ 29. 7. 11.

Increase under this head is due to increased quantity of fuel handled.

PACIFIC AGENCY - Decrease £277. 2. 8.

Decrease is due to loss of commission on P.S.N.C. freight and passage money through produce and passengers being diverted to "Falkland".

INTEREST & COMMISSION - Decrease £154. 6. 9.

In 1930 this account received credit for profit on purchases of Magallanes timber, whereas in 1931 this revenue was applied to "Falkland".

STORES - Decrease £1,386. 6. 3.

The Stanley Store shows a decrease of £2,770 in its profits but this is offset by improved results from all the branches.

The Stanley result is due almost entirely to the drop in Sales, these having decreased by £5,674. viz., £1,690 in Stanley

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Sales and £3,984 in Sales to Camp.

Decrease in deliveries to other departments account for a loss of revenue of approximately £700.

Part of the profit of £ 243. 2. 10. shown by Speedwell Island store is due to the omission of goods to the value of £187 in opening stock, vide Despatch 1337. 2.; there is therefore an actual profit of £56 for the year, or 11% on the turnover.

BUTCHERY - Loss of £1,398. -. 9. against profit of £ 344. -. 2.

Increased competition and stoppage of sales to Whaling vessels have resulted in a fall in sales as the following comparison shows :-

	<u>1930.</u>	<u>1931.</u>
Sheep killed	4,768	3,618
Mutton sold	211,461 lbs.	153,934 lbs.

In addition to the above the estimate of skins on hand at the beginning of the year was in excess of the actual quantity and 45 bales skins estimated to be worth £450 realised only £274. -. 10. The year 1930 also had credit for 52 bales skins (£600. 17. -.) ex 1929, no allowance having been made at 31st December 1929 for these.

In a normal year the proceeds of about 3,500 skins may be looked for under this account.

The amount credited to Farm for sheep purchased - 12/6 each - is excessive as the usual amount paid by McGill and Hutchinson for sheep is in the region of 8/6 to 10/-.

The result of this account is in fact only a book loss as the Farm received £ 2,260 for the sheep killed.

STANLEY WAGES. Expenditure in 1931 amounted to £14,081. 4. 10. against £ 16,003. 12. 1.; of the decrease of nearly £2,000, the absence of Captain Roberts accounted for £250 and the reduction in number of employees for the balance.

AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE. The discrepancies mentioned have been repeated referred to Mr. Cobb by letters and by radio, without eliciting any reply from him.

For the coming year I anticipate a further decline

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in wages paid but expect that Store sales will be further affected

by the reduction in wages and the considerable unemployment now

prevailing. Nos. 734 & 735 and acknowledges receipt your Nos. 1345 & 1346.

Advise Mr Barton I am, request for rebate of freight if remainder of produce shipped to Stanley per "Lafonia". Request refused. Understand "Pleurus" will undertake this shipment.

your obedient servant,
Reports proposed purchase of house coal on Straits of Magellan per "Lafonia" in April. Mr W.M. Dean travels by this voyage to Magellan.

Passage commission - notes arrangements gone to with King Star Line.

Notes you should be advised by cable should "Lafonia" proceed to Port Alegre or Rio Grande do Sul.

Employees services with s.s. "Falkland" & Mr Vere Packer - noted.

Remittances - confirms request for additional \$2,500 at end February. Anticipate usual remittance for March will not be needed.

Bridges - advised grants received from Government.

Encloses service record of H. McMillan.

s.s. "Lafonia" - Regrets to hear of death of Mr T.F. Henning. The day has not yet been made of wireless telegraph.

Registry - in course of transfer. Government will allot Wireless Call Signal.

Reports on boilers. C. Feaghty's (S. Officer) expires 15th Sept. Next - advises new candidate for post.

Reports C.M. Nixon sent from Montevideo as D.S.S. Propose to have vessel docked & painted at Montevideo in near future.

Local Coasting - nothing further heard of Mr Rowe's intentions. Advise "West Falkland" (ex "Morven") now registered here.

Pleased Board of Trade are interested in "Pleurus" employment.

Transshipment of produce at Montevideo - advises movements.

"Lafonia" outside employment - we have offered Kneolan & Stapleton 20,000 cu. ft. Montevideo/Punta Arenas shipment. Shipment of seal oil may necessitate extra voyage to Montevideo.

"Falkland" - notes.

Through passenger bookings with R.M.S. Co., etc. facilitates matters.

Port San Carlos - returns mortgages which have been registered here.

