

1919

NAT/FAU/1 #2

British Museum	
A. G. Bennett	
No.	556.

C.S.

S. A. S. No 50

SUBJECT.

1919

12th March

Previous Paper.

Presentation of specimens to British Museum by Mr A. G. Bennett & payment of honorarium therefor.

MINUTES.

Inform Mr Bennett by letter. Particulars are given attached to my despatch to the Secy of State copy of which is enclosed.

20. 8. 19 *[Signature]*

Minute to Mr. Bennett, 26. 8. 19

Letter from Mr Bennett. 13. 9. 19.

N.E.

Mr Bennett encloses a letter for transmission to the Imperial Institute, as well as lists, photographs &c for the British Museum (N.H.) Three cases have been sent to the Agents P.S.N.E. for shipment by S.S. "Kumata". Draft letters to Agents P.S.N.E., and Imperial Institute submitted.

Subsequent Paper.

27/9/30

[Signature]
24. 9. 19

Draft letters approved. A letter should
also be written to the British Museum, with
ref to their letter of the 10th Feb last, received
on the 6th August, sending forward Mr Bennett's
memoranda of 11.9.19 (rec^d by me on 24.9.19)
annexed photos, and bill of lading for the 3
cases.

D.
24.9.19 for

Letter to Director, Imp: Inst: 24.9.19.

.. .. Agents, P.S.N.C. 24.9.19.

N.E.

Draft submitted.

The Agents P.S.N.C. state that it is their
usual practice to forward B/L direct to
the consignees by ship's letter.

D.
25.9.19 for

THE
25.9.19.

Letter to British Museum 25.9.19.

Minute from Ag. Treasurers, 21.4.20.

Hon Treas^r
Please inform Mr Bennett
in accordance with the last part of
your minute of 21st Inst. W.D.
22.4.20

Hon. Col Sec. ^{ty}
 Mrs Bennett informed
 accordingly. McH
 23.4.20

Letter from British Museum, 15.3.20.

Hon. Treasurer,
 For your information,
 A.J.J.
 10.5.20.

Hon. Col. Sec.
 noted. The CU's up's for
 March have not come to hand
 yet. The order for £20 mentioned
 by the B.M. will no doubt be
 paid through the CU's.
McH
 11.5.20

H.B.
 to Sec.
 A.J.J.
 13.5.20

Seen Wm
 14.5.20

H.B.
 To see. In reply to Letter from
 this office to Imperial Inst 24 Sep 1920
 Seen Wm
 31.7.20
 G.H. 13
 for C.S.
 30.9.20

Two copies of the following photographic prints supplied.

Whaler Tok east of the Horn.

Young H.B. whale on deck.

Chest cavity of a fin back.

Weddell seal on the Beach. *Leptonychotes weddelli*.

Crab eater asleep. *Lobodon carcinophaga*.

Land Station, Deception.

Sea Leopard

Blubber and male organ blue whale.

Finback twin embryos.

Six whales

" " and Thor I.

Flensing a Blue whale.

Finwhale blubber.

Whaling Bay from 1000 ft. Double

Entrance to Deception from outside. Double

15 scenes.

WHALES CONTD.

18. Skull, disarticulated, of embryo Fin back of about 10 ft. one of twins, as photograph. dry.
19. Three inches of rudimentary baleen, from the mouth of the above, in formaline.

SEALS

20. Weddells seals, female, complete skin in salt, free of blubber, skull and measurements, as photograph.

BIRDS

21. Two skins, skua, of very different sizes and markings, both common and mingle together, could be *C antarctica chilensis*, or *macormici*. comparison desired.
22. Two skins, shag, (slightly damaged at the apex of the wing of each, by rats) mature and immature, differ in size from S. Georgia, and Chilean birds, comparison with types desired.
23. Skull and sternum of a duck, *Erismatura vittata*, found at Deception Island, died of starvation?, these ducks migrated from Chile, during the drought of 1915-16, many reached Falklands, some dozen were seen at S. Shetlands.

