

C. S.

PUBLIC WORKS

(Peat)

19 4 5.

No. 111/45.

SUBJECT.

19 45.

PEAT CONTRACT.

Previous Paper.

(Tenders for)

C/9/45.

MINUTES.

1. Letter to Messrs. E. Barnes & P. McPhee of 9.10.45
2. " " " Cletheral, Bonner & Hutchinson of 9.10.45.
3. Copy of agreement of 26.11.45.
4. Memo. from Ex. Engr. of 16.9.48

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EE. ④ §§ 1-2

Agreed amongst the four being
satisfied that the question of transport
is covered. Who pays here.
to the Barnes (Wp 9 46)?

2. Re. rph. early.

6.

17.5

H.C.S.

1. The Spoke and the conditions of tender will be displayed
today 21.9.48.

2. The contractor will pay Messrs McPhee & Barnes who
thereby become sub-contractors. Any difficulty regarding
transport will be met by P.W.D which will be reimbursed
at the Contractor's expense

21.9.48

Subsequent Paper.

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EE

Thank you. This will be considered
like good interest.

(4) § 3 Appd.

by
S.G.

8.

H.C.S.

1. noted by.
2. Before informing Mr Aldridge wait until Oct 1st Feb?

Eff 23/9/48.

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EE

§ 2 for spoke. Return to.

by
S.G.

10.

Note

Paras 2 of 7 + 8 and 9 extracted to
0615 (P.W.D. Staff)

W.H.
25/9/48

B.H. 1/10/48.
25/9/48

E.C.

11.

Will you please preside over a Tender
Board, the composition of which is left to
your discretion.

2. I attach the only tender received

by
Jones.
1/10/48.

12.

H.E.S.

12^a

I have the honour to attach herewith the only tender for the peat cutting 1948/1949 season.

The Tender Board consisted of

1. The E. E.
2. The General Foreman
3. The Peat Foreman.

The Board decided that the tender was unacceptable on the grounds of (a) There being only the one tender
(b) The vagueness of the tender itself

As EE I entirely agree with this and suggest that since Government are no longer responsible for supplying peat to the Gym, & to its officials (only 5 officials remain who are entitled to free peat - apart from the police station and local officials) 20,000 yds will not be required.

I thus recommend that the tender should be refused and that P.W.D will be responsible for the supply of peat at least for this season

E.F.R.

3.10.48.

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EE

He spoke & I understand that (12A) has been withdrawn.

2. Pe. proceed this (1948-49) season as in previous years.

H.E.S.

14.

13.10

1. 12A was withdrawn by Mr S. Barnes verbally, in PWD office on Tuesday 12 October 1948.

2. held by and am so proceeding

E.F.R. 14.X.48.

PAI 15.10

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EE.

11/1/45

Mr Hutchinson offered a

suggestion re the Peat Contract wh.

appeared to have some merit and

that is that it should be split up

into a number of smaller contracts

of say 2000 x each.

I suppose it is too late now?

MC

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X

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H.C.S.

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Regarding His Excellency's minute above I

do not think that much relief would be gained

by P.W.D. and the administration side would

be more difficult. However I understand

this will be discussed in Ex Co on Monday

25th October 1948. Attached please find contract

rates of pay offered & accepted in 47/48 and offered

in 48/49.

16A

CHB. 23. x 48.

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Extract from the minutes of a meeting of the Executive Council held on the 25th of October, 1948.

"4. Labour Questions.

(b) Peat Production. Council agreed with His Excellency that tenders for peat contracts should be invited on a smaller scale of 1,000 to 2,000 yards per contractor".

John Aldridge
Clerk of the Executive Council.

H.C.S.

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noted to broadcast notice will be issued. Meantime Mr Barnes telephoned this morning to say that he would advise the men about peat on the old contract rates

Exp 27/1/48.

PAL
25.

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EE

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26 x

Y.E.

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E.E. remarks yet that there had been some misunderstanding about the Peat Contract but that it had been settled on the basis of the 1947 contract, which was and is the intention of Govt. with the addition of the recent interim C.O.L.B. award. He had been in correspondence with the F.I.L.F. about the matter.

2 . The misunderstanding to which he alluded was that in the contract originally offered the extra 1d shown for "cutting and wheeling" in (16a) was inadvertently omitted, and "using own wheelbarrow" had been included because the E.E. thought that it was included in 1947. In fact, it was not. There was moreover the point that the penultimate para. of (16a) is badly worded and should be worded as now shown in the corrected version (the original ^{version} ~~print~~ can be seen through).