Dangerous Drugs - Dr. D.I. McMillan has been advised.

P.S.N.C. Homeward shipments - advises contract completed.

P.S.N.C. outward shipments - notes freight rates for mail and cargo steamers will be same in future.

Notes s.s. "Pleurus" is still for sale.

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P R E C I S

1. Confirms Nos. 734 & 735 and acknowledges receipt your Nos. 1345 & 1346.
2. Advises Mr Barton's request for rebate of freight if remainder of produce shipped to Stanley per "Lafonia". Request refused. Understand "Fleurus" will undertake this shipment.
3. Acknowledges receipt of copy of 1932 Coal Contract with Wilsons. Reports proposed purchase of house coal ex Straits of Magellan per "Lafonia" in April. Mr W.M. Dean travels by this voyage to Magallanes. from South Georgia.
4. Passage commission - notes arrangements come to with Blue Star Line.
5. Notes you should be advised by cable should "Lafonia" proceed to Port Alegre or Rio Grande do sul.
6. Employees services with s.s. "Falkland" & Mr Vere Packe - noted.
7. Remittances - confirms request for additional £2,000 at end February. Anticipate usual remittance for March will not be needed.
8. Bridges - advised grants received from Government.
9. Encloses service record of M. McMullen.
10. s.s. "Lafonia" :- Regrets to hear of death of Mr T.T. Kenneagh. Use has not yet been made of wireless telephone. Registry - in course of transfer. Government will allot Wireless Call Signal. Reports on boilers. O. Tomelthy's (Ch. Officer) expires 19th Sept. next - advises new candidate for post. Reports C.E. Aiken sent from Montevideo as D.B.S. Propose to have vessel docked & painted at Montevideo in near future.
11. Local Coasting - nothing further heard of Mr Rowe's intentions. Advises "West Falkland" (ex "Morven") now registered here.
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15. "Falkland" - noted.
16. Through passenger bookings with R.M.S.P. Co. etc. facilitates matters.
17. Port San Carlos - returns Mortgages which have been registered here.
18. Dangerous Drugs - Dr. D.T. McGibbon has been advised.
19. P.S.N.C. Homeward shipments - advises contract completed.
20. P.S.N.C. Outward shipments - notes freight rates for mail and cargo steamers will be same in future.
21. Notes s.s. "Fleurus" is still for sale.

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22. Wool Market - noted. March Sales prices since received by cable.
23. Mullet Creek - matter still undecided.
24. Camp & Stanley Wages - matter discussed fully.
25. Floating Dock - reports last pontoon practically completed.
26. Ship Hotel project - being held up for time being.
27. "Fleurus" V "Afterglow" Salvage - case will be heard on return of "Fleurus" from South Georgia.
28. Steamer movements.
29. Coal - advises stocks at 29th ulto.
30. Encloses Memorandum and Code re cabling Store Indents.
31. Advises Mr Hannaford sent on tour of East & West Falklands re Sales of timber and paints.
32. Advises Mr R.Blake due here per "LaPaz" 17th inst.
33. Denotes "Reina del Pacifico" launch & "Lafonia" tourist earnings.
34. Mason's House - requests your permission to sell. Asks for cabled
35. Seal Oil - Sale of 330 tons/^{now}at Albemarle - hopes business will result.^{reply.}

point as it would thereby frustrate the object for which a rebate is granted and might induce others to ship coastwise by outsiders should an opportunity present itself. I understand that Messrs. Dean Brothers have arranged to ship their wool to Stanley by "Fleurus" about the end of this month - Messrs. Dean & Barton coming in by her to watch "Leguna" sailing for United Kingdom 30th instant. The wool will presumably be put up at the September sales or 4 months later than our guarantee.

"Montec" engines have been giving trouble, also they have difficulty in securing a suitable engineer.

3. 1345. 4. COAL. I thank you for copy of the contract with Messrs Wilson Sons & Co.Ltd., Montevideo, for supplies during 1932, and am pleased to note the reduction in price.

Our house coal stocks require replenishing and I have arranged to purchase 400 tons from the Magallanes Mine, Skyring Water, Straits of Magellan. This coal is of fair quality and is cheap costing £22 (Chilean) - about 13/- per ton of 1,000 kilos

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 ex wharf plus tax \$1. There is 18 ft. water alongside and rate of
 loading is 150 tons per day. "Lafonia" makes a voyage to North Arm,
 Hill Cove and other West Ports if inducement offers and Port
 Stephens in April and she will continue on to the Straits of
 Magellan. Of the 400 tons 200 tons will be 16th March, local 32.