FISH

24. Several specimens of *Neotothenia-Trematoma*, in formaline, caught in Bransfield Straits, several species, other larger species, not collected. for want of jars large enough to contain them.
25. Several -do--do-, in formaline, small, dredged.
26. One, large fish, in life transparent, *Chionodraco* ? in formaline, the middle part of the body, from under the skin, removed, no jar large enough to contain it whole.

LIST OF SPECIMENS OF SCIENTIFIC INTEREST, COLLECTED AT
DECEPTION ISLAND, SOUTH SHETLANDS, JANUARY TO APRIL, 1918
BY A. G. BENNETT

VEGETABLES

MOSESSES.

1. Dry specimens of various species, from some of the specimens, a number of low animal forms will revive after damping, including, Tardigada - Water bears, Rotifera, Ciliata, etc.

FUNGI

2. Specimens in formaline of a fungi, growing in moss of buff colour, diameter $\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches.

ANIMAL

WHALE

3. Barnacles, dry, and in formaline, of the rare *C reginae* ?
4. -do- in formaline, in situ on the extreme tail, of a type unknown to me, all small.
5. External ear of a blue whale, with surrounding blubber, illustrating the complete deafness of this external organ, together with a stoney substance taken from pit of this ear passage.
6. A number of stoney pieces, from the same position in another Blue whale, in spirit.
7. A large putty like substance, from the same position, in formaline.
8. External ear of a fin whale, similar to the above Blue whale ear, in formaline. No foreign matter found in the ear of this species, many were examined.
9. Ear Wax, from the now useless internal passage of the external ear, of the blue and fin whale, dry.
10. Pelvis, rudimentary, pair, from male blue whale.
11. -do- one fin whale male, with remains of leg bone ?
12. -do- rudimentary one, fin whale, female.
13. Part of jaw of bottle nosed whale, with two large teeth that had cut the gums more than one inch, and two others behind one of which had also cut the gum in life.
14. One ear bull a of the same animal.
15. Skin of penis of blue whale, stretched, dry.
16. -do- -do- -do- -do-, in salt.
The above two skins may be of commercial value as leather
17. Part of the urinary passage and surrounding tissue, from the above, containing several encysted worms, in formaline.

Government House, Stanley.

10th July, 1918.

Sir,

With reference to my despatch No. 58 of the 6th May, 1918, forwarding Mr A. G. Bennett's report on the South Shetlands whaling season 1917-18, I have the honour to enclose herewith a list of specimens collected by Mr Bennett at Deception Island, South Shetlands, and to offer the specimens, or such of them as may be considered of scientific interest, to the British Museum.

2. I also forward a few photographs taken by Mr Bennett whilst at Deception Island

3. The photograph of the Crab eater or "Crabbing" seal is I think of some interest, as I understand this species of seal is rarely seen in these waters. Mr J. Innes Wilson informs me that throughout his service in the Colony he has never seen the crab eating seal either at South Georgia or in the South Shetlands, and this is the first occasion on which Mr Bennett has come across one.

4. Should the British Museum consider the specimens of interest and desire to have them, I suggest that Mr Bennett might be given an honorarium of say £20 for the interest and trouble taken by him in the matter.

I have, etc.,

(Sgd) Douglas Young

Governor.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE
THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,

&c.,

&c.,

&c.

Enclosure No 1Enclosure No 2

Copy.

B.M. (N.H.)
6 & 173/19.

BRITISH MUSEUM (NATURAL HISTORY)

Cromwell Road,

London, S.W.7.

10th February, 1919.

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that your letter of the 1st ultimo No. 58919, with its enclosures, was laid before the Trustees of the British Museum at their last meeting here, on the 25th ult.

The Trustees desire me to acquaint you, for the information of the Governor of the Falkland Islands, that they have much pleasure in accepting for the Natural History Museum the specimens collected by Mr A.G. Bennett at Deception Island, South Shetlands. Mr Bennett has corresponded with the Museum on previous occasions, and has done useful service in sending information about whales. The Trustees have no hesitation in adopting the suggestion of the Governor that an honorarium of £20 should be given to Mr Bennett for the trouble taken by him in the matter.