3. He had no objection to inclusion of the 1d for cutting and wheeling: but as he did not intend to cut from "wheeling banks" this year he saw no reason for the inclusion of any provision of 9d for "using own wheelbarrow" if it was not included in 1947. Moreover, the penultimate para. as originally drafted is nonsense because it should be 9 feet on wheeling banks and 3 feet on cutting banks.

4. The Chairman of the F.I.L.F. came to see me this morning with Mr Harrison, the Peat Delegate, and explained their point of view. I subsequently saw the E.E. in the presence of the General Foreman (Mr Livermore) and the Peat Foreman (Mr Aldridge) and after some discussion I decided that irrespective of the intentions of the E.E. as to which banks he was going to use it was only fair to the men to include the extra 1d for using their own wheelbarrow (which E. E. in a laudable but mistaken effort to economise had felt

might be covered by the interim C.O.L.BB. award). We were all agreed with the other amendments.

5. I then spoke to Mr Barnes who accepted the position and said that the F.I.L.F. would now instruct their men to work contract rates indicated and if they did not do so would take disciplinary action against them.

6. I considered it important that this should be established in view of the impending negotiations over contract rates with the F.I.C. jetty-gang: and though the E.E. said he was content to carry on with day-rates if the men would not work contract I could not accept that because the vital thing is to get the peat cut and dried as soon as possible. Thus we shall save money and time in the end and get better peat, and moreover release the men for other works earlier.

7. The E.E. had not intended to work "wheeling banks" this season. I told him that this was less a matter for himself or me, amateurs, than for the experienced in such matters. But I added that it seemed a question of common sense and economy to cut the thin layers (~~cutting~~^{working} banks) and the top of wheeling banks for furnace peat and the deeper sections of wheeling banks for kitchen peat, so that both types of banks might have to be worked. There is also the question of transport, which owing to the fact that roads exist close to the wheeling banks (in which of course there is more peat) renders these banks much easier to work.

by
2.11.

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Thank you. This seems to dispose of the matter equitably.

MC 3/11

Letter to Chairman, F.I.L.F. of 3. 11. 48

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PA L

18/x/48. *SHZ*

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18/11/48

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Memo from Ex. Engr. of 17.11.48

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EE

(30) I saw Li Barnes. Li L. Linton
about this (with also) on 17.11.48. He
agreed that post-acting was of primary
- essential importance & went through
(30) with them.

2. They said men didn't like 'direction'
- would have 'blunders' as in the past
of they had been left to do so. I said
the fact remains that they were asked to
work on conditions agreed to by F.L.F.
(24) - we must insist on discipline being
maintained by the L.F.

3. §6 of (30) Harrison. Dealing
- who considers they were being 'vic-
timised' - has now returned to work?
I discuss them. B. - L. about them.

4. Li L. Linton ^{said} ~~agreed~~ that "it
may be necessary to turn all men
possible on to 'post-acting' (sic).
Li Barnes agreed.

5. (29A) (29B) The Peat Foreman must not 'sigh blind' or without due regard for as a technical fact. And the increase in results on contract is so remarkable that one is tempted to wonder if the amounts in the period shown in (29) are in fact accurately (- not pessimistically) assessed.

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22/4

H.E.S.

I regret I had not noticed 21/22 before but I feel I must record officially the following comments

para 4. Regarding the use of men's own wheelbarrows my effort was not to economise nor was it mistaken. At that time and prior to the meeting mentioned I had instructed the Peat Foreman that no wheeling banks would be opened. There was thus little point in including a clause which was not applicable in the so called contract.

para 5. Regarding this how does the Federation explain the fact that three men had accepted the 1947/48 conditions before the completion of negotiations with Government and is there any action being taken by the Federation in the case of the three men who left the work on that completion

para 6. I was quite content to carry on day work (a) because far less peat need be cut this year, and (b) I wished to obtain accurate figures regarding this work when the men were not out to gain more than their normal pay.

para 7. The excavation of peat is very definitely an engineering job and as such follows definite rules. I am no amateur at excavation and I fully realise all the

difficulties involved. Knowing these difficulties
they will be overcome ~~(that is to say they will be overcome)~~
~~expended for it~~) and I have the honour to assure
you and H.E. the foreman that having been here one
year I am fully alive to differences in the quality of
peat both before and after processing (viz cutting
rickling, stacking, carting & unloading etc)

~~EE~~

Regarding 31.

para 1 -

para 2 As EE. I am responsible for works progress and it
would be foolish to allow all the men from one
particular job to 'volunteer' for peat causing complete
disruption thereby.

para 3. Neither Harrison nor Dealing are being victimised
I have no urgent painting work ^{now} on hand and of three
'handymen' Dealing shows the least output

para 5. I am not sure what is meant by "signing blind".

