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6th September.

CENTENARY OF COLONY, 1933.

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g. S. Submitted with letters of
 thanks to Hon. J. J. Foster at
 Mr. R. C. P. Evans, who sat
 with Mr. Norris at Mr. Norton
 as Judges, at to Mr. J. McMill
 who provided the sheep.

2. In my view the trials
 were interesting and successful, although
 for one cause and another the
 standard of actual achievement was
 not so high as might have been
 expected.

Hon. C. S.
 Approved J. M. L.
 I agree with view
 expressed in Par. 2. 26. 2. 33
 J. G. 24-2-33

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Inside Minute Paper.

Sheet No. 2

Letter to Mr. J. McGill of 1/3/33.
 R. C. Cole. Evans. Esq.
 Hon. G. J. Selton

Met. Off

Please see

all ranks for your
 our services in this
 connection.

J. M. M.

2-3-33

Hon. Col. Secy.

Seen Thank You.

Johnston

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*Port San Carlos,
Falkland Islands, S.A.*

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:
"CARLOS, PORTSTANLEY"

May 31 1932.

Hon. Secretary,
Centenary Stock Show Committee,
PORT STANLEY.

Dear Sir,

With reference to the proposed dog trials it would be an advantage if it were decided and made known as soon as possible what the various entries will be expected to do.

I have no personal experience of running or judging these events but for your information I enclose a brief résumé of the International Trials Society's rules. Items 3 and 5 are probably unsuitable as they call for highly trained dogs, and by eliminating these the total time allowed for each dog could be considerably reduced.

Yours faithfully,

N. Keith Cameron.

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BRIEF RESUME OF THE INTERNATIONAL TRIALS SOCIETYS RULES.

The first item is known as handling. The dog is required to go out three hundred yards or more for five sheep (in some competitions only three sheep are used) and bring them in to his master. 30 points are allowed to the dog that does his work perfectly. The second item is driving away the sheep 100 yd. through two poles at the outer end, such poles being set 30 yd. apart. The points allowed for a perfect performance in this case are 15. The third item is shedding. The dog is required to shed or separate two marked sheep from the others, 20 points being allowed for a perfect performance. The fourth item is penning. The dog, in this case, is required to put the sheep into a pen 9 ft. square, 10 points being allowed for a perfect performance. The fifth item has to do with the handling of a single sheep. In this case the dog has to separate a single sheep from the others and keep it by itself for one minute, 10 points being allowed for a perfect performance. In addition, 15 points are allowed for the dog with the best style. The principal considerations in judging style are that the dog goes about his duty in a smooth, easy way and keeps a steady and unfaltering eye on the sheep. The perfect dog in all items gains 100 points. The time allowed for the whole performance is fifteen minutes. In the first two items the master of the dog is stationary and is not allowed to shift his position many feet either way. In the others he is allowed to give the dog a certain amount of assistance - for example in opening and shutting the pen, in keeping one side as the dog brings the sheep up to the pen, and in shedding. In all cases roughness on the part of the dog towards the sheep is a fatal mistake, as is also any tendency to "teeth" the sheep.

The above is an extract from the Standard Cyclopedia of
Modern Agriculture.

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Suggested Scheme for Sheep dog trials, Feb. 1933.

Entrant to remain stationary at one end of course & send out dog on 400 yards "cast" & fetch three sheep just liberated from a pen. The dog to fetch these sheep in a straight line towards entrant through 6 foot gap in hurdles about 20 feet long each side of gap, situate about 50 yds from entrant.

Then the dog to drive the sheep to the left through a similar gap & across the course through a third similar gap [vide plan facing page 46 in enclosed book "The Canine King"]

Finally the dog to pen the three sheep in 6 foot square pen helped by master as stated on page 46 (above).

The dog must negotiate the three sheep through the first three obstacles without help from entrant other than by whistle, word of command, or movement of the arms.

Points to be allotted as in Aushaban Trials [vide middle of page 47], as being in fairer proportion to various branches of work - totaling 100 points.

The dog need not necessarily lose points for failing to negotiate an object with all 3 sheep - according to the opinion of sound judges.

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Bluff Cove.

August 13th 1932.

Dear Mr. Ellis,

In continuation of my letter to you of August 11th, I am enclosing a recent book on sheep-dogs, which contains a thorough description, by an authority, on trials both at home and in Australia. I have also put down on a separate sheet a suggestion for the scheme of trials scheduled for February, 1933; this suggestion is, as you will note, a combination of English & Australian methods with the more difficult task of "shedding" marked sheep omitted, as the dogs that will appear next Centenary will naturally not be anything like so proficient as in larger open trials.

The scheme stated in the attachment of Mr. Norman Cameron's letter is very good, but in my opinion the distribution of the points is in a very unfair proportion to the varying difficulty of the different tasks for the dog to perform.