Mr Bennett's photographs are returned, herewith, as requested. They are of considerable interest and perhaps he may be willing to present the Museum with copies, especially of those which represent living seals.

I have, etc.,

(Sgd) C. E. Fagan.

THE UNDERSECRETARY OF STATE

COLONIAL OFFICE.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 50.



Downing Street,
12th March, 1919.

*For C.S.O.
by
[Signature]*

19.8.19

10th February, 1919.

Sir,

With reference to your despatch No. 78 of the 1st July last, I have the honour to transmit to you the accompanying copy of a letter from the Director of the British Museum (Natural History) regarding certain specimens collected by Mr A.C. Bennett at Deception Island.

2. I should be glad if the specimens can be sent direct to the Natural History Museum. It will be observed that the Trustees enquire whether Mr Bennett would also be willing to present the Museum with copies of the photographs enclosed in your despatch.

3. It is understood that in order to meet audit requirements the payment of the proposed honorarium to Mr Bennett must be deferred until the specimens are received by the Trustees.

I have, etc.,

(Sgd) MILNER.

GOVERNOR

W. D. YOUNG, ESQ., C.M.G.,

&c., &c., &c.

556/19
MINUTE.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

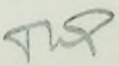
26th August, 1919.

Mr. A. G. Bennett,

I am directed by the Governor to forward to you the attached copy of a letter dated the 10th February, 1919, from the British Museum (Natural History) to the Under Secretary of State for the Colonies, which formed an enclosure to the Secretary of State's despatch No 50 of the 12th March, 1919, on the subject of certain specimens, a list of which I enclose, offered by you for acceptance by the British Museum.

With reference to the second paragraph of the letter, I am to say that to meet audit requirements the payment of the proposed honorarium must be deferred until after the specimens are received by the Trustees of the Museum.

I am to draw your attention to the request contained in paragraph 3 of the attached letter.


for Colonial Secretary.

LIST OF PHOTOGRAPHIC PRINTS

FOR BRITISH MUSEUM(NAT.HIST.) RE S/S No50 12/3/1919

A.C.Bennett.

Whaler "Bok" east of the Horn.
Young Hump-back-whale on deck
Chest cavity of a Fin-back-whale
Weddell's seal on the beach Deception Isd (specimen in salt)
Crab-eater asleep
Land station Deception Isd.
Sea Leopard, Beach Deception Isd
Blubber & Male organ Blue-whale.
Twin embryos Fin-back, two positions.
Six whales, Fin, Blue, H)B.
-do -do- & Thor l. Deception Isd.
Flensing a Blue-whale.
Fin-whale blubber.
Whaling Bay, Deception Isd. from 1000 ft (double)
Entrance to Deception Isd from outside. (-do-)

- 15 scenes - 16 photographs

ADDITIONAL SEALS.

Sea-elephant angry South Orkneys 1915
Do- -do- a fine trunk -do- -do- two positions.
do- -do- fighting -do- -do-
Do- -do- females inland -do- -do-
Weddell's seal Powell Ids -do- -do- 28 th Jan

(2)

31. 2 teeth from the above B-N-whale, in paper.
32. Lense of a Blue-whale, in tube with No 7.
33. Tail feathers of penguins, from a disused rookery in Deception Island, could be P antarctica, or an extinct sps, Mr Preston has a quantity of bones from the same place, and can forward.
34. packet of calcined "Whales bones"-exhaust from pressure boiler
?Commercial Value?
35. Bottle, Worms from the urinary tube of a Blue-whale
dry in paper stone embedded in the same specimen S Shetlands
1918-9
36. Hair from the face of a Young Hump-backed-whale, in situ,
in tube
37. Do- -do- Blue-whale -do-
38. One plate of baleen from Fin-back-whale, deformed by a
secondary growth, attached and between plates. S Shetlands
1918-19
39. Skull, minus jaw, of an animal found on Eagle Point Falklands
1919. The only existing animal, is a wild cat, there was a
Fox, (now extinct).
40. two rock sps, marked in red F.H. Campbell
Falkland Harbour, Powell Ids, South Orkneys 1915
This is an outcrop of sandstone in otherwise volcanic rocks
with a dip to the East. contains fossil plants.
41. One volcanic bomb Deception Ids South Shetlands 1913-4

