

MISCELLANEOUS

(Sand Grass)

C.S.

1925.

No. 473/25.

H. E. the Governor

SUBJECT.

1925

9th July.

Previous Paper.

Snaring of Hares amongst sand
grass planted on the Peninsula

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MINUTES.

Minute from H. E. the Governor of 9th July 1925 - Encl (1)

Chief Inspector of Stock.

For info. Will you please say,
what balance is available on Head XIV
Item 3.

W. J. C. O'Keefe
13 July 1925

The Hon

Col Sec

Noted - the balance
available under head XIV Item 3
is £25

Subsequent Paper.

W. J. C. O'Keefe
13/7/25 Ch. Insp. of Stock.

From His Excellency the Governor

to The Honourable the Colonial Secretary.

(1)

Reference has been made on another paper to damage which is being done to sand grass on Peninsula by hares. It will be possible to prevent hares getting onto Peninsula by fencing wire netting or fencing & gates but there will be considerable difficulty in getting rid of the hares which are already there. As the ground is absolutely bare there is no cover to hide snares but nevertheless it is worth while giving them a trial as expense will not be great. Some cover may be afforded by sand grass itself as it begins to grow with shoots & leaves of sea cabbage of which there is now a quantity.

2. Will you please send an order to Crown Agents for "100 wire snares for hares complete with pegs for driving into the ground to hold the snare & carrying pegs to hold the loop."

S. M. Mahad

3. *S. M. Mahad* cost is £3 which can be charged to Head XIV Item 3 Maintenance of grass.

4. A draft of letter to go with order is attached which gives an indication of what is required. The

Accepted & H.P. J/57/25
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legs must be supplied with the snails as there are
no trees, as in other countries, from which legs can be cut
I have not got a copy of the Encyclopedia of Sport but
I think it contains a good description of a hare's leg. 9 July 1925.

P.S. There are no clearly indicated runs as is usual
in traps: ~~and~~ the runs will show up in snow but if
snails are set at other times & no runs can be found
snails can be set in lines of sand traps which take
very little. Dr. Bennett probably knows all about
setting of snails. ^(Dr. Rice certainly does) His following may help anyone concerned
the work & can be amended or added to by Mr Bennett or Mr Rice.

The cause of ineffectiveness of a snare is that of anything
that has come from human contact: snails shined not
to allow to come in contact with his clothes: his hands
should be rubbed with soil or sand: when putting
wire into traps knots should be smoothed out
& not with bare finger or thumb but with a bit of wash-
leather or worn skin: if possible set snare on a run: drive
big leg firmly into ground at side of run: give a hitch
at end to centre of wire to hold it in a loop about
4 inches in diameter: ^(large enough to go round a foot) stick carrying leg in ground
to hold loop at an acute angle to the run (concealing it if possible)
runner of nose should be on low side so that loop may
run easily along the wire: properly set catch loop should
stand up at right angles or nearly so from support leg ^{which} should
stand up ^{at an angle} which should be ^{at an angle} of support.