"Lafonia" via Montevideo.

736.

balance will be mixed with our usual bunker coal and used in
 "Lafonia". Mr W.M. Dean and family travel by this opportunity and
 I hope to secure several other passengers. I may make the round
 Sir,

I confirm my Despatches Nos. 734 and 735 and acknowledge
 receipt of your Nos. 1345 and ~~1346~~ 1346.

2. 1345. 3. PEBBLE ISLAND PRODUCE. Mr Barton recently
 telegraphed enquiring if he shipped the balance of his produce
 by "Lafonia" would we allow him the rebate. I refused as he had
 already shipped 52 bales of this season's clip by "Gentoo". I am
 of opinion that it would be a great mistake to give way on this
 point as it would thereby frustrate the object for which a rebate
 is granted and might induce others to ship coastwise by outsiders
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LONDON.

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4. 1345. 6. PASSAGE COMMISSION. I note that the Blue Star Line will allow us 5% on Homeward bookings.

5. 1345. 7. I note to cable you should "Lafonia" proceed to Port Alegre and Rio Grande do Sul. I presume that Skyring Water, Straits of Magellan is covered as this is inside the Western entrance to the Stratis. It is a short distance beyond Otway Water where we load timber.

6. 1345. 9. EMPLOYEES SERVICES. I note all you write re employment in s.s. "Falkland" and with Mr Vere Paake.

7. 1345. 12. REMITTANCES. I had to ask you for an additional £2,000 at end February as we had to make payment of wool tax for shipments per "Losada" and "Lafonia". I anticipate that I shall not require a remittance at the end of this month.

8. 1345. 14. BRIDGES. Government have now paid us their contribution of £180.

9. 1345. 15. M. McMULLEN. I enclose a statement giving service particulars and wages earned.

10. 1345. 17. "LAFONIA". I regret to hear of Mr. T.T. Kennaugh's death.

Wireless installation. Not much use has as yet been made of the telephone owing to lack of other telephone stations but we hope that Government may provide some means of receiving ere long.

ready I do not think it advisable to lift the heaviest ship

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Registry - this is 'in course of transfer.

I note that the letters L H K W have been allotted in the International Code Signal - Government will allot the Wireless Call Signal when the transfer of Registry is completed.

Boilers. Both boilers have been opened up for cleaning and having been under steam for examination after/71 consecutive days and were found to be in excellent condition. With the exception of the furnace crowns, to which a slight hard scale was adhering, the boilers internally only required wire brooming down. The boiler shell in way of the steam space of both boilers showed some slight indication of bleeding (a condition common to new boilers) these parts have been treated with "boiler apexior" which I feel confident will arrest any inclination in that direction. During the boiler cleaning period the Brundrit Temperature Balances have been fitted to both boilers. Besides relieving the boilers from undue strain owing to variation of temperatures the fitting of these may have some slight effect in reducing the coal consumption. In accordance with Mr. T. Kennaugh's suggestion the depth of the furnace bridges have been increased and this will also have a beneficial effect on coal consumption. This is the first opportunity Mr. Thomson has had of making an internal examination of the boilers and from his observations he has come to the conclusion that they are of very good design and of excellent workmanship.

O. Tomelthy's (Chief Officer) Agreement expires on 19th September next and we should be able to secure a suitable Englishman to replace him. A candidate is He is Second Officer of s.s. "Bellaisla" at present.

With reference to Chief Steward C.E. Aikens whose services have been dispensed with, Captain Roberts arranged with the British Consul at Montevideo to send him Home as a D.B.S. I have already written you as regards replacing him.

Dry Docking. I propose to have "Lafonia" docked and painted at Montevideo in the near future. Even if the floating dock were ready I do not think it advisable to lift the heaviest ship she

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she will have to take until the staff handling the dock has had some training. I propose to start with lighters and then lift the oil barge.

11. 1345. 22. LOCAL COASTING. I have heard no more of Mr. Rowe's activities.

Mr Hamilton's vessel "West Falkland", ex "Morven", is registered at Port Stanley but is in command of a German. Perhaps you would take this up with the Board of Trade - the local Government is apathetic and state that they understand Mr Hamilton has the permission of the Board of Trade to carry a foreign Master. I understand that Mr Hamilton changed the registry of this vessel from Chilean to British to evade certain Chilean laws and if such permission was given it would be interesting to know on what grounds.