Packed as follows

- Case 1. The bulk of the Specimens -6 cu ft
- " 2 Sps Nos 41.42. and an enclosure of a small box
of rocks for the Imperial Institute, to be kindly
forwarded - about 1. cu ft
- 3, One small cask, cont: Nos 16. 20.
4. One parcel, - by Parcels Post- Cont: Nos 15. 39.

LIST OF SPECIMENS PACKED.
COLLECTED SOUTH SHETLANDS? ETC. BY A.C. BINNETT.

MOSESSES

1. A tube of washings. Mr H.P. Preston will supply the Mosses.
Deception Isd S Shetlands.

FUNGI.

2. Two tubes of fungi in Formaline
Deception Isd S Shetlands, growing among above mosses.

WHALES

3. Barnacles, dry, and in formaline, of rare *C. reginae*?
S Shetlands. Mr Preston has two more to send.
4. -Do- in formaline one tube, in situ on extreme tail
S Shetlands.
5. External ear of Blue-whale one jar, and stony substance
from the pit of same. S Shetlands
6. A number of stony pieces, from the same position in another
Blue-whale, in spirit. one bottle. S Shetlands.
7. A putty-like substance do do Blue-whale, in formaline,
S Shetlands.
8. External ear of Fin-whale, one jar, formaline. no foreign
matter found in the ear of this species, many examined.
S Shetlands.
9. Ear wax, from the now useless external ear of Blue-whale
(two ears), Fin-whale (one ear) dry. S Shetlands.
10. Pelvis, rudimentary, pair, male Blue-whale.
11. -do- do one male Fin-whale with remains of a
leg bone?
12. -do- do do female do,

The above three sps have now exuded a quantity of oil, although
they were boiled quite white when obtained. S Shetlands.

13. Part of the jaw of Bottle-nosed-whale and 4 teeth.
14. One ~~XXXXXX~~ ear bulla of the same animal.
15. Skin of the penis of a Blue-whale, stretched, dry.
16. -do- -do- -do- in salt.
17. Part of the urinary from the above, with encysted worms.
in formaline, one jar.
18. Skull, disarticulated, of embryo Fin-back of about 10 ft.
19. one of twins, dry.
Seals
20. Weddells seal, female, complete skin in salt, skull dry
and measurements.

BIRDS.

- 21 and 22 as covering statement
23. Skull and sternum of *Brismatura vittata*?. Found dead at
Deception Isd, these ducks migrated from S America during
the drought of 1915-6, many reached the Falklands, some
dozen were seen at Deception Isd,

Fish.

24. Several sps of Fish-*Notthenia-Trematona*, in formaline.
Bransfield Straits 63 S. 60.30.W Long.
25. Mr Preston will supply these on request.
26. One large Fish. *Chionodraco*? in formaline, the middle of the
body removed from under the skin, so I had no jar large
enough to contain it, transparent in life.

All the above collected at Deception Island South Shetlands 1917-
1919.

ADDITIONAL LIST OF SPECIMENS OF INTEREST
ENCLOSED.

- 27.1 jar 3 Wilson's Petrel (*O. oceanicus*) S Orkneys in spirit
1 small *Voluta* Falklands for Mr Preston,
1 Sp F.I. "pike" Stanley Harbour. Kindly name
28.1 jar In formaline, seminal valve with spermata exuding of a
Blue-whale S Shetlands,
several X "gall-stones" from near the rectum of the same
species, perhaps related to ambergris of the Sperm-whale.
29.1 jar Undigested parts of cuttles, from the stomach of a Bottle-
nosed-whale, male, S Orkneys. from the same whale as sps
sent to the Museum by me in 1916.
29a paper Cuttle beaks, dry, from the above
30 do- Pens from the above Cuttles.