The peat foreman compiles the certificates he signs.

29A & 29B show lack of care.

The difference in day work and piecework is
very marked.

EEB 24/xi/48.

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EE

As has been discussed this I agree we
may now let the matter rest. You 32
has been a help in clarifying
question which has been irregularly shown
in the past. No records of any value

11/1/45

appear to exist - it is most important
that we should know what is the
of past shd. work.

2. As to 'signing blind' I meant
that if Peter Foreman has prepared that
must be proved to be an accurate
record in the shd. to show that
it was accurately typed.

H.E.S.

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3/12

Noted thank you.

E.H.S.

11.13.45

PAL
13/12

Public Notice of 16.8.50.

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B.W.
26/9/50

4 applications

E.C.

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You will wish to deal with the attached
applications departmentally.

A.H. Jones
29.9.50

H.E.S.

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The tenders have been forwarded under separate cover together with
my recommendations

E.H.S.
3.10.50.

ACS

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I believe tenders have been sent back to L/E/Sec?
After H.C.S. informed me that he had returned
them to C.C. under separate cover.

10/10/50

P.P.S.

15/11/50

paid
16/1/55

39 contract of 2.1.51

HCS

40.

at 39 E.C. submits a copy of the
1951 Leaf Manure contract, pl.

HCS

5.1.57

HCS

See. 6.7.

6/1/51

paid
6/1/51

111/45
Copy to Executive Engineer.
" " File No. C/9/45

9th October, 45.

Gentlemen,

*Red in 4K.
C/9/45*

I have the honour to inform you that His Excellency has accepted the recommendation of the Tender Board that your tender for the peat contract at 1/3d. per cubic yard should be accepted.

2. You should now consult the Executive Engineer with a view to drawing up of the necessary contract.

I have the honour to be,

Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

K. G. BRADLEY

Colonial Secretary,
Chairman,
Tender Board.

Messrs: E. Barnes and P. McPhee,
STANLEY.

C O P Y.

C/9/45.
111/45.

(2)

9th October, 45.

Sir,

*4C.
Reds in 4D,
4E.*
I regret to inform you that your tender for the peat cutting contract was unsuccessful.

I have the honour to be

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd.) K. G. BRADLEY,

Colonial Secretary,
Chairman,
Tender Board.

L. Cletheroe, Esq.
B. Bonner, Esq.
E. Hutchinson, Esq.

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT made on the 26th day of November, 1945
between the Government of the Falkland Islands (hereafter
referred to as the Government) and Mr. E. Barnes and Mr.
P. McPhee (hereafter referred to as the Contractors)
WHEREAS the Government are desirous of hauling their peat
supplies from the banks to sheds or stacks in Stanley
and have accepted the tender of the Contractors dated
the 4th of October, 1945 for this work now it is hereby
agreed as follows:-

1. The Contractors will upon being so ordered load and cart the peat from the banks and stack in sheds or stacks where directed in Stanley and will provide all necessary labour and transport for this purpose. The Contractors shall commence the work and continue uninterruptedly until it is completed or they are otherwise ordered except from causes over which they have no control such as strikes or inclement weather, and the work entailed in this Contract shall have priority over any other work or contract the Contractors may have.
2. The loading on the bank and the stacking in Stanley shall be done under the supervision and to the entire satisfaction of the Executive Engineer to the Government or his duly appointed agent.
3. The quantities carted shall be the number of cubic yards cut by the Government and as certified by the Executive Engineer and on this basis the Government shall pay the Contractors one shilling and three pence per cubic yard irrespective of the number of loads carted at any one time. Payment shall be made in monthly instalments on the certificate of the Executive Engineer based on the estimated amount of peat carted to the date of payment less 20% until such time as the 20% retention amounts to £100 when payments shall be in full on the estimated amount carted each month.

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The retention money of £100 shall be included and paid with the final instalment, upon the satisfactory execution of the contract. In the event of the non completion of the contract by the Contractors, the Government may use all or part of any monies due to the Contractor to defray the cost of its completion.

4. The Contractors shall give the Government the names of two responsible persons who are willing to act as sureties for the satisfactory completion of the Contract.

5. The Government agrees to keep the peat sheds in reasonable order and tidy so that the work of the Contractors in stacking in sheds shall not be hindered.

