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Purchase of Slipe Wool by the Government.

WHEREAS by reason of the conditions created by 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 Proclamation of the 2nd day of December, 1918, all wool of the now continuing season's clip in New Zealand, and also all other wool to be thereafter clipped in New Zealand at any time not later than one year after the 30th day of June, 1919, was requisitioned by and for the use of His Majesty on the terms and conditions set out in that Proclamation: And whereas it was provided by the said Proclamation that such requisition should not extend to slipe wool: And whereas it is necessary that supplies of slipe wool should be obtained by His Majesty on the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth:

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"), acting for and on behalf of His Majesty's Government of the United Kingdom, is prepared to purchase from the freezing companies mentioned in the First Schedule hereto, and in accordance with the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth, all slipe wool held by those companies on the 1st day of December, 1918, or thereafter produced by them at any time before the 30th day of June, 1920, save that all slipe wool which before the said 1st day of December, 1918, has been offered to the Government and valued by a Government valuer under the scheme of purchase set out in the gazetted notification of the 17th day of May, 1918, relative to the purchase of slipe wool, shall continue to be subject to the provisions of that scheme and not to the provisions herein contained; and save also that no slipe wool will be purchased from any freezing company except wool which is the product of stock slaughtered by that company.

2. In all matters herein set forth the Controller of the Imperial Government Supplies Department (hereinafter referred to as "the Controller") will act on behalf of the Government.

3. All slipe wool offered to the Government for purchase shall be baled, and each bale shall be branded and numbered in accordance with directions issued to the freezing companies by the Controller.

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

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

When the wool is displayed at freezing companies' stores approved by the Controller for that purpose, 2s. 6d. per bale.

When the wool is displayed in shipping-stores approved by the Controller for that purpose, 5s. per bale.

6. The wool will be examined, classified, and valued by two expert valuers, one of whom shall be appointed by the Government and the other by the freezing company.

7. The wool will be valued in accordance with the prices shown in the Second Schedule hereto.

8. If the two valuers are unable to agree as to the classification and valuation of any wool it will be examined, classified, and valued by a Supervising Valuer appointed by the Government.

9. The term "date of valuation" as herein used means the day of the date of a certificate of valuation signed by the valuers, or, in the event of their disagreement, by the Supervising Valuer.

10. 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 Supervising Valuer 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 to the satisfaction of the Supervising Valuer an appeal may be lodged at any time up to seventy-two hours after the date of valuation. The decision of such umpire shall be final.

11. The submission of any slipe wool by a freezing company for valuation in accordance with the foregoing provisions shall be deemed to be the acceptance by that company of an offer by the Government to purchase that wool in accordance with these terms and conditions, and shall constitute a contract between the Crown and the company accordingly, subject, however, to the right of rejection hereinafter provided for.

12. Any wool may on examination by the valuers or Supervising Valuer be rejected as being unmerchantable or not of the nature or quality required by the Government, and wool so rejected will not be purchased by the Government.

13. Payment for all wool so valued will be made by the Government to the freezing company free of exchange on the fourteenth day after the date of valuation.

14. At 2 o'clock in the afternoon of the fourteenth day after the date of valuation the wool so valued shall become the property of His Majesty, and shall thereafter be at the risk of His Majesty in respect of fire, and all loss or damage from any cause other than faults of manufacture or packing, or any breach by the freezing company of its obligations under the agreement of sale and purchase. Prior to 2 o'clock in the afternoon of the said fourteenth day after the date of valuation the wool shall in all respects be at the risk of the freezing company.

15. All wool so purchased by the Government from a freezing company shall be shipped by the company in the usual manner in accordance with the directions of the Controller, consigned to "The Director of Raw Materials," London, or in such other manner or to such other place as the Controller may from time to time direct. On such shipment the company shall deliver to the Controller three stamped copies and one unstamped copy of the bill of lading, with copies of specifications, *pro forma* invoices, and weight-slips, as required by the Controller.

16. Out-of-pocket expenses for wharfage and lighterage incurred by freezing companies in so shipping wool, together with the cost of the bills of lading, will be defrayed by the Government. All other charges on the wool so purchased up to the point of shipment on board ocean steamer will be borne by the freezing company.

17. All wool so valued and purchased shall so far as is reasonably practicable be shipped in the order of its valuation.

18. Storage in respect of all wool so purchased shall be paid by the Government to the freezing company at the rate of 3d. per bale per week from the date of valuation to the date of shipment, and such payment will be made at the time of shipment.

19. At all times between the making of the contract of purchase and sale of any wool and the shipment of that wool as aforesaid the freezing company will retain possession of that wool and keep the same properly stored on behalf of the Government, and will use all due care for the safety thereof.

20. 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 be obtained by way of seizure in pursuance of the authority conferred by the Regulation of Trade and Commerce Act, 1914, or otherwise, 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.