ADDRESSES (as far as is known to me 11/9/1919) of persons to whom specimens have sent, as mentioned in the list of specimens.

These specimens can be obtained from the persons named.

H. Berthon Preston F.Z.S.

Hotel de France,
Huelgoat.
Finistere. France.

In the absence of a London address known to me, I forwarded parcels of specimens that I wanted working out (in order that the whole of my collections in the far South might not be anticipated by other workers, as has already happened to me in the case of Mollusca from South Orkneys, in Buenos Aires), to

H.B. Preston F.Z.S.
c/o H.T. Booth. 8 Cranbury Rd. Fulham, London. S.W. 6

TTTT

Bird Skins now the property of the Public Museum, Falklands.

4 Skins (Nos 21 and 22 on list) have been shipped, with others, for mounting purposes, through the Falkland Islands Co Ltd, and Messrs Lowden Connel & Co Liverpool. to

Chs Jefferies 15 Beaufort West, Bath.
Successor (T.V. Sherrin. 9 High Street Hampton Wick Middx.)

Directions were also sent, that if Mr Jefferies was out of Business the case should be forwarded to Mr Booth as above address, or Jefferies successor was then unknown here.

In the mounting directions forwarded, I gave instructions that the British Museum (Nat Hist) should be informed of these, and other skins, so that if desired, these skins could be closely examined with a view to determine their relationship, before being mounted.

All the above parcels, and shipped case, left this Colony per s/s "Sorata" 10 Aug 1919.

Mr, H.B. Preston will supply, on request, specimens of Numbers:-
1. Mosses, 2. Two more dry barnacles (if G reginae, please return two)
25. Fish in tubes. 33. number of bones of these Penguins (extinct?).

R. J. Bennett
Customs Officer
11/9/1919.

STANLEY.

FALKLAND ISLANDS

13 September, 1919



Sir.

I have to thank you for your minute of 26/8/1919, and in reply, beg to state, that specimens as attached lists, have been packed for shipment.

Will you be good enough to forward to the Imperial Institute the attached letter and list, the specimens therein mentioned form an enclosure in case No 2. which no doubt the British Museum will be good enough to forward, as by this means a great saving on freight will be effected.

I enclose one packet of photographs as desired. 22. in all. The whole are now in the carpenter's shop, for addressing, excepting one per Parcels Post herewith.

I have the honour to be,

Sir.

Your obedient servant.

Customs Officer.

To The Hon: The Colonial Secretary.

Stanley.

556/19.

24th September, 1919.

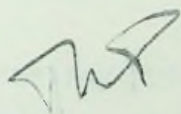
Sir,

I am directed by the Governor to forward to you the attached letter from Mr A. G. Bennett, of the Customs Department, dated the 11th instant, relative to rock specimens collected by him in the South Orkney Islands, being forwarded to you as an enclosure in a case addressed to the Director British Museum.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,



For Colonial Secretary.

The Director,

Imperial Institute,

South Kensington, S.W.

556/19.

24th September, 1913.

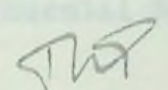
Sir,

I am directed by the Governor to inform you that three cases consigned to the Trustees of the British Museum (Natural History), Cromwell Road, London, S.W., have been forwarded to you for shipment to England by the s.s. "Kenuta". I am to request you to be so good as to effect the shipment, forwarding your freight account to me in due course.

I am, obedient servant,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,


for Colonial Secretary.

The Agents,

Pacific Steam Navigation Company,

Stanley.

25th September, 1919.

Sir,

With reference to Mr C. E. Pagan's letter No 6 & 173/19 of the 10th February, 1919, addressed to the Under Secretary of State for the Colonies, on the subject of certain zoological specimens collected in South Shetlands by Mr A. G. Bennett, of the Customs, a copy of which letter was received by the Governor on the 6th August last under cover of a despatch from the Secretary of State, I am directed by His Excellency to inform you that three cases of specimens, and one parcel post package, are being despatched to you by the s.s. "Kenuta" leaving here on or about the 27th instant. Bill of Lading for the three cases will be forwarded to you direct by the shipping agents.

