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Purchase of Slipe Wool by the Government.

WHEREAS for the purposes of the present war it is necessary that His Majesty's Government of the United Kingdom should obtain further supplies of wool from New Zealand: And whereas by Proclamations of the 21st day of December, 1916, and the 15th day of October, 1917, all wool of the 1916-17 and 1917-18 clip respectively in New Zealand was requisitioned by and on behalf of His Majesty, but it was expressly declared that slipe wool would not be subject to requisition thereunder: And whereas arrangements have been made whereby the Government of New Zealand will acquire on behalf of His Majesty's said Government certain supplies of slipe wool from freezing companies:

Now, therefore, it is hereby notified as follows for the information of all persons concerned:—

1. The New Zealand Government (hereinafter referred to as "the Government") is prepared to purchase for and on behalf of His Majesty's Government of the United Kingdom all slipe wool held in store in New Zealand on the 16th November, 1916, or produced thereafter in New Zealand up to and including the 30th November, 1918, by any of the freezing companies named in the First Schedule hereto, on the terms and conditions and in accordance with the scheme hereinafter set forth.

Special Provisions applying to the Purchase of Slipe Wool invoiced prior to the 1st April, 1918.

2. The following conditions will govern the purchase of slipe wool in respect of which invoices have been rendered to the Department of Imperial Government Supplies prior to the 1st April, 1918:—

3. The price to be paid for the slipe wool will be determined as follows:—

(a.) From the average gross price per pound received for each and every grade of slipe wool produced by any such company and sold in London between the 1st January and the 31st December, 1914, there shall be deducted the sum of 1½d. per pound, representing shipping expenses, freight, and other charges.

(b.) To the residue in each case shall be added a sum equal to 55 per cent. thereof.

- (c.) The said residues, plus the said 55 per cent., shall be the prices per pound to be paid respectively for the same grades of slipe wool produced by such company up to the 30th June, 1917.

The price shall be worked out to the nearest farthing.

4. With respect to slipe wool produced by any such company on or after the 1st July, 1917, this wool will be valued and paid for in accordance with the prices shown in the Third Schedule hereto.

5. Each company shall forthwith, unless it has already done so, submit to the Controller of the Department of Imperial Government Supplies (hereinafter referred to as "the Controller") a statement or statements in triplicate of the prices received by it between the 1st January and the 31st December, 1914, in the form set out in the Second Schedule hereto, to enable the estimated local price of the slipe wool of that company to be fixed.

6. If no slipe wool of any particular grade or grades was sold by any such company in London during the period named in paragraph 5, the prices at which its wool shall be invoiced *pro forma* to the Government shall be fixed by mutual agreement between the Government and the company; the London Committee, referred to in paragraph 13 hereof, shall finally adjudicate on such companies' wool on basis of values arrived at for other wools of similar quality.

7. Upon delivery of any slipe wool into a store approved by the Government the company shall forward to the Controller an invoice in triplicate supported by one copy of a specification, showing brand, bale numbers, description, number of bales, and gross weight, less tare and draft. A certificate from a Government Inspector to the effect that the slipe wool is in store must also be submitted. Ten days after receipt of such invoice and certificate the company shall, in the case of slipe wool produced up to and including the 30th June, 1917, be entitled to payment of an amount, free of exchange, representing 75 per cent. of the estimated value of the slipe wool, ascertained as hereinbefore provided; or, in the case of slipe wools produced on or after the 1st July, 1917, the company shall be entitled to payment at the rate of 1s. 2d. per pound, free of exchange, on all such wools. Each such payment shall be treated as a part-payment of purchase-money and not as an advance at interest.

8. The property in any such slipe wool shall pass to the Crown upon the payment referred to in paragraph 7 hereof being made, and such slipe wool will thereafter be held on behalf of the Government.

9. All such slipe wool shall, in respect of fire and all loss or damage in any other manner except such as is due to faults of manufacture and packing, be at the risk of the Imperial Government from the date of the payment referred to in paragraph 7 hereof.