~~in great~~ The book enclosed was only published 3 years ago in Australia and it took me eighteen months to secure a copy from there, but the

author is a well-known sheep-dog man and the whole book, apart from the February trials interest, is well worth reading.

From the point of view of trials, chapters 5 & 6 will be of chief interest, and chapter 9 to a certain extent as it describes the utility of trials in connection with open work in big country.

Page 48 is, I think, important for the judges, whoever they may be, to study, in order that the best working dog from the sound sheep man's point of view, receives recognition for quiet efficiency.

I hope some of these suggestions of the attached paper will be of use to the Centenary Committee, and in conclusion, if there is any way more in which I can help the Committee please let me know, as I would be very willing to do so.

yours sincerely

Sydney Miller jr

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MINUTE.

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

14th October 1932.

From Veterinary Officer.

To

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

Submitted herewith plan of course for Centenary Sheep Dog trials, together with programme of trials held in King's re-tryals in August 1932.

The plan submitted is not to scale, merely a rough sketch of a simple course for untried dogs.

I would suggest that the competitor be confined in an area 10 yds radius, until sheep are driven along race course. The competitor would then be allowed to assist dog in driving sheep through gate in race course fence.

The competitor must retain hold of rope attached to gate while penning sheep, and must not assist dog, in event of sheep breaking at penning.

I would also suggest that the committee view the site for the trials and if possible arrange a run on the courses suggested. (With good dogs).

The scale of points awarded for the various sections is shown in the programme. A competition was run in connection; the winner had to place the dogs in agreement with the judges verdict.

THE ANNUAL
KINTYRE
Sheep Dog Trials

WILL BE HELD ON
GORTAN FARM, CAMPBELTOWN,
 ON
FRIDAY and SATURDAY,
5TH AND 6TH AUGUST, 1932.

Competition Commences on **FRIDAY** on arrival of Steamer. On **SATURDAY** at 9 a.m.

The Dogs to run on **FRIDAY** are those who never competed previously or who never won a Tenth Prize.

Judge - - Mr **JAMES WEIR, Crawfordjohn.**

PRIZES--

CONFINED CLASS.

(Confined to Competitors Resident in Kintyre).

1st, Mrs Macneal's Silver Challenge Cup, The James Welsh Medal, and	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	£3	0	0
2nd,	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	0	0
3rd,	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	0	0
4th,	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0	15	0
5th,	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0	10	0
6th,	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0	7	6
7th,	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0	5	0
8th,	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0	5	0
9th,	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0	5	0
10th,	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0	5	0

OPEN CLASS.

(Open to Dogs from any part of Argyllshire and the Island of Arran who have won either a 1st or 2nd Prize and selected Dogs from Confined Class).

1st Prize, £1: 2nd £3 3rd, £1: 4th, 10s: 5th, 5s: 6th, 5s.

Special Prizes for Type, Shedding, etc.

Special Prize of £1, from Mr SAM. MITCHELL, to the Competitor who Breeds, Trains, and Works his own Dog.

PETER J. CAMPBELL, Secy.

Estates Office, Campbeltown.

COMMON FENCE.

STONE HOUSE.

G. STAND.

SPORTS HOUSE.

G. STAND.

COMPETITOR'S RING.

12 feet.

PEN. 6 ft. square.

300 yds?

100 SHEEP.

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S QUARTERS.

Gov. House Paddock.

SHEEP PEN

BUNGALOWS.

BUNGALOWS.

ROSS ROAD.

ROSS ROAD.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS CENTENARY.

STOCK SHOW.

~~Proposed~~ Conditions for Sheep-Dog Trials to be held
at Stanley on Tuesday the 14th of February, 1933.

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- Entries.
1. Not more than one dog will be entered by each competitor.
 2. Not more than two dogs will be entered from any one station. Entries will be made through the station manager. N.B. This condition will not apply to entries made by competitors resident in Stanley.
 3. The entry fee will be 5s/- (Five shillings) for each dog.
 4. Entries will be made not later than the 31st of December, 1932, to A. Newing Esq., Honorary Secretary, Centenary Stock Show Committee, Stanley
 5. The following prizes will be awarded.
First Prize £10.
Second Prize £5.
- Nature of Trials.
6. The competitor will remain stationary at one end of the course and will send out the dog on a 400 yards run-out to lift three sheep just liberated from a pen and bring them in a straight line towards competitor through a gap fifty yards in front of the competitor and six feet in width between two sections of hurdles each twenty feet in length. The dog then will drive the three sheep to the left of the course through a similar gap and back across the course to the right through another similar gap. Finally the dog will pen the three sheep in a pen six feet square with a gate. See rough plan of course attached.
 7. The dog will negotiate the three sheep through the three gaps without help from the competitor other than by whistle, word of command or movement or the arms. During penning the competitor will stand at the gate end, holding a rope two feet long, while the dog works the sheep into the pen.
- Marking.
8. The scale of points to be given will be as follows :-
Under command 20.
Steadiness 10.
General Working 20
Negotiating Gaps 30.
Style (a) Run-out 8.
(b) Approach 5.
(c) Command of sheep 7.
Total Points 100.
 9. The dog will not necessarily lose points for failing

to negotiate a gap with all three sheep.

