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Purchase of Sheep-skins by the Government.

WHEREAS for the purposes of the war it is necessary that His Majesty's Government of the United Kingdom should acquire supplies of sheep-skins from New Zealand: And whereas by Orders in Council of the twenty-ninth day of January, one thousand nine hundred and seventeen, and the eighteenth day of November, one thousand nine hundred and sixteen, the export of sheep-skins, pelts, and wool to any destination has been prohibited: And whereas arrangements have been made whereby the Government of New Zealand will acquire on behalf of His Majesty's said Government the supplies of sheep-skins so required:

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

1. The New Zealand Government (hereinafter referred to as the Government) is prepared to purchase sheep-skins for and on behalf of His Majesty's Government of the United Kingdom on the terms and conditions and in accordance with the scheme hereinafter set forth.

2. The persons named in the First Schedule hereto, and hereinafter referred to as Government brokers, will act as the agents both of the Government and of the sellers in the purchase of sheep-skins by the Government in accordance with the following provisions.

3. Owners of sheep-skins may deliver them, for sale to the Government, to any Government broker at the broker's receiving depot established at any place specified in the First Schedule hereto.

4. Skins so delivered will be examined and valued by valuers appointed and paid by the Government and hereinafter called Government valuers.

5. Such skins shall be valued in accordance with the scale of values set out in the Second Schedule.

6. Any skins so delivered may be rejected by the Government valuer as not of the class, quality, or condition required by the Government.

7. On any skins being so valued, the Government broker, if duly authorized in that behalf by the seller, will purchase the same on behalf of the Government at the price at which they have been so valued. Such purchase will be effected by posting or delivering to the Controller of Department of Imperial Government Supplies at Wellington an invoice for the skins, together with the Government valuer's certificate of valuation.

8. The property in all skins so purchased shall pass to the Crown so soon as the contract of purchase has been so effected, and the Government broker will thereafter hold them on behalf of the Government.

9. Payment for all skins so purchased shall be made by the Controller of Department of Imperial Government Supplies on the expiry of fourteen days after the date of the contract. Such payment will be made to the Government broker for and on account of the seller, and he shall account for the same accordingly to the seller.

10. The Government broker to whom any skins are so delivered for sale to the Government will act as the agent and on behalf of the seller in doing or causing to be done all things required in respect of the receipt, drying, trimming, and preparation for valuation of such skins and the storage thereof until the sale to the Government has been effected.

11. For all services rendered by a Government broker as the agent of the seller the broker shall be entitled to charge the seller such commission or other remuneration as may be in accordance with the established custom of the trade in the locality.

12. For the purposes of this scheme the Government will, so far as may be thought necessary, grant licenses to fit and proper persons to purchase sheep-skins for resale to the Government under this scheme. Such licenses will be granted on application to the Minister of Agriculture, and on such terms and conditions and on the payment of such fees as he thinks fit to impose, and may be cancelled by that Minister if he is satisfied that any breach of such conditions has been committed by the licensee.

13. No sheep-skins will be purchased by the Government from any person who has himself purchased the same unless—

(a.) He was already the owner thereof at the date of this notification ; or

(b.) He was at the time of purchasing the same the holder of such a license as aforesaid.

14. No skins of sheep slaughtered at a meat-export slaughterhouse will be purchased by the Government under this scheme.

15. In all of the matters herein set forth the Minister of Agriculture will act on behalf of the Government either by himself or by such person or persons as he may nominate in that behalf.

16. If such supplies of sheep-skins 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.