6. The Contractors shall cover themselves against all claims arising against them under this Contract in connection with the Workmen's Compensation Ordinance 1936.

7. Provided all the conditions of this Contract are satisfactorily fulfilled it shall run until September 1950 unless either party gives to the other six months notice on the 1st day of September in any year.

Signed for and on behalf of the
Government of the Falkland Islands (Sgd) J. Austen Woodgate
Executive
Engineer.

In the presence of

(Sgd) E. V. Dixon.
Witness.

Signed for and on behalf of the
Contractors.

(Sgd) Ernest Barnes

In the presence of

(Sgd) E. V. Dixon.
Witness.

on the day first hereon mentioned.

No. 11648

It is requested that any reference to this memorandum the above number and the date may be quoted.

MEMORANDUM.

16th September, 1948. 4

To: The Honourable,
The Colonial Secretary,
STANLEY.

From: The Executive Engineer,
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

SUBJECT:- Peat Contract.

44-4C 1. I have the honour to attach herewith a suggested form of tender for the supply of Government peat in the season 1948/49.

2. The reason for paragraph (i) under clause 4 'Transport', is that the existing contract (for transport only) stipulates the 1st of September in any year on which notice of termination must be given. As this year is in the nature of an experiment, the Executive Engineer considered it inadvisable to give notice to the haulage contractors until it is known with what reception the suggested tender will be met.

3. If this suggested contract is authorised, I have the honour to suggest that Mr. S. Aldridge be made Peat Officer and as this will entail no little responsibility, I propose he be placed on probation in the new Grade II (Technical) at a starting salary of £235.

4. I have no hesitation in thus recommending Mr. Aldridge as:-

(a) There is no other man having his knowledge of the various peat bogs.

(b) During the 10 months I have been here I have found him to be willing, keen and reliable.

Further, in order to enable him to move around the various bogs Mr. Aldridge uses his own horses for which he is unremunerated.

E. J. Bunting
Executive Engineer.

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PEAT TENDERS.

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SEASON 1948/1949.

1. General

(a) Tenders are invited for the peat supply for the Government of the Falkland Islands for the season 1948/1949.

(b) Tenders should be for the cutting, rickling, transporting to and stacking in peat sheds, or in stacks in Stanley, as shall be directed by the peat Officer a quantity of peat equal to 15000 cubic yards measured in the bank, and for the cutting, rickling and stacking in stacks on the bank as shall be directed by the Peat Officer, a quantity of peat equal to 5000 cubic yards measured in the bank.

Quantity.
2. Cutting

(c) The surface of the ground is to be cleared away to a depth of not less than three inches and the existing walls of the banks are to be cut away before measurements will be calculated.

Clearance of Site.

(d) The peat sods are to be cut to a size not exceeding 9 inches by 9 inches by 6 inches and payment will not be made for sods exceeding this maximum.

Maximum size of sod.

(e) The Peat Officer will indicate where the peat is to be cut and spread, or cut, wheeled and spread as may be necessary.

Location.

(f) On wheeling banks and banks where peat is thrown down, a space of not less than 3 feet from the face of the bank is to be left clear.

Wheeling and throwing banks.
3. Rickling

(g) All peat cut to this specification must be rickled. Should the ground become water-logged between the time of cutting and rickling the peat must be moved clear of water and rickled on reasonably dry ground to the satisfaction of the Peat Officer.
4. Transport

(h) The contractor will upon being so ordered by the Peat Officer, load and cart from the banks and stack into/

into such sheds and stacks in Stanley as directed and will provide all necessary labour and transport for this purpose.

(i) The transport to be used will be that of Mr. P. McPhee and Mr. E. Barnes in the first instance but should it be necessary the contractor will provide more transport.

5. Commencement and Completion. (j) The contractor shall commence the work and continue uninterruptedly until it is completed, or as otherwise ordered, except from causes over which he has no control such as strikes or inclement weather and the work entailed in this contract shall have priority over any other work or contract the contractor may have.
6. Plant Tools etc. (k) All plant, machinery, tools, etc. required for the correct execution of this contract from start to finish are to be provided by the contractor.
7. Measurement (l) The peat Officer will measure all peat cut weekly, or at any time he may think necessary and retains the right to move workmen from one bank elsewhere, or to stop the cutting or rickling or stacking processes if not to his satisfaction.
8. Payment (m) Payment shall be made periodically as may be agreed on the certificate of the Executive Engineer based on the amount of peat cut, rickled and stacked or carted, as the case may be (calculated by the Peat Officer) to two days prior to the date of payment, less 20% until such time as the 20% retention amounts to £100 (One Hundred Pounds) when payment shall be made in full.
- Payment of Retention Money. (n) The retention money of £100 shall be included and paid with the final instalment upon the satisfactory completion of the contract.
9. Non-Completion. (o) In the event of the non-completion of the contract by the Contractor the Falkland Islands

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Government may use all or part of any monies due to the contractor to defray the cost of its completion.