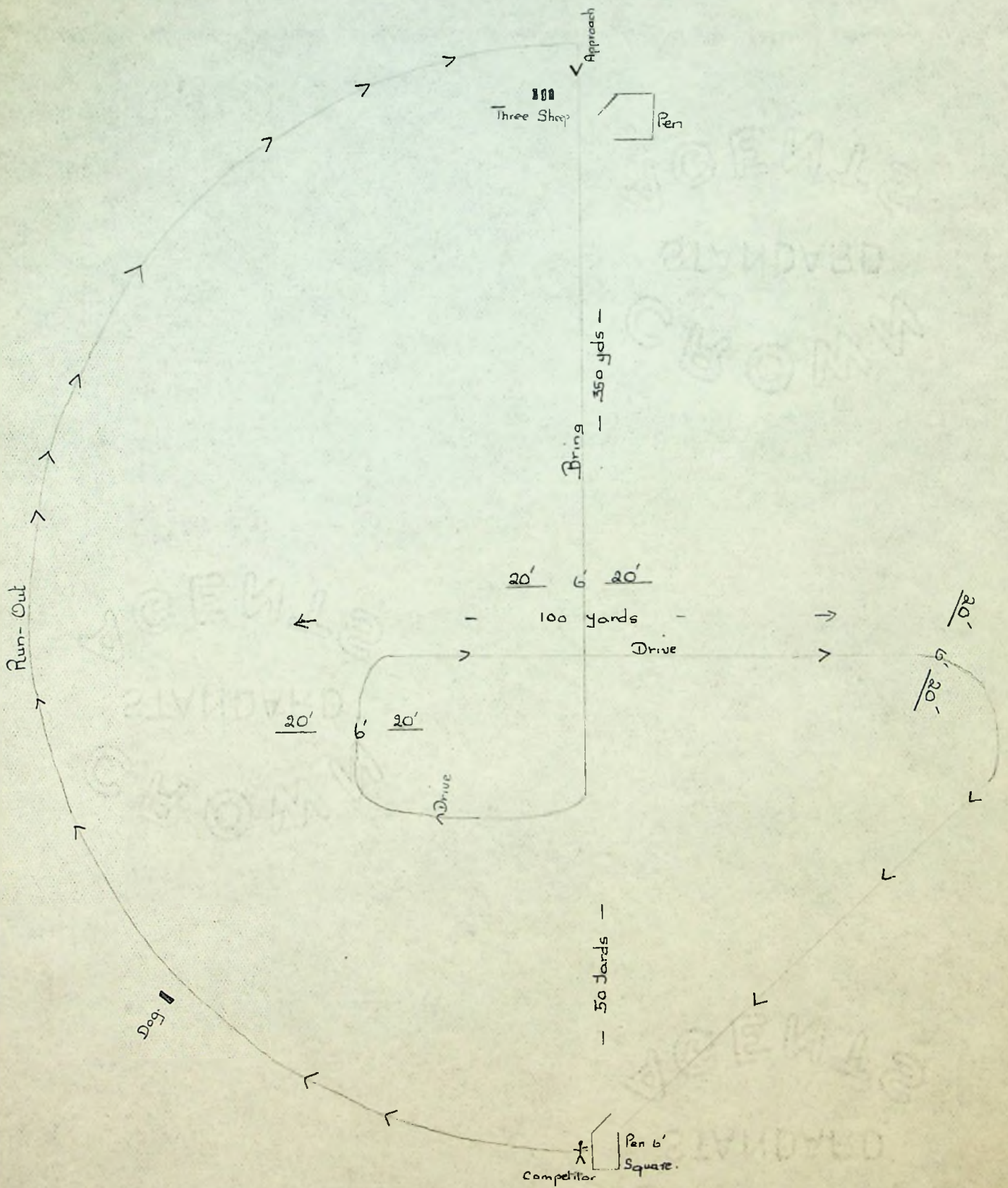
10. During penning a competitor who leaves the gate and before being ordered to do so by the Judges may be forced to lose points.

Time
Limit.

11. The time limit allowed will be twenty minutes. If a dog does not complete the course in that time he will be disqualified.

ROUGH PLAN OF COURSE.

(Not Drawn to Scale)



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23rd Nov. 1932.

From Veterinary Officer

To

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

Submitted herewith diagram of Sheep Dog trial course.