2. I am to enclose for your information a memorandum submitted by Mr A. G. Bennett containing an amended list of the specimens now being forwarded to you. I also enclose copies of the photographs requested in the concluding paragraph of Mr Pagan's letter.

3. Mr Bennett has been informed of the intention of the British Museum to present him with an honorarium of £20 in consideration of the trouble taken by him in the matter of the specimens, and desires to express his appreciation of the recognition of his services.

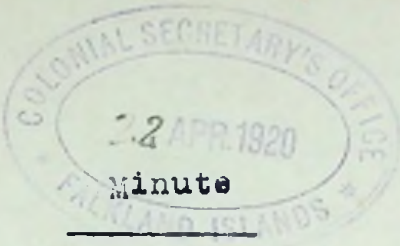
I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

TKP
~~for~~ Colonial Secretary.

The Director,
British Museum (Natural History),
Cromwell Road,
London, S.W. 7.



556/19

Hon. Col. Secty,

With reference to certain scientific specimens supplied to the British Museum by Mr. A. G. Bennett, Senior Customs Officer, I beg to inform you that Mrs. Bennett, wife of Mr. A. G. Bennett, has made enquiries as to whether the £20 payable by the Trustees of the British Museum, may now be paid. From correspondence contained in C. S. No. 556/1919, it will be seen that £20 was to be paid when the specimens had been received by the British Museum. I understand from Mrs. Bennett that the British Museum have sent an acknowledgment to Mr. Bennett concerning the specimens in question.

2. I am inclined to think that the Trustees, British Museum will pay the sum of £20 to the Crown Agents for credit of Mr. Bennett locally. To date we have only received C. A.'s a/c's for January - the item may appear in their a/c's for February.

Ag. Treas.

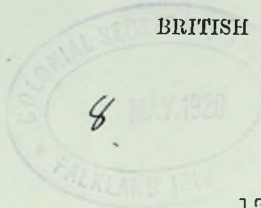
April 21st 1920.

556/19

Telephone :
WESTERN 7115 & 7119.

Telegrams :
NATHISMUS. LONDON

B.M. (N.H.)
3237/19.



BRITISH MUSEUM (NATURAL HISTORY),

CROMWELL ROAD,

LONDON: S.W.

15th March, 1920.

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 25th September last (No. 556/19), I beg to inform you that the zoological specimens collected in South Shetlands by Mr. A. G. Bennett and presented to the Museum by the Governor of the Falkland Islands have been duly received, and I am directed by the Trustees of the British Museum to convey to His Excellency the expression of their best thanks for the same.

An order on the Paymaster-General for £20 in favour of Mr. Bennett has been placed in the hands of the Colonial Office for transmission to him as an honorarium for the interest and trouble taken by him in making the collection.

I have also to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the set of photographs taken by Mr. Bennett, enclosed by you in response to my request of 10 February, 1919, and of his amended list of the specimens forwarded.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

C. E. Sagan

The Hon.
The Colonial Secretary,
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

W.H.

12543/20.

IMPERIAL MINERAL RESOURCES BUREAU,
2, QUEEN ANNE'S GATE BUILDINGS
DARTMOUTH STREET,
WESTMINSTER, LONDON, S.W.1.
3rd. May, 1920.

Sir,

I have not seen the specimens collected by Mr. A.E. Bennett from the South Orkney Islands a report on which has been received from the Imperial Institute, but have no doubt that the descriptions which are presumably by Mr. G.M. Davis are correct. The specimens from Powell Island and the grey sandstone from Signey Island are probably of Jurassic age, which has not been hitherto recognised in this group. The basalt from Laurie Island is due to volcanic action. The remaining specimens which are from Signey Island represent crystalline rocks presumably of pre-Cambrian age. These also were previously unknown from the South Orkneys. These specimens therefore add to our knowledge of the Islands but they are of no value in disclosing their structure, which could only be determined by a trained geologist who spent some time among them.

