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Previous Paper.

METEOROLOGICAL REPORTS.

MINUTES.

1. Minute from Director of Agriculture of 1. 11. 44.
2. Excerpt from Camp Bulletin, No. 94 of 5. 11. 44.
3. letter from Lieut. Kingon of 16. 11. 44.

Subsequent Paper.

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(It is requested that, in any reference to this minute the above Number and the date may be quoted.)



MINUTE.

1st. November, 1944

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From
Director of Agriculture.

To The Hon., The Colonial Secretary,
Port Stanley,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

While I was on the west two farmers, Messrs Luxton and Harding, asked me to inquire whether it would be possible to get the forecasts released each day by the Meteorological Station broadcast to the West.

I have inquired from the N.O.I.C and have received the following reply.

'Only a general forecast can be made, as, owing to the peculiar conditions prevailing in individual localities, a very considerable local knowledge is required and this will not be available.

'If such information will be of any use to the managers, and they fully understand what they will be getting, the necessary arrangements will be made.'

I therefore suggest that a message on the following lines be sent through the information officer to all Westers

'On the requests of Messrs Luxton and Harding the N.O.I.C has been approached for permission to broadcast the meteorological forecasts. He has replied that only a general forecast can be made as the peculiar conditions prevailing in individual localities are not sufficiently well understood for accurate forecasting. He adds that if such general forecasts will be of assistance to managers, and if they fully

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'understand what they will be getting, the necessary arrangements will be made. Will Westers please indicate their wishes?'

Personally I think such general forecasts would be of some assistance, as even in the few days I was there three or four days were lost because the manager could not forecast that the clouds would disappear within two or three hours.


Director of Agriculture.

Excerpt from CAMP BULLETIN , No. 94.

5th November, 1944.

Good afternoon everybody. This is the Stanley Broadcasting Station and this is Mercer speaking.

In response to requests received the Naval Officer in Charge has very kindly agreed to have a daily weather forecast prepared for broadcasting to the Camp. He has asked us to make it quite clear that these forecasts can only be of a most general nature, that it is impossible either to guarantee their accuracy or to give forecasts to individual localities. The forecasts will normally cover the whole Colony but should there be obvious indication of quite different weather on West and East Falkland an attempt will be made to divide the forecast accordingly. It is hoped that this service will be of some assistance to people on the farms but it will be unwise to place too much reliance upon it. Local conditions simply do not permit really accurate forecasts. The forecasts will be given every afternoon except Saturday. On week-days they will be given at the start of the Educational programme at 2:15 p.m. sun time and on Sundays at the beginning of the weekly news bulletin at 4:00 p.m. sun time. We hope that this service will be appreciated.

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Met. Office

16th Nov. 1944.

Dear Captain Aldridge,

In reply to your telephonic request, a list of people reporting weather to the Met. Office is enclosed.

Your attention is invited to the reports from South Georgia which are made by a Norwegian in the employ of the Pesca Whaling Company.

J. Kinga

PEBBLE.

Per kind favour of Mr Barton & Mr Betts.

Mr J. Peck-Betts
Mr Barton

FOX BAY.

Mr W.B.Myles
Mr E.S. Smith

DARWIN.

Per kind favour of Mr Goddard.

Mrs Goddard
Mrs Ellison
Mr K.V.Lellman

CARCASS.

Mrs J.Hansen.

NEW ISLAND.

Mr & Mrs Ferguson.

CAPE PEMBROKE LIGHTHOUSE.

Per kind favour of Mr Lewis.

The above is a full list of personnel reporting to the R.N. Met. Office, Stanley

J.H. King
Lieutenant, SANF.