10. Sureties. (p) The contractor shall give the Government the names of two responsible persons who are willing to act as sureties for the satisfactory completion of the contract.
11. Responsibility of Government. (q) The Government agrees to maintain the peat sheds and approaches to same in reasonable order in order that the work of the contractor in stacking in the sheds may not be hindered and to move all peat, which is the property of Government and which is at present on the banks, as soon as possible.
12. Damage to Sheds. (r) Peat sheds and gateways sustaining damage as a result of careless driving or mishandling of peat on the part of the contractor shall be reinstated to their former conditions by the contractor at his entire expense.
13. Workmen's Compensation Act. (s) The Contractor shall cover himself against all claims arising against him under this contract in connection with the Workmen's Compensation Ordinance of 1936.
14. Time Limit for Tenders. (t) Applications for tendering should be addressed to the Honourable, the Colonial Secretary with the words "PEAT TENDER" written on the front of the envelope and should be delivered to the Secretariat later than 12 o'clock noon on Friday, 1st October, 1940.

To Colonial Secretary,

70 DAVIES STREET

DATE 30.9.48

STANLEY.

See 4a

RE- PEAT TENDER.

1. WE the undersigned, beg to tender for the cutting Rickling & stacking of 20,000 yds of Peat all as Laid down in specification.
2. THE Above Tender is subjected to Loan of Labour as ARRANGED by Government.
3. To Hire of CARAVAN & PLANKS
4. To Transport of men to & from Peat Bog.
5. To minor drainage of Peat Bog.

ALL THE ABOVE for TOTAL sum of £ 1,083, 16-8

subject to the above Tender being accepted by Tender Board & work carried out SATISFACTORY to all concerned it will be appreciated if you would consider the above tender for at least 5 years.

The Haulage is now being carried out by contract by MR. E. Barnes & MR P. McPhee: We wish to continue with Haulage for next 5 years.

Signed this Day 30th Sept. 1948.

Ernest Barnes
Silvester Barnes



PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

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STANLEY, FALKLAND ISLANDS,

1st November, 1948.

The Secretary,
The Falkland Islands Labour Federation,
STANLEY.

Dear Sir,

With reference to your letter dated the 2nd November, 1948 and received in this office on the 1st November, 1948, I have to inform you that the conditions of contract which the men are now offered remain exactly the same as those for the 1947 season with the addition of the 2d per hour cost of living bonus announced by Government on October, 28th to commence as from and including November, 1st.

2. It is regretted that the Peat Foreman misunderstood the Executive Engineer whose intention was as stated in paragraph 1.

3. I should be grateful for an early reply to this letter informing me as to the wishes of the men as in so far as the Executive Engineer understands, their original refusal to work contract (piece) rates mean that they continue to work on hourly rates.

Yours faithfully,

C. F. Bunting
Executive Engineer.

Copy to Hon Sec for information

111/45.

Copy to Executive Engineer.

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3rd November,

48.

Sir,

23a

I am directed by the Governor to refer to my conversation with you and Mr. Harrison on the 2nd of November, 1948, and to enclose for your information a copy of the Piecework Conditions for Cutting Meat for the 1948/49 Season which will be found to be framed in the terms agreed upon.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,
(Sgd.) A. B. MATHEWS
Colonial Secretary.

The Chairman,
Falkland Islands Labour Federation,
STANLEY.

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23a

Piecework Conditions for Cutting Peat for Season.

The peat is to be cut, thrown and wheeled as necessary, in places pointed out by the Executive Engineer, or person deputed by him.

The surface of the ground to a depth of three inches is to be properly cleared and the existing walls of peat cuttings are to be cut away before the measurements will be reckoned.

The sods are to be properly cut and to be size 9" x 9" x 6" or less. Any peat cut in excess of the size stated will not be paid for and the bank will not be measured.