I would suggest that the points be awarded as follows.

Competitor.	Hauling.				Command.			Total Points
	Runout.	Approach	Bringing.	Gates	Penning.	Dog.	Handler.	
	5	5	5	10	10	10	5	55.

Perhaps if the above table was incorporated in the programme Shepherds would 'do their own judging'.

J. Hunter.

23. 11. 32.

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.

SENT.

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
				14/12/52

To

Myles

Fox Bay

Please ascertain from West members stock show sub-committee namely Messrs. Pole-Evans, Luxton, Harding and Barton, whether they agree to following proposals (1) stock show to be held at Quarantine station and (2) Judges for Sheep Dog Trials to be Messrs. Pole-Evans, Felton and Morton.

Secretary.

Time

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From ~~From~~ Mr. Evans, Port Howard.

To The Colonial Secretary.

Despatched: 13th December, 19 32. Time: 19.00

Received: 14th December, 19 32. Time: 11.00

West Committee agree your proposals F.I. bred horse and gear class
also sheep dog trials.

Evans.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Mr. Myles. Fox Bay.

To The Colonial Secretary.

Despatched : 17th December, 19 32. Time : 9.30

Received : 17th December, 19 32. Time : 11.00

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in M.P. 21/32)

Your telegram of 14th December following from sub-committee :-
The committee agree quarantine stock show but consider Mr. James
Robertson to be appointed judge sheep dog trials also some provision
should be made to pick up and land back forty odd passengers at
Port Stephens this includes people from various islands and quite
a few of which cannot ride step kindly reply to last paragraph at
earliest convenience.

Myles

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17/12/32.

To

Myles

Fox Bay

Please inform west members Centenary Committee that Mr. James Robertson is entirely acceptable as judge sheep dog trials fullstop Also that arrangements will be made for Fleurus to pick up and land back passengers at Port Stephens.

Secretary.

Time

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Mr. Robertson. Port Stephens.

To The Colonial Secretary.

Despatched : 2nd January. 19 32 *Time :* 9.
12.00

Received : 2nd January. 19 32. *Time :* 11.00

Dogs competing prefer not to judge could Fleurus arrive Stanley
from Port Stephens evening 10th February.

Robertson

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FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.

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Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
				9/1/55.

To

Myles

Fox Bay

Please ascertain from West Falkland members Centenary Stock Show sub-committee whom they wish to nominate as judge for sheepdog trials fullstop Mr. Robertson has dogs competing and prefers not to judge

Secretary.

Time

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TELEGRAM.

From The West Centenary Committee.

To The Colonial Secretary.

Despatched : 14th January, 19 33. *Time* : 20.00

Received : 15th January, 19 33. *Time* : 11.00

Propose Mr. Evans as judge sheep dog trials desire to know if arrangement will be made to receive west sheep on arrival Stanley.

West Centenary Committee.

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.

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Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
				13/1/53.

To

Myles

Fox Bay.

Following for West Members Centenary Committee begins nomination of Mr. Evans as judge sheep dog trials agreed fullstop Arrangements will be made to receive West sheep for stock show on arrival Stanley fullstop Please say how many sheep will be sent by each station

Secretary.

Time

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Hon. Col. Secy.

There were 16 entries for the sheep - dog trials which were run off on the 14th Feb. 1933.

Mr. Norris assisted the judges, who found little difficulty in placing the awards. Mr. Miller won with 'Speed' and Mr. Hall was runner up.

The arrangements made proved satisfactory and there were no difficulties whatever the sheep provided by Mr. McGill.

The competitors were of the opinion before the trial that the course was easy. This opinion had altered at the end of the day as no dog completed the course. Several dogs were unfortunate in getting bad sheep.

J. Martin

V.O.

23. 2. 33.

259/32.

1st March, 33.

Sir,

I am directed by the Governor to express to you His Excellency's grateful appreciation of the assistance so willingly afforded by you in acting as Judge at the Centenary Sheep Dog Trials.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

LS

Colonial Secretary.

R. C. Pole-Evans, Esq., J.P.,
Port Howard,
WEST FALKLAND.

259/32.

1st March, 33.

Sir,

I am directed by the Governor to express to you His Excellency's grateful appreciation of the assistance so willingly afforded by you in acting as Judge at the Centenary Sheep Dog Trials.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Colonial Secretary.

The Hon. G. J. Felton, M.L.C., J.P.,
Teal Inlet,
EAST FALKLANDS.

259/32.

1st March,

33.

Sir,

I am directed by the Governor to express to you His Excellency's sincere thanks for the assistance to willingly rendered by you in connection with the Centenary Sheep Dog Trials more especially in regard to the supply of the sheep required.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,



Colonial Secretary.

Mr. J. McGill,
STANLEY.