

C.S.

INDUSTRIES  (Tussac)
No. 470/24

1924.

C.E. "T."

Chief Inspector of Stock

SUBJECT.

1924

14th July.

Previous Paper.

Submits report on visit to Tussac Islands.  
Damage to Tussac by Sea Lions.

C/7/31

MINUTES.

Report from Stock Inspector of 14th July 1924 - End (1)

G.B. Submitted.

This paper has been held back awaiting the return of previous papers on the subject from the Chief Inspector of Stock

G.R. Piz  
for C.S.  
22 July 1924

H.C.S.  
I have spoken to Master of afternoon. He can undertake as early as convenient reduction in numbers of hair seal both on islands in Port William + on Volante Rocks awaiting the two places together as weather permits.

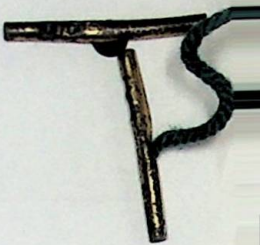
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22 July 1924.

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Subsequent Paper.



Acting Harbour Master  
Referred  
G.M. 13  
for C.S.  
24 July 1924



The Hon; Col; Secretary.

Thank you . Noted and returned.

~~W. Barclay~~  
Acting Harbour Master.

24/7/24.

Letter from Mr. A.G. Bennett, Assistant to Naturalist.  
5 August 1924 (2.)

Y.S.  
Submitted for information

~~W. Barclay~~ 1 Sept. 24  
24 Sept 24.

of Mr. Naturalist

for further report please

~~W. Barclay~~ 25 Sept. 24

Report by Ag of Naturalist of 30 Sept 1924 ————— Encl (3)

Y.S.  
Submitted

~~W. Barclay~~ 7 Oct. 24  
7 Oct 24



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Stanley

14/7/24.

The Hon:

Colonial Secretary

Sir

I have the honour to forward for the information of his Excellency the Governor, that with the Chief Constable I visited the Port William tussac islands.

On the island nearest Stanley I found the tussac to be in splendid condition, but owing to the visitations of sea lions a considerable portion of the tussac is being rendered useless. The second island also has quite a lot of good tussac on it but here also the sea lions have spoilt a large number of the plants.

As the tussac on these islands is very valuable as winter feed for stock, I should like to suggest Sir, that periodical visits be made to the islands and the sea lions be driven off them.

I have the honour to be

Sir,

Your obedient servant

*W. Carter*

Chief Inspector of Stock.



Stanley.

5. August 1924.

Sir.

Following instructions, I proceeded with H.M.C.S. Afterglow on the 2nd August to the Volunteer Rocks, and the outer Tossock Island, for Sea-lions.

Leaving Stanley shortly after 10am, we landed on the Volunteer Rocks about noon. Very few Sea-lions were on the rock, 8 or 9 being killed.

A fair number of Fur Seal were seen. The adults quickly left for the water, while last seasons pups took to the cracks between 20 and 30 were seen in three cracks passed over. The landing was good.

After 2pm we arrived at the outer Tossock Island. This island is very much improved since my former visit in December last, the tussock having grown up quite thickly. Sea-lions were scattered over the Island, some 60 being shot off. Of those that I saw, most were young males, or females. Two immature animals were taken on board for their skins, these proved to be half grown male and female, their skins are not large. I would suggest that a full grown male should be secured as well for the "experimental export".

Total Kill about 70 Sea-lions.

I am ,

Sir.

Your obedient servant

*Alfred Bennett*

Asst to Naturalist

To the Honourable  
the Colonial Secretary.



Stanley,

30. Sept, 1924.

Sir.

I beg to report that I visited yesterday in the Penguin the Tossock Islands in Port William for the purpose of clearing them of sea-lions.

The outer island contained less than on previous visits. The tussock grass is now in excellent condition.

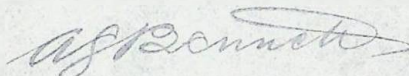
The inner island had very few lions on it. The tussock is very dense, especially in the North & East.

In all, between 40 and 50 animals were killed.

I am,

Sir.

Your obedient servant.



Ag naturalist.

The Honourable,

The Colonial Secretary.