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SUBJECT.

GOOSE FEATHERS.

Saving.

From the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

To the Officer Administering the Government of FALKLAND ISLANDS
(COLONY)

Date 29 May, 1951.

No. 48 Saving.



Goose-feathers.

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I enclose a copy of a letter dated 10th May, 1951, addressed to me on this subject by Messrs. E. Fogarty and Company Limited.

2. I should be grateful for material for reply.

Reply at H.

SECRET.

ACS

!! All used locally for
hearth brushes?

No. Sir, only
the single
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9 JUL 1951

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F. FOGARTY AND COMPANY LIMITED,

Mount Bridge, Boston, England

10th May, 1951.

The Colonial Office,
Downing Street,
London, S.W.1.

Dear Sirs,

We are given to understand that Geese are a pest on the Falkland Isles and are shot in large numbers.

As Importers of raw feathers, we are wondering whether any system exists for collecting the feathers from these birds, and if so, whether the quantities available would be worth shipping to this country.

We would appreciate any information you can give us, as in view of the extreme shortage of feathers of all kinds in this country, we are always anxious to explore the possibilities of new and hitherto untapped sources of supply.

Yours faithfully,
E. Fogarty and Co. Ltd.,

(Signed) M.K. Shrimpton,

Secretary.

ALKLAND ISLANDS

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DESPATCH
NO. 74 Col

Date ~~28 MAY 51~~
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Transmitted with the compliments of the Secretary of State for
the Colonies for

29 OCT 1951

information.
the Governor's ~~consideration~~
~~observations~~.

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Reference:- ~~Secretary of State's~~
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~~Telegram No.~~
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What are your...

W. J. C. S.
14/7/51

F. C. S.

In my opinion game are no more of a pest at the present time than they were years ago which goes to show that the increase is not enormous. Therefore if we had a wholesale slaughter of these birds they may become almost extinct.

Miss Fogarty's letter is much too vague to make any comments on as there may be quite a lot of snags about collecting feathers viz. whether the feathers have to be classified, that is keeping large feathers ^{species} from small ones also the cleanliness of them and the method of packing, prices paid and the amount required. These people may have read

Leitch-Cordis Injunction's article
Farming in the Falklands.

A. P.
C/c A. J.
17/vii/51

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Y.H.,

I took the opportunity this morning to discuss this question with Mr. Clement, and he confirms my own view that other than employing whole-time labour to shoot the geese and collect their feathers, there is little likelihood of the already insufficient farm labour being made available to carry out the work. Mr. Clement also pointed out that most farms already offer between 10/- and 15/- per hundred for the beaks of geese killed, but that judging by the small amounts which have to be paid, employees are not very interested a job which only involves killing the geese and cutting off their beaks, so that the possibility of finding persons who would be prepared to remove the feathers as well is very remote indeed. On the other hand Mr. Clement is of the opinion that to employ special labour to shoot the geese and take their feathers would make the venture too costly, as in the absence of roads in the areas where large numbers of geese are to be found, they would have to be transported to central points on horseback.

I submit a draft reply.

ACS
A. C. S.
26/7/51.

ACS
Jesse M.

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27/7/51.

SAVING TELEGRAM TO SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

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27th July, 1951.

No. 136

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Your Saving Telegram No. 48 of 29th May, 1951. Goose feathers.

2. Grateful if following information could be forwarded to Messrs. F. Fogarty & Company, Ltd.:-

"Geese are very plentiful on certain farms in the Falkland Islands, but although they are generally considered to be harmful to young grass, there is no concerted effort to keep their numbers down.

No system exists for the collection of raw feathers and as most farms are already greatly handicapped by shortness of staff, it would be quite impossible for labour to be loaned for this purpose.

To employ special labour to kill geese and collect their feathers would be a very costly undertaking, as in the absence of roads throughout these Islands, practically all transport to and from the areas

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where they abound would necessitate the use of horses and pack
saddles."

OFFICE ADMINISTERING THE GOVERNMENT.

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W. H. G.
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TELEGRAM SENT.

From SECRETARY OF STATE to GOVERNOR.