10. In the event of any slipe wool being lost or damaged after the property in such wool has passed to the Crown, except in the case of such loss or damage as is due to faults of manufacture and packing, final payment for such wool shall be based on the values assessed for the same grades and qualities of other slipe wool of the same season belonging to the same company which reaches London and undergoes final valuation. In the event of no other lots of any particular grade or quality reaching London, payment will be made for slipe wool produced on or before the 30th June, 1917, on the invoiced price based on the accepted 1914 price statement in the case of companies who have furnished a satisfactory statement of 1914 prices. In the case of other companies, for slipe wool produced on or before the 30th June, 1917, and in the case of all companies for slipe wool produced on or after the 1st July, 1917, the price shall be fixed by mutual agreement, with provision for arbitration if such agreement is unattainable.

11. Storage at the rate of 3d. per bale per week will be paid on all slipe wool held in freezing companies' own stores where such stores have been approved by the Government. The storage charge will commence from the 15th January, 1917, in the case of slipe wool which was in store on that date, and in the case of slipe wool produced and placed in store subsequently the charge will commence from the date appearing in the store certificate signed by the Government Inspector and furnished with the invoices rendered to the Controller for advances against the value of the slipe wool. Where the slipe wool is held at port stores the charges made at such stores and paid by the freezing companies will be recoverable from the Department of Imperial Government Supplies upon debit notes being rendered in duplicate supported by receipts for disbursements made to the Harbour Board or shipping company concerned. Payment of storage accrued will be made as each lot of slipe wool is shipped.

12. All slipe wool in respect of which a payment has been made to a company as provided in paragraph 7 hereof shall, whenever possible, be shipped together as one lot.

13. A Valuing Committee consisting of four members, two of whom shall be appointed by the Imperial Government and two by the London agents of the freezing companies concerned, will be formed in London.

14. The Valuing Committee will inspect and value, on the basis set out in paragraph 3 or 4 hereof (as the case may be), each lot of slipe wool received in London under this scheme, and the value placed by that Committee upon any lot of slipe wool shall be final and binding upon all parties.

15. When the slipe wool produced by any freezing company is being inspected and valued a special representative of the company who is not a member of the Valuing Committee shall have the right to attend at the inspection and valuation of the wool, for the purpose of making any representations to the Committee in the company's interests when necessity arises.

16. Upon receipt of a certified statement of the final values allotted by the Valuing Committee in London the Controller will pay the balance due to each company, or recover any amount or amounts paid in excess, upon any lot or lots of slipe wool.

Special Provisions applying to Slipe Wool invoiced on and after the 1st April, 1918.

17. In the case of slipe wool in respect of which invoices have not been rendered to the Department of Imperial Government Supplies prior to the 1st April, 1918, the following provisions will apply:—

18. The slipe wool shall be baled and each bale shall be branded and numbered in accordance with directions issued to freezing companies by the Controller.

19. The slipe wool shall be catalogued, grouped, opened, and displayed for valuation in accordance with directions issued to freezing companies by the Controller.

20. Payment at the following rates will be made by the Government to freezing companies to cover the cost of extra labour employed in displaying the slipe wool for valuation:—

When the slipe wool is displayed at freezing company's stores approved for the purpose, 2s. 6d. per bale.

When the slipe wool is displayed in approved shipping stores, 5s. per bale.

21. The slipe wool will be examined, classified, and valued by an expert valuer who will be appointed and paid by the Government.

22. The slipe wool will be valued in accordance with the prices shown in the Third Schedule hereto.

23. If the company is dissatisfied with the value assigned by the Government valuer the slipe wool will be examined, classified, and valued by a Supervising Valuer, who will be appointed and paid by the Government.

24. If the company is dissatisfied with the value assigned by the Supervising Valuer it may, at any time within forty-eight hours after the date of valuation, give to the Controller a written notice of appeal from that valuation, and such appeal shall, on payment by the appellant of such fee as the Government shall fix, be determined by an umpire appointed by the Government: Provided that in cases where reasonable cause for the delay is shown an appeal may be lodged at any time up to seventy-two hours after valuation. The decision of such umpire shall be final.