The piecework rates to be paid for the peat measured in its original situation are as follows :-

Cutting and Wheeling	8d. (eightpence)	per cubic yard
Cutting and wheeling using own wheel-	9d. (ninpence)	" " "
barrow		
New banks, first yard only		
cutting and throwing	7d. (sevenpence)	" " "
Cutting and Throwing	6d. (sixpence)	" " "

In addition to the above there will be a flat rate payment of 11/3 (eleven shillings and threepence) per week cost of living bonus, subject to a minimum week of 15 hours, ~~plus an interim cost of living bonus of 7/6 per week with effect from 1.11.48.~~ except where this is reduced by bad weather. Other employment will be found at the usual hourly rates for periods of not less than one day when, in the opinion of the Peat Officer, weather conditions are unfavourable for peat cutting.

Peat cutters will be paid for all "Government Paid Holidays" provided they do not work at peat cutting on Government banks on these days.

On wheeling banks, ~~there shall be a space of at least 9 feet~~ ^(nine) feet should be left clear. ~~On banks on which peat is thrown down a space of at least 3 (three) feet should be left clear.~~

If, in the opinion of the Supervising Officer, any part of the work has been improperly performed the Government reserves the right to stop any person from cutting peat.

Executive Engineer.

I, the undersigned, agree to cut peat for the Colonial Government under the conditions, and at the piecework rates, stated above.

Witness.

see 16A

Falkland Islands Labour Federation.

Formed 28th October, 1943.

Registered under the Trade Union and Trade Disputes Ordinance, 1942.

Our Ref.

The Honourable Colonial Secretary,
Stanley.



Port Stanley,
Falkland Islands,
South America.
8th November, 1948.

Sir,

I have been asked by my Committee to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 111/45 of the 3rd November, 1948, regarding peat cutting conditions, and to express the sincere appreciation of, and thanks for, the speedy and agreeable settlement of that question which is felt by all concerned in the matter of the conditions of cutting Government peat.

I remain,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

L. S. Barnes
Chairman.

10/11/48
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PEAT CUTTING CERTIFICATE.

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Name.	Type of Bank.	Approx Rate		Amount Cut W/E 2/11/48.	Hours Worked.
Browning Jo.	Throwing Bank.	1		19 yards	21 hours.
Clifton J.H.	" "	2		75 "	37 "
Goss D.	" "	1 1/2		55 "	37 "
Goss J.	" "	1 1/2		53 "	37 "
Jacobsen J.	" "	1 1/2		42 "	37 "
Kiddle W.	" "	2		75 "	37 "
McKenzie W.	" "	1 2/3		62 "	37 "
Middleton A.	" "	1 5/8		13 "	8 "
Pauloni R.	" "	2		72 "	37 "
Peck P.	" "	1 3/4		11 "	8 "
Roberts W.	" "	1 3/4		65 "	37 "
Smith W.J.	Wheeling Bank	1 3/4		14 "	8 "
Thompson J.	Throwing Bank	1 1/8		42 "	37 "
Thompson W.	" "	2		16 "	8 "
Short P.	" "	1		36 "	37 "
Jacobsen C.	" "	1 1/2		53 "	37 "
Faria J.	" "	1 1/2		44 "	37 "
Blyth H.	" "	1 1/2		53 "	37 "

I, the undersigned hereby certify that I myself have measured the amounts of peat cut during the week ending 2nd November, 1948 by the men shown and that the above record is true and correct in all details.

S. C. Aldridge
PEAT FOREMAN.

8th November, 1948.

H.C.S.

B.

For record purposes pl

ExB 31/xi/48.

EE.

C.

- Why at most 37 hours?
(at day short?)
- What is cost for em. 1st?
- What is average cost for em. 1st contract?

10/11

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<u>Name.</u>	<u>Type of bank.</u>	<u>Amount cut from</u> <u>2/11/48 - 6/11/48.</u>	<u>Hours</u> <u>Worked.</u>
Clifton J.H..	Throwing Bank	104 yards	41½ hours
Goss D.	" "	65 "	32½ "
Goss J.	" ") Wheeling ")	49 ") 40 ")	41½ "
Kiddle W.	Throwing "	166 "	41½ "
McKenzie W.	" "	60 "	41½ "
Middleton A.	" "	110 "	36 "
Pauloni R.	" "	139 "	41½ "
Roberts W.	" "	145 "	46 "
Smith W.J.	" ") Wheeling Bank)	72 ") 47 ")	41½ "
Thompson J.	Throwing "	81 "	41½ "
Thompson W.	" "	168 "	36 "
Jacobsen C.	" "	90 "	41½ "
Blyth H.	" "	62 "	16 "
Watts J.	" "	43 "	32½ "

I, the undersigned hereby certify that I myself have measured the amounts of peat cut during the period 2nd - 6th November, 1948 by the men shown and that the above record is true and correct in all details.