The pre-Cambrian rocks of Patagonia sometimes yield metalliferous deposits, but there is no reason for supposing that these occur in the South Orkneys. It is possible that coal might be found in the Jurassic rocks or in the older Karroo Beds that may underlie them but as I explained in my remarks to the Interdepartmental Committee the prospects of finding it in this area are not very good.

I am, etc.,

(Sgd.) JOHN W. EVANS.

THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE
COLONIAL OFFICE,
DOWNING STREET, S.W.1.

hornblende-schist with garnets. Those marked "A.S." included one piece of crystalline limestone with a little mica; one of hornblende-schist ^{with garnet;} one of hornblende-schist with epidote; five of mica-schist, mostly with garnet; one of quartz-schist with garnet; one of quartz; and three of quartz with mica-schist.

The three specimens marked "H" were pieces of mica-schist with garnets. Of the two specimens marked "H.A." one was quartz and the other quartz with garnets and mica-schist.

There were also five specimens without any marks, consisting of pieces of quartz and mica-schist, some containing garnet. The specimens described as "red nodules" were pieces of garnet in mica-schist.

Remarks.

None of these specimens represents material of any economic value, but they are of petrological interest and will be retained at the Imperial Institute for reference purposes.

8th March, 1920.

IMPERIAL INSTITUTE
OF THE
UNITED KINGDOM, THE COLONIES AND INDIA.

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Report on
ROCK SPECIMENS FROM THE SOUTH ORKNEY ISLANDS.

The specimens which are the subject of this report were forwarded to the Imperial Institute by Mr. A.G. Bennett of the Customs Department, Falkland Islands, and are referred to in letter No.556/19 dated 24th September 1919 to the Imperial Institute from the Colonial Secretary at Stanley.

The specimens, which had been collected by Mr. Bennett when acting as officer with the Whaling Fleet during the season of 1914-15, were forwarded at the request of the Imperial Institute.

Results of Examination.

Seven of the samples were marked "F.H." and were stated to have been collected at Powell Island. These consisted of pieces of grey sandstone, two of which showed markings which were possibly impressions of fossil plants.

One specimen marked "L.I.", collected on the beach of Laurie Island, was a pebble of amygdaloidal basalt in which the steam-cavities had been infilled with calcite.

The remaining specimens came from Signey Island and with one exception represented metamorphic rocks. The specimens marked "H.S." included one piece of grey sandstone; one of crystalline dolomite; two of garnet gneiss; two of mica schist; and three of

hornblende-
schist

ENCLOSURE TO BERNETT

No 52 ON 14 May 1920

COPY.

IMPERIAL INSTITUTE
OF THE

UNITED KINGDOM, THE COLONIES AND INDIA.

SOUTH KENSINGTON, LONDON, S.W.7.

8th March 1920.



1089/20.

*To be returned to G.H.
Only one copy sent G.S.S.
24/5/20.*

Sir,

I have the honour to enclose a report on a series of rock specimens, collected by Mr. A.G. Bennett in the South Orkney Islands, which are referred to in his letter of the 11th September 1919 and in the Colonial Secretary's letter No. 556/19 of the 24th September 1919.

I would request that a copy of the report may be supplied to Mr. Bennett.

I have, etc.,

(Signed) WYNDHAM R. DUNSTAN.

HIS EXCELLENCY

THE GOVERNOR

STANLEY

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

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No. 52.

Downing Street

14th May, 1920.

556/19

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit to you the accompanying copy of a letter from the Imperial Institute enclosing a Report on a series of rock specimens collected by Mr. A. G. Bennett in the South Orkney Islands and forwarded to the Institute by the Colonial Secretary of the Falkland Islands.

The report has been referred to Dr. J. W. Evens for his observations, and a copy of a letter from him is enclosed.

I have etc.

(Sgd.) Milner.

Imp. Inst. 8. 3. 20.

Dr. Evens. 3. 5. 20.

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THE OFFICER ADMINISTERING

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