12. 1346. 7. I am very pleased indeed to note that the Board of Trade are interested in the employment of s.s. "Fleurus" by this Government. Although I have no great desire to undertake the South Georgia run with s.s. "Lafonia" I am of opinion that Government should stipulate that if "Fleurus", which is heavily subsidised by them, trades around the Colony they should adhere to our fares and rates. As you know they undercut us considerably and though the tonnage carried through the year is small it is a certain loss ^{to} us.

I have urged this perfectly legitimate matter on several occasions but without success, such a ruling would of course be very unpopular with West Falkland Farmers.

13. 1345. 23. & 1346. 6. TRANSHIPMENT OF PRODUCE AT MONTEVIDEO PER NEW ZEALAND STEAMERS.

I thank you for taking up this matter with the three interested parties. Perhaps it may be possible to work with them next season. The first 1932 shipment of produce per "Lafonia" was transhipped direct to s.s. "Bellaisla", the second (March) shipment is to be transhipped to "Pelzella" and direct transhipment will probably be possible (about 25th inst). This wool should arrive in time for the May sales.

The shipment of 4,000 bales has been completed and I do

14. 1345. 24. "LAFONIA" OUTSIDE EMPLOYMENT. We have offered Messrs. Maclean & Stapledon 20,000 cubic feet space Montevideo to Punta Arenas March shipment. There is a certain amount of trade and if not successful in securing freight this time it is a possible development which I shall keep in mind.

As regards shipments ex Rio Grande de Sul - Messrs. Maclean & Stapledon advise us that there appears to be a good prospect of obtaining rice from Rio Grande to Montevideo in May next. Present freight are about 14/- per ton and a full load should cover expenses for a ballast voyage in one direction, i.e. port charges and coal and leave a balance towards our overhead expenses.

Should the 330 tons seal oil be sold an extra voyage to Montevideo will be necessary.

15. 1345. 25. "FALKLAND". I note all you write.

16. 1345. 26. Through booking with the R.M.S.P. Company and Nelson Lines and interchangeability of tickets between those Companies, the P.S.N. Company and our steamer simplifies matters for intending passengers considerably and should make our route via Montevideo more attractive. You will be interested to know that we have 15 first class and 2 third class bookings for this (March) voyage.

17. 1345. 28 & 1346. 5. PORT SAN CARLOS, LTD.

I enclose -

(a) Mortgage dated 31st December 1931, granted by Executors of the late Keith Cameron and Port San Carlos Ltd. to The Falkland Islands Co. Ltd. of all Land etc.

(b) Mortgage granted by Port San Carlos Ltd. to The Falkland Islands Co. Ltd. of all livestock etc.

These have been registered with Government. I note your instructions re this account and the supply of stores which have my attention.

18. 1345. 29. DANGEROUS DRUGS. Dr. McGibben has been advised, as instructed.

19. P.S.N.C. HOMEWARD SHIPMENTS. (1345. 30). I thank you for the copy of this year's contract. I note that of the 7/6d rebate the P.S.N.Co. contribute 6/-.

The shipment of 4,000 bales has been completed and I do

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not expect to ship any produce per "LaPaz" calling 17th instant and "Laguna" 30th instant which both lift passengers only.

All Stations have been advised.

20. 1345. 31. P.S.N.C. OUTWARD SHIPMENTS. I note that freight per mail and cargo vessels will be the same in future.

21. 1345. 32. I note that "FLEURUS" is still for sale. She is of no use for general trading.

22. 1345. 33 & 34. WOOL MARKET. I note all you write and have since received your cable giving average prices realized at the March Sales. With a few exceptions these are about the same as realized a year ago.

I understand that "Lagarto" reported late and it is satisfactory that you were able to have her shipment included in the March sales.

23. MULLET CREEK. 1345. 35. Nothing has been decided by Government as to the future of this property. There is a proposal to add a portion of it to the Common.

24. 1346. 3 & 8. CAMP & STANLEY WAGES. This matter was fully discussed between Mr. Dean, Mr. Goddard and myself at Fitzroy and the decision come to was to reduce Camp wages by £1 per month as from 1st April next, notice being given of our intention on 1st March. Foremen and boys were to be dealt with at the Camp Manager's discretion. Men on contract were given 6 months notice of termination of contract with offer of re-engagement at £6 per month on expiry of notice.

W. Munro, bricklayer £4. 10. -. per week was also given 6 months notice. If he will then re-engage at £10 per month Mr. Goddard may keep him on.

All Farmers were notified of our intention (copy of circular letter enclosed together with copy of notice posted up).

