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SUBJECT.

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*Seal poaching - Report of
practices*

MINUTES.

Notes
Messrs Hamilton and Hockley
verbally informed of this
W.H.H. 24/9/23

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Submitted.

Mr. Allen the Printer reported to me today that he picked up a lot of talk about seal poaching in the Falklands while he was at Punta Arenas recently.

He was informed that the schooner Diana relied on the Journal to make it pay. His informant was a shareholder in the schooner; he was unaware of Mr. Allen's identity.

The practice explained was that the schooner cleared for Gallegos; as clearance was not required outward from that port the sealing operations were carried out from there the vessel afterwards returning to Gallegos and thence to Punta Arenas.

The pockeries in the Falklands were mentioned including one said to be some about Beaver Islands. The Bass ground on the Jason Islands was mentioned but no fear of it was expressed it being believed that a party could easily land at night and overtake the ground. It was also stated that sealing was carried out at the Jason Cays. The afterguard was discussed the alleged speed being 12 knots. It was believed that there was no danger as the sealing vessel would fly a British flag and this would not be fired on without a warrant.

The informants now recent sealing in the Falklands had been carried out at an island out of sight of land - believed by

Diana

visited Falklands Oct-Nov.
1920.

Possibly North Island
off New Island.

Afterglow has reported that there
are no seal on Jason Cays

* The speed of the Diana
with auxiliary motor being
14 knots.

Mr. Allan to be the Beauchamp. The
time spent there was three weeks (or possibly
months but not clear) after the skins
were taken the seals were ~~try~~ tried out.
Whether ^{the} sealing had actually been done
this year was not clear but the best
time for sealing was said to be 'the
great days': this referred to Chukkas
when protection would not be ~~carried out~~ ^{neglected}.

Mr. Allan further suggested that
the steamer Lorient (?) belonging to
Braun and Blackard and under the
command of a Captain Amelia (?)
Porter's late mate and murderer would
probably be visiting the Falklands soon
and might try poaching.

Emilio Dolkens?
previous ship
Minerva (100 tons)

Whether there is any thing in this
or not Mr. Allan is to be congratulated
on his initiative? He told his informant
that he was out of work and he was offered
a job on the schooner if he was a sailor.

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1. Mr. Allan is to be congratulated on his initiative.
2. The information is in many aspects similar
to that which was obtained from the same in
middle of 1921 which led to special licences being
granted to take a limited number of seal.
3. Afterglow has been almost continuously at sea
since end of October: she goes out again this week
& after she requires some engine room repair: after
these have been completed she will again visit Larn.
4. Hawaiian Hunter or Sub Hunter should be the
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