S. C. Aldridge
PEAT FOREMAN.

10th November, 1948.

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for record purposes pl - This corrected by the peat
C.H.B. " Nov. 1948. foreman W.B.

PEAT CUTTING CERTIFICATE.

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<u>Name.</u>	<u>Type of bank.</u>	<u>Amount cut from</u> <u>3/11/48 - 6/11/48.</u>				<u>Hours</u> <u>Worked.</u>
		<i>Approx. Rates</i>				
Clifton J.H.	Throwing Bank	2	3½	104 yards		32½ hours
Goss D.	" "	1½	2	65 "		32½ "
Goss j.	" "	1½	2 3/8	49 "		32½ "
	Wheeling	"	"	40 "		32½ "
Kiddle W.	Throwing	2	5	166 "		32½ %
McKenzie W.	" "	1 2/3	2	60 "		32½ "
Middleton A. (Early)	" "	1 5/8	4	110 "		27 "
Pauleni R.	" "	2	4 1/4	139 "		32½ "
Roberts W.	" "	1 3/4	4	145 "		36 "
Smith W.J.	" "	1 3/4	4 3/8	72 "		32½ "
	Wheeling	"	"	47 "		32½ "
Thompson J.	Throwing	1 1/8	2 1/2	81 "		32½ "
Thompson W.	" "	2	4 2/3	168 "		36 "
Jacobsen C.	" "	1½	2 3/4	90 "		32½ "
Blyth H.	" "	1½	3½	62 "	<i>Excused on</i>	18 "
	<i>(now excused on medical grounds)</i>	"	"	"		
Watts J.	Wheeling	-	1½	43 "		23½ "
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I, the undersigned hereby certify that I myself have measured the amounts of peat cut during the period 3rd - 6th November, 1948 by the men shown and that the above record is true and correct in all details.

S. Aldridge

PEAT FOREMAN.

11th November, 1948.

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It is requested that in any reference to this memorandum the above number and the date may be quoted.



17th November, 1948.

To: The Honourable,

From: The Executive Engineer,

The Colonial Secretary,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

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PEAT CUTTING 1948/49 SEASON.

I have the honour to append the following notes on the position regarding peat cutting.

1. With a view to balancing all works the following 20 most able bodied men were chosen to cut peat.

W.J.Smith	W.Kiddle
A.Middleton	J.H.Clifton
P.Peck	D.Goss
R.Pauloni	J.Goss
W.Thompson	J.Browning
C.Jacobsen	J.Jacobsen
J.Thompson	J.Faria
W.McKenzie	P.Short
H.Blyth	J.J.McKay
J.Watts	W.Roberts.

2. Of these the following three commenced piece-work rates prior to the settlement of conditions negotiated by the Honourable, the Colonial Secretary and the Labour Federation.

P.Peck
W.J.Smith
A.Middleton.

3. The following three men left work (i.e. as soon as they knew conditions had been settled)

J.Jacobsen
P.Short
J.Faria.

4. The following two men obtained medical certificates from the Honourable the Senior Medical Officer stating they were unable to cut peat.

H.Blyth
J.J.McKay.

5. Two weeks work have been lost owing to weather conditions (It is relevant to point out here that this time last year more than 14,000 yards of peat had been cut compared with approximately 2,000 yards, half of which is now useless through weather, this year).

6. Since the peat must be cut before the end of the year more men must be directed to this work. Maintaining the policy of balancing of available work to desired progress the following most able bodied men were chosen.

- (i) G.Harrison - brush hand.
- (ii) L.Dearling - handyman.
- (iii) R.Kiddle - blacksmith's labourer.
- (iv) D.L.Browning - lorry driver's mate.
- (v) J.Sornsen - deckhand "Philomel".

7. Of these (v) is leaving to go aboard the m.v. "John Biscoe".
(iii) complained he felt unable to cut peat but was refused the necessary medical certificate by the Honourable, the Senior Medical Officer.
(iv) is not able to throw peat - only wheel but

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expressed keenness to work on the peat.
(ii) and (i) left work without permission on Wednesday, 17th November, between the hours of 3 and 4 o'clock p.m. and reported to the Peat Foreman that as they were semi-skilled workmen they preferred to remain on their present work

Note. Harrison is a brush hand and in accordance with Federation rulings he receives a penny per hour only whilst using a brush. Dearling is a handyman and receives twopence per hour (over the labourers rate) only whilst using carpenters tools. The same rule applies to all temporarily employed semi-skilled men including P. Peck and R. Pauloni mentioned in paragraph 1.