25. Payment for the slipe wool valued will be made to the freezing company, free of exchange, by the Department of Imperial Government Supplies on the fourteenth day after the date of valuation.

26. Any slipe wool may on examination by the valuer or the Supervising Valuer be rejected as being unmerchantable or not of the nature or quality required by the Government.

Slipe wool so rejected will not be purchased by the Government.

27. The slipe wool shall in respect of fire and all loss or damage in any other manner, except such as is due to faults of manufacture and packing, be at the risk of the Imperial Government from the date of the payment referred to in paragraph 25 hereof.

Prior to such payment the slipe wool shall remain at the risk of the freezing company concerned.

28. Storage at the rate of 3d. per bale per week from the date of valuation to the date of shipment will be paid to freezing companies, and payment will be made at time of shipment.

General Provisions applying to all Slipe Wool purchased from Freezing Companies by the Government.

29. The following provisions will apply to the purchase of all slipe wool from freezing companies by the Government, whether the slipe wool has been invoiced prior to the 1st April, 1918, or is invoiced on or after that date:—

30. The slipe wool shall be shipped by the company in the usual way, consigned to "The Director of Raw Materials," London, or as otherwise directed.

The company shall forward three stamped copies and one unstamped copy of the bills of lading direct to the Controller, with copies of specifications, *pro-forma* invoices, and weight-slips, as required by the Controller.

31. Out-of-pocket expenses for wharfage and lighterage incurred in placing the slipe wool on board ocean steamer, together with the cost of the bills of lading, will be defrayed by the Government.

32. All other charges on the slipe wool purchased, up to the point of shipment on board ocean steamer, will be borne by the freezing company concerned.

33. All slipe wool in respect of which a payment in terms of paragraph 7 hereof has been made shall be shipped in priority to any slipe wool valued and paid for in New Zealand.

All slipe wool valued and purchased in New Zealand shall be shipped in order of valuation.

34. In all of the matters herein set forth the Controller will act on behalf of the Government.

35. If such supplies of slipe wool as the Government deems adequate for the necessities of His Majesty's Government are at any time not obtained by way of contract of purchase and sale in accordance with the foregoing provisions, the necessary supplies will thereupon be obtained by way of seizure or requisition in the exercise of His Majesty's prerogative, or in pursuance of the powers conferred by the Regulation of Trade and Commerce Act, 1914, or the War Regulations Amendment Act, 1915 (No. 2), as the case may require.

FIRST SCHEDULE.

NAMES OF FREEZING COMPANIES.

- Auckland Farmers' Freezing Company (Limited).
- Canterbury Frozen Meat and Dairy-produce Export Company (Limited).
- East Coast Co-operative Freezing Company (Limited).
- Feilding Farmers' Freezing Company (Limited).
- Gear Meat Preserving and Freezing Company of New Zealand (Limited).
- Gisborne Sheep-farmers' Frozen Meat Company (Limited).
- Hawke's Bay Farmers' Meat Company (Limited).
- National Mortgage and Agency Company of New Zealand (Limited).
- Nelson Bros. (Limited).
- Nelson Freezing Company (Limited).
- New Zealand Refrigerating Company (Limited).
- North British and Hawke's Bay Freezing Company (Limited).
- North Canterbury Sheep-farmers' Co-operative Freezing Company (Limited).
- Ocean Beach Freezing-works (J. G. Ward and Co. (Limited), Managing Agents).
- Otaihape Farmers' Meat and Produce Company (Limited).
- Patea Farmers' Co-operative Freezing Company (Limited).
- Poverty Bay Farmers' Meat Company (Limited).
- R. and W. Hellaby (Limited).
- Southland Frozen Meat and Produce Export Company (Limited).
- South Otago Freezing Company (Limited).
- Taranaki Farmers' Meat Company (Limited).
- Thomas Borthwick and Sons (Australasia), (Limited).
- Tokomaru Sheep-farmers' Freezing Company (Limited).
- Wairoa Farmers' Co-operative Meat Company (Limited).
- Wanganui Meat Freezing Company (Limited).
- Wellington Farmers' Meat Company (Limited).
- Wellington Meat Export Company (Limited).
- Westfield Freezing Company (Limited).
- Whangarei Freezing Company (Limited).