The reduction has been received quietly. It is estimated that in a full year's wages paid in the Camp will hereby be reduced by about £1,800. in addition to which a further £700 will be saved by men died, dismissed or left and not replaced.

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We discussed very fully as to whether we should inform those affected by the reductions, that when times improve and admit of a 10% dividend, a 10% bonus on the wages earned in that year would be paid. We finally decided that it was not advisable to tie our hands in any way. The reduction was fully justified in view of the fall in the cost of living and in the prices realized for our produce. A few comparisons of Store selling prices at the Farm Store are given below :-

	1914.	1920.	1931.
Flour, per bag	25/-	65/-	27/6
Sugar, per lb.	3½d	1/6d	3d
Paraffin, per case	14/6	36/-	20/-
Currants, per lb	5d	1/4d	10d
Sultanas, per lb	7d	1/7d	1/1d
Syrup, per tin	7d	2/3d	11d
Tea, per lb	1/4d (Min)	3/-	2/11 (Min) (this will shortly come down to about 2/-)
Bar Soap, per lb	9d	2/9	10½d
Cocoa, per lb	1/2	3/2	1/3
Tobacco, Victory	6/-	8/9	9/9

To revert to the promise of a bonus - my experience is that whilst a bonus is of course welcome it has little or no effect on the men's work and is soon forgotten, until it may have to be stopped, then the stoppage gives much rise to much talk and a temporary slackening of effort. A Provident Fund to which the employee contributes regularly and the Company contributes on a basis fixed to accord with the dividend paid is, I think, much more satisfactory, the employee has something at stake and to look forward to and the matter of pensions would eventually be solved. It is proposed that I should draw up a scheme and submit it to you for consideration.

STANLEY WAGES - These present some difficulty and for purposes of comparison I have estimated the value of a shepherd's and navy's present pay and emoluments.

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Shepherd wages (month)	8. - . - .	Navy wages (month)	7. - . - .
House rent free, value	2. 10. - .	Lives in cookhouse for 25/- to	
Heat free	1. - . - .	30/- per month. Value of cook-	
Fuel free	1. - . - .	house quarters, fuel, cheap	
Milk & butter free	1. - . - .	boarding etc. about £5. 9. - .	
	<u>£ 13. 10. - .</u>	per month.	

The reduction of £1 per month is therefore equal to about 7 1/2% for a shepherd and 8 1/3% for a navy.

Stanley wages average about -

Navy £145 to £160 per annum (including overtime)

Carpenter £185 p.a.

Store asst. £144 p.a.

Fitters & £146 p.a.

Of these four classes of employees 1, 2, and 4 are on a short week which reduces their earnings by 11% and for the present I am of the opinion that it is advisable to leave matters as they are but to reduce the personnel wherever possible.

The Carpenters Department is one which has given me much cause for thought. The atmosphere prevailing in sailing ship days when money was easy and they more or less made their own terms still exists in a modified way and I have come to the conclusion that the only thing to do is to cut the department down drastically and if we have a rush of work put some out to contract if we cannot engage temporary men. Most of the men in this department have been with us many years and on that account I regret having to make these proposals but I am convinced that a considerable economy is possible. Very little outside work is to be had - men like Grierson & Dettleff work on their own undercutting us in price and expedition.

The staff consists of -

R.H. Hannaferd	Foreman	£21 per month and free house	
		Continuous service since Feby. 1909.	
T. Smith	Carpenter	"	July 1885.
V.J. Allan	"	"	Jan'y. 1898.
A.F. Lollman	"	"	May 1898.

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T. Dettleff Carpenter Continuous service since May 1909.
(Except 1 break of 9 months in 1925).
C.F. Thompson " Continuous service since June 1927.
R.L. Robson " " " April 1917.
W.J. McAtasney " Two periods 1902 - 1914; 1919 to date.

In addition there are two apprentices whose time is up at end 1933 and end 1934 respectively.

There are also 3 painters at present. One will be put off shortly and one for part of the Winter.

I propose that T. Smith be pensioned. His service records is enclosed.

Hannaferd, Allan and Lellman would be retained and the other four men's services dispensed with over a period of say one year, i.e. one every three months, in view of their service. This would save about £926 in a full year. I am referring this to you before taking action as it is the breaking up of an old department. If you do not approve, please cable me, otherwise I propose to give notice to the first man to go, on 1st May next.

D. McDonald, Mason £ 4. 10. -. per week. His agreement expires in January next and I do not propose to renew it or replace him.