			Good. d.	Medium. d.	Inferior. d.	
Lamb's combing	...	...	56s	24 $\frac{3}{4}$	23 $\frac{3}{4}$	22
			50/56s	24	22 $\frac{3}{4}$	21 $\frac{1}{4}$
			48/50s	22	21	19 $\frac{1}{2}$
			46/48s	21	19 $\frac{3}{4}$	18 $\frac{1}{4}$
			44/46s	19 $\frac{1}{2}$	18 $\frac{1}{2}$	17
			40/44s	18 $\frac{1}{2}$	17 $\frac{3}{4}$	16 $\frac{3}{4}$
			36/40s	18 $\frac{1}{4}$	17 $\frac{1}{2}$	16
	Seconds ...	...	...	46/50s	16 $\frac{3}{4}$	15
				40/46s	15	12 $\frac{3}{4}$
				...	12	10 $\frac{3}{4}$
Third limey	...	...	...	12	10 $\frac{3}{4}$	
Lamb's clothing	...	...	56s	23 $\frac{3}{4}$	22 $\frac{3}{4}$	20 $\frac{3}{4}$
			50/56s	22 $\frac{3}{4}$	21 $\frac{3}{4}$	20
			48/50s	20 $\frac{3}{4}$	19 $\frac{3}{4}$	18 $\frac{1}{4}$
			46/48s	19 $\frac{3}{4}$	18 $\frac{3}{4}$	17
			44/46s	18 $\frac{1}{4}$	17 $\frac{1}{4}$	15 $\frac{3}{4}$
			40/44s	17 $\frac{1}{4}$	16 $\frac{3}{4}$	15 $\frac{1}{2}$
			36/40s	17	16 $\frac{1}{2}$	14 $\frac{3}{4}$
	Seconds ...	...	...	46/50s	15 $\frac{1}{2}$	13 $\frac{3}{4}$
				40/46s	13 $\frac{3}{4}$	11 $\frac{1}{4}$
				...	11 $\frac{1}{2}$	9 $\frac{1}{4}$
Third limey	...	...	...	10 $\frac{3}{4}$	9 $\frac{1}{4}$	
Sheep's combing	...	...	56s	23 $\frac{3}{4}$	22 $\frac{3}{4}$	21 $\frac{1}{4}$
			50/56s	22 $\frac{3}{4}$	21 $\frac{3}{4}$	20 $\frac{3}{4}$
			48/50s	21	19 $\frac{3}{4}$	19
			46/48s	20 $\frac{1}{4}$	19	17 $\frac{3}{4}$
			44/46s	19	18 $\frac{1}{4}$	16 $\frac{3}{4}$
			40/44s	18 $\frac{1}{4}$	17 $\frac{3}{4}$	16
			36/40s	17 $\frac{3}{4}$	17	15 $\frac{3}{4}$
	Seconds ...	...	...	46/50s	16	14 $\frac{1}{4}$
				40/46s	14 $\frac{3}{4}$	12 $\frac{3}{4}$
				...	12	10 $\frac{3}{4}$
Third limey	...	...	...	12	10 $\frac{3}{4}$	
Sheep's clothing	...	...	56s	22	21	19 $\frac{1}{2}$
			50/56s	21 $\frac{1}{4}$	20 $\frac{1}{4}$	18 $\frac{3}{4}$
			48/50s	19 $\frac{3}{4}$	18 $\frac{1}{2}$	17
			46/48s	18 $\frac{3}{4}$	17 $\frac{1}{2}$	16
			44/46s	17 $\frac{3}{4}$	16 $\frac{3}{4}$	15
			40/44s	16 $\frac{3}{4}$	16	14 $\frac{1}{4}$
			36/40s	16 $\frac{1}{4}$	15 $\frac{1}{2}$	14
	Seconds ...	...	...	46/50s	15 $\frac{1}{2}$	14 $\frac{3}{4}$
				40/46s	13 $\frac{1}{2}$	12 $\frac{3}{4}$
				...	12	10 $\frac{3}{4}$
Third limey	...	...	...	11 $\frac{1}{4}$	10 $\frac{3}{4}$	
Sheep's pelt	...	...	56s	19 $\frac{3}{4}$	18 $\frac{3}{4}$	17 $\frac{3}{4}$
			50/56s	19	17 $\frac{1}{2}$	16
			48/50s	17 $\frac{3}{4}$	16 $\frac{3}{4}$	15
			46/48s	16 $\frac{3}{4}$	15 $\frac{3}{4}$	14
			44/46s	15	14 $\frac{1}{4}$	12 $\frac{3}{4}$
			40/44s	14 $\frac{1}{4}$	13 $\frac{1}{2}$	12 $\frac{3}{4}$
			36/40s	14	13 $\frac{1}{4}$	12
	Seconds ...	...	...	46/50s	13 $\frac{1}{2}$	12 $\frac{3}{4}$
				40/46s	12 $\frac{3}{4}$	11 $\frac{1}{4}$
				...	12	10 $\frac{3}{4}$
Third limey	...	...	...	10 $\frac{3}{4}$	10	
Scoured half-bred pieces	...	...	...	22	20 $\frac{1}{2}$	19
Scoured crossbred pieces	...	...	...	19	17 $\frac{1}{2}$	16
Slips half-bred pieces	...	...	...	18 $\frac{1}{4}$	16 $\frac{3}{4}$	15
Slips crossbred pieces	...	...	...	16	14 $\frac{1}{4}$	12 $\frac{3}{4}$
Slips brands	...	...	...	15	13 $\frac{1}{4}$	12
Slips grey	...	...	...	16 $\frac{3}{4}$	15	13 $\frac{1}{2}$
Slips shanks	...	...	...	10 $\frac{3}{4}$	9	7 $\frac{1}{4}$
Merino—						
Combing	...	...	...	19 $\frac{3}{4}$	18 $\frac{1}{4}$	16 $\frac{3}{4}$
Clothing	...	...	...	16 $\frac{3}{4}$	15	13 $\frac{1}{4}$
Seconds	...	...	...	13 $\frac{3}{4}$	12	10 $\frac{3}{4}$

Very inferior lots will be valued at a proportionate reduction.

Dated this 23rd day of January, 1919.

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of Imperial Government Supplies.