SECOND SCHEDULE.

Index No. of Grade.	Description	Weight.	Gross Proceeds, London.	Gross Proceeds per lb.	Gross Proceeds, less Charges (1¼d. per lb.).	F.o.b. Value, plus 55 per Cent. per lb.	Invoice Value per lb.	Index No. of Grade.
		lb.	£ s. d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	

THIRD SCHEDULE.

				Good. d.	Medium. d.	Inferior. d.
Lamb's combing	...	...	56s	24¾	23¾	22
			50/56s	24	22¾	21¼
			48/50s	22	21	19½
			46/48s	21	19¾	18¼
			44/46s	19½	18½	17
			40/44s	18½	17¾	16¾
			36/40s	18¼	17½	16
Seconds ...	...	...	46/50s	17¾	16¾	15
			40/46s	15	14	12¾
Third limey	...	...	...	12¾	12	10½
Lamb's clothing	...	...	56s	23½	22½	20¾
			50/56s	22¾	21½	20
			48/50s	20¾	19¾	18¼
			46/48s	19¾	18½	17
			44/46s	18¼	17¼	15¾
			40/44s	17¼	16½	15½
			36/40s	17	16¼	14¾
Seconds ...	...	...	46/50s	16½	15½	13¾
			40/46s	13¾	12¾	11½
Third limey	...	...	...	11½	10¾	9¼
Sheep's combing	...	...	56s	23¾	22½	21¼
			50/56s	22¾	21¾	20½
			48/50s	21	19¾	19
			46/48s	20¼	19	17¾
			44/46s	19	18¼	16¾
			40/44s	18¼	17½	16
			36/40s	17¾	17	15½
Seconds ...	...	...	46/50s	17	16	14¾
			40/46s	14¾	13½	12¾
Third limey	...	...	...	12¾	12	10¾
Sheep's clothing	...	...	56s	22	21	19¾
			50/56s	21¼	20¼	18½
			48/50s	19¾	18½	17
			46/48s	18½	17½	16
			44/46s	17½	16¾	15
			40/44s	16¾	16	14¼
			36/40s	16¼	15½	14
Seconds ...	...	...	46/50s	15½	14¾	13½
			40/46s	13½	12¾	12
Third limey	...	...	...	12	11¼	10½
Sheep's pelt	...	...	56s	19¾	18½	17½
			50/56s	19	17½	16
			48/50s	17¾	16¾	15
			46/48s	16¾	15¾	14
			44/46s	15	14¼	12¾
			40/44s	14¼	13½	12¼
			36/40s	14	13¼	12
Seconds ...	...	...	46/50s	13½	12¾	12
			40/46s	12¾	12	11¼
Third limey	...	...	...	11¼	10¾	10
Scoured half-bred pieces	...	...	...	22	20½	19
Scoured crossbred pieces	...	...	...	19	17½	16
Slips half-bred pieces	...	...	...	18¼	16¾	15
Slips crossbred pieces	...	...	...	16	14¼	12¾
Slips brands	...	...	...	15	13½	12
Slips grey	...	...	...	16¾	15	13½
Slips shanks	...	...	...	10¾	9	7¼
Merino—						
Combing	...	...	...	19¾	18¼	16¾
Clothing	...	...	...	16¾	15	13½
Seconds	...	...	...	13½	12	10½

Very inferior lots will be valued at a proportionate reduction.

Dated this 17th day of May, 1918.

ROBERT TRIGGS,
Controller of the Department of Imperial
Government Supplies.