E.S. Crawford goes Home per "Lafonia" sailing 16th instant and will be off pay during his absence from the Colony.

I would also request you to consider the granting of pensions to J. McAtasney, Blacksmith's striker

C. Enestrom, Driver "Kelp"

both of these men would not require to be replaced at present. Service records are enclosed.

I have not dealt with the Dock gang as this will be paid off as soon as the Dock is completed.

"Lafonia" - I am not in favour of reducing wages at present as the crew is called upon to undertake work not usually done by ship's crews and the higher rates and overtime paid by us must be regarded as additional payments for such work. This work is stowedage and lighterage. Stevedoring at this port usually costs the P.S.N.Co.

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here and to avoid the risk of over-stocking.

I propose to bring this into force from 21st April next.

Please cable the cypher W R U U M "Stores code received and is now in force".

31. Mr. R.H. Hannaford has been sent on a tour of East and West Falkland Ports with the object of bringing our stocks of timber and paints to Farmers' notice. A special freight of £1 per ton has been quoted on orders for timber of not less than 10 tons. I do not expect any immediate benefit but if this tour is made annually, it should eventually increase our sales.

32. Mr R. Blake is due here by "LaPaZ" on 17th instant.

33. "Reina del Pacifico" earnings were :-

"Lafonia" tourists to and from Port Stanley	£ 38. 13. -.
"Kelp" to and from Penguin Hookery	16. 17. -.
"Kelp" and Motorboats attending on "Reina del Pacifico".	<u>3. -. -.</u>
Copy of Circular letter & Notice re reduction of Camp Wag	<u>£ 58. 10. -.</u>

34. MASON'S HOUSE. With reference to cables exchanged I am in favour of selling this house. It is not in good condition and will require extensive repairs ere long. It is an outlying property, the two houses to the West of it having been sold and all the Company's land in the neighbourhood. The offer has been made by T.P. Walker (18 years service with the Company) who has rented it from us at £2 per month for a number of years. Will you please cable your decision. I do not advise the disposal of any more Stanley Houses or land - our remaining properties are all in good positions and all compact.

35. SEAL OIL. With reference to your indication of £16 c.i.f. Glasgow for 330 tons I trust that business will result. Shipment can be made in May next. This oil is stored in light steel drums of the type which buyers of previous shipments preferred.

I am,

Sir,
your obedient servant,

Manager.

ENCLOSURES

- Despatch No. 736.
2. Statement on accounts No. 37
 3. Remarks on Accounts No. 37
 4. Remarks on Naval Fuel Depot No.18.
 5. Store Indent No. 703.
 6. Remarks on Stores No. 703.
 7. Specification of "Lafonia" Shipment 18/2/32
 8. Mortgages (2) re Port San Carlos, Ltd.
 9. P.S.N.C. Account - February.
 10. Coasting Insurances January.
 11. "Lafonia" Mahifest Voy. A.10.
 12. F.I.Gazette 1st March.
 13. Return of Establishment & Wages (Dec.Qr) All Farm Sections.
 14. Record of services :- T.Smith, J.McAtasney, C.Enestrom & M.McMullen.
 15. Copy of Circular letter & Notice re reduction of Camp Wages.
 16. Memo to Managing Director re cabling Store Indents, with Code.
 17. Photos.
 18. F.I.Shipping Report.
 19. Camp Manager's Report dated 12th March, 1932.
 20. Lamb Marking Final Returns, D.H.- N.A.- W.C.- Fitzroy - Islands and Summary.
 21. Shearing First Return :- do. do. do. do.
 22. Camp Diaries :- D.H. (Dec. & Jan) N.A. (Dec & Jan) Fitzroy (Dec & Jan) & Islands (January).
 23. Camp Reports (February) B.H. - W.C. - N.A. - Fitzroy - Islands.

<u>MARK.</u>	<u>WOOL.</u>	<u>SPECIFICATIONS.</u>	<u>SKINS.</u>	<u>HIDES.</u>
D.H.	10		118	179
S.I.	69		4	32
J.L.W.	94		-	-
D & S	63		4	-
J.B.	75		-	-
S & S	1	(rebated at Darwin)	-	-
R.B.C.	1	- do -	-	-
W.K.C.	85		-	-

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ENCLOSURES (2)

CORRESPONDENCE :-

Original letter to Managing Director re Despatch Envelopes from London.

" " " " " " Appointment of Dean Bros. as agents for Buchanan's whisky.

Memorandum " " " " " Filing Cabinet for Darwin.

Original letter " " " " " Store Indent (Kodak)

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