8. As the need for cutting is becoming increasingly more important as the available time shortens it may become necessary to direct even skilled labour to peat cutting if the essential Government service are to be maintained.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

E. J. Bunting

EXECUTIVE ENGINEER.



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<u>Name.</u>	<u>Type of bank.</u>	<u>Amount cut from</u> <u>16/11/48-17/11/48.</u>	<u>Hours worked</u>
Clifton J.H.	Throwing Bank	30 yards	14 hours.
Goss D.	" "	30 "	14 "
Goss J.	Wheeling "	20 "	14 "
Kiddle W.	Throwing "	25 "	14 "
McKenzie W.	Wheeling "	21 "	14 "
Middleton A.	Throwing "	30 "	14 "
Pauloni R.	" "	30 "	14 "
Roberts W.	" "	51 "	16 "
Smith W.J.	Wheeling "	38 "	16 "
Thompson J.	Throwing "	30 "	14 "
Jacobsen C.	" "	30 "	14 "
Watts J.	Wheeling "	25 "	14 "
Peck P.	Throwing "	50 "	16 "
Browning Jo.	Wheeling "	30 "	14 "

I, the undersigned hereby certify that I myself have measured the amounts of peat cut during the period 16th & 17th November, 1948 by the men shown and that the above record is true and correct in all details.

S Aldridge

PEAT FOREMAN.

20th November, 1948.

If above is for C.S.
it should be submitted through
the head of your Dept, pl

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P U B L I C N O T I C E

Tenders are invited for the carting of Government peat for the years 1951 to 1953 inclusive.

The work will commence in 1951 and the amount of peat to be carted in any given year will be not less than 15,000 cubic yards.

Applications, addressed to the "Chairman, Peat Tender Board, Secretariat ", should reach the Secretariat not later than noon on Monday 25th. September, 1950.

E. J. Bruntin

Executive Engineer.

16/8/1950.

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MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT made on the 2nd day of JANUARY 1951
between the Government of the Falkland Islands (here-
after referred to as the Government) and Mr L. Goodwin
and Mr K. Jacobsen (hereafter referred to as the
contractors)

WHEREAS the Government are desirous of hauling thier peat
supplies from the banks to sheds or stacks in Stanley
and have accepted the tender of the Contractors dated
the 23rd September 1950 for this work now it is hereby
agreed as follows:-

1. The Contractors will upon being so ordered load and cart
the peat from the banks and stack in sheds or stacks
where directed in Stanley and will provide all necessary
labour and transport for this purpose. The Contractors
shall commence the work and continue uninterruptedly until it
is completed or they are otherwise ordered except from
causes over which they have no control such as strikes or
inclement weather, and the work entailed in this Contract
shall have priority over any other work or contract the
Contractors may have.
2. The loading on the bank and the stacking in Stanley
shall be done under the supervision and to the entire
satisfaction of the Executive Engineer to the Government or
his duly appointed agent.
3. The quantities carted shall be the number of cubic yards
cut by the Government and as certified by the Executive
Engineer and on this basis the Government shall pay the
Contractors one shilling and three pence per cubic yard
irrespective of the number of loads carted at any one time
Payments shall be made in monthly instalments on the
certificate of the Executive Engineer based on the estimated
amount of peat carted to the date of payment less 20% until
such time as the 20% retention amounts to £100 when payments
shall be in full on the estimated amount carted each month.

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The retention money of \$100 shall be included and paid with the final instalment, upon the satisfactory execution of the contract. In the event of the non completion of the contract by the contractors, the Government may use all or part of any monies due to the Contractors to defray the cost of its completion.

4. The Contractors shall give the Government the names of two responsible persons who are willing to act as sureties for the satisfactory completion of the Contract.

5. The Government agrees to keep the pest sheds in reasonable order and tidy so that the work of the Contractors in stacking in sheds shall not be hindered.

6. The Contractors shall cover themselves against all claims arising against them under this Contract in connection with the Workmen's Compensation Ordinance 1936.

7. Provided all the conditions of this Contract are satisfactorily fulfilled it shall run until September 1953 unless either party gives to the other six months notice on the 1st day of September in any year.

Signed for and on behalf of the
Government of the Falkland Islands

C. J. Bruntley

In the presence of

R. R. R. R. R.

Witness.

Signed for and on behalf of the
Contractors.

L. H. Goodwin

In the presence of

S. C. Hildridge

Witness.

on the day first hereon mentioned.