Despatched : 8.9.51. Time : 1130. Received : 9.9.51. Time : 0845.

No 163. My Savingram No 48. Goose Feathers.

When may I expect a reply?.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

ACS.

This should have reached them by now, N.f.a.

(Intld) M.R.R.
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29 OCT 1951
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17 September, 1951.

Gentlemen,

Falkland Islands Geese.

With reference to Colonial Office letter of the 8th June, 1951, about geese in the Falklands, I am directed to say that the following information (which the Government has asked to be sent on to you) has just been received from the Falkland Islands Government:-

"Geese are very plentiful on certain farms in the Falkland Islands, but although they are generally considered to be harmful to young grass, there is no concerted effort to keep their numbers down.

No system exists for the collection of raw feathers and as most farms are already greatly handicapped by shortness of staff, it would be quite impossible for labour to be loaned for this purpose.

To employ special labour to kill geese and collect their feathers would be a very costly undertaking, as in the absence of roads throughout these Islands, practically all transport to and from the areas where they abound would necessitate the use of horses and pack saddles."

I am,
Gentlemen,
Your obedient servant,
(Sgd.) P. A. Carter.

Messrs. E. Fogarty & Company Limited,
Down and Feather Purifiers,
Mount Bridge,
Boston,
Lincs.

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E. FOGARTY AND COMPANY LIMITED,
DOWN AND FEATHER PURIFIERS,
MOUNT BRIDGE, BOSTON, ENGLAND.

29 OCT 1951

19th September, 1951.

Your ref: 88023/142/51.

The Under Secretary of State,
Colonial Office,
LONDON, S.W.1.

Dear Sirs,

Falkland Islands Geese.

8 We thank you for your letter of September 17th, with regard to the above, and in view of the fact that the Feathers are to-day worth 10s. Od. per lb. in this country, we are wondering whether further consideration should be given to the matter.

We have noted the information which has been passed on by the Falkland Islands Government with great interest.

We shall be pleased to hear further from you.

Yours faithfully,
E. FOGARTY & CO. LTD.
(Sgd.) B. W. Taylor
Department Manager.

29 OCT 1951

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27th Sept 1951

Gentlemen,

Falkland Islands Geese.

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With reference to your letter of the 19th September on the above subject, I am directed to say that it would appear to be your opinion that in view of the present high value of geese feathers in this country the possibility of arranging for the collection and transmission of new feathers to this country should be pursued further.

2. The Falkland Islands Government would naturally be greatly interested in the development of a useful industry of this nature. It is suggested, however, that in the particular circumstances of the Falkland Islands your best course would be to contact the Falkland Islands Company whose headquarters are at Weybridge in Surrey. The Falkland Islands Company own and operate the sole means of communication between Port Stanley, the Capital of the Colony, and Montevideo on the mainland of South America. They also both own extensive land in the Colony and employ a considerable amount of labour. It is considered

Messrs E. Fogarty & Company Limited,
Mount Bridge,
Boston,
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that with their knowledge of local conditions and the resources they can command, it would be probably more appropriate if you were to seek their advice on the matter.

I am,
Gentlemen,
Your obedient servant,

(Sgd.) P. A. CARTER.

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December 19, 1951

American Consul
Port Stanley, Falkland Islands



Dear Sir:

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Very truly yours,

HAUPTMAN FEATHER CO., INC.

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Reply at 13.



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21 January, 52.

Sir,

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I am directed to refer to your letter of the 19th of December, 1951, and to append the following information:-

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"No system exists for the collection of raw feathers and as most farms are already greatly handicapped by shortness of staff, it would be quite impossible for labour to be loaned for this purpose.

"To employ special labour to kill geese and collect their feathers would be a very costly undertaking, as in the absence of roads throughout these islands, practically all transport to and from the areas where they abound would necessitate the use of horses and pack saddles".

I am,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

(Sgd) Michael R. Raymer

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

RAYMER
22/1/52

M. Hauptman, Esq.,
Feather Company Inc.,
75 Wallabout Street,
BROOKLYN 11, N.Y.,
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