

REPORT OF CONTROLLER.

“The Hon. the Minister of Marketing.

“I beg to report to you on the operations of the Sheep-skin Control for the twelve months ended 30th June, 1942.

“*Accounts.*—The accounts for the year show an addition to the Pool surplus of £5,904 19s. 6d., making it £13,101 5s. 10d., but the endeavour, of course, is so to fix the buying schedules that the Pool Account squares itself without surplus or deficiency. It is the variation in pickled-pelt values which makes this impossible with the need to correct differences from one buying schedule to another.

“*Buying Schedules.*—Buying schedules in operation have been as follows:—

“Seventh Schedule	From 25th September, 1941.
“Eighth Schedule	From 28th February, 1942.

The Seventh Schedule was amended to increase the price of lamb-skins only from 23rd December. The normal time for the change of the Seventh Schedule was early in December, but because of the uncertainties from the entry of Japan into the war the change was delayed until 28th February, 1942. No change has been necessary since then, because the variation in pelt prices downwards has practically been offset by the increase in the price of wool.

“*Statistics.*—A table is given showing the quantities and values of woolly sheep-skins exported to various destinations on behalf of the United Kingdom Wool Control for the twelve months ended 31st July, 1942.

“R. C. BURGESS, Controller.”

QUANTITIES AND VALUES OF WOOLLY SHEEP-SKINS EXPORTED.

The following table shows the quantities and values of woolly sheep-skins exported to various destinations on behalf of the United Kingdom Wool Control for the twelve months ended 31st July, 1942:—

Destination.	Number of Dumps.	Number of Skins.	Weight (Pounds Net).	Sale Value (New Zealand Currency).
				£
United Kingdom	712	51,235	407,030	22,868
Canada	7,153	516,602	4,181,552	184,743
U.S.A.	5,056	394,530	2,900,551	139,441
	12,921	962,367	7,489,133	347,052

ACCOUNTS.

The accounts of the Sheep-skin Control for the year ended 30th June, 1942, are shown in the accounts section at the end of this report, page 26.

TALLOW.

PURCHASES BY UNITED KINGDOM GOVERNMENT OF 1941-42 SEASON'S TALLOW.

In October, 1941, the United Kingdom Ministry of Food intimated that, whilst the Ministry was not inclined to make a contract for a period, they desired the first option of the 1941-42 season's tallows, with a view to making contracts from time to time for purchase of fixed quantities. The Ministry also agreed to discuss an upward revision of prices at the time of purchase. The wishes of the Ministry as outlined were met, and purchases of the following quantities were made, covering shipments from 1st August, 1941, to 31st July, 1942:—

(a) At the c. & f. sterling prices which applied for the 1940-41 season (see page 22 of parliamentary paper H.-30B, 1940)	Tons.
(b) At a range of c. & f. sterling prices which average approximately £3 10s. sterling per ton in excess of the 1940-41 season prices	15,119
	30,786
Total	45,905

NOTE.—The 1942-43 season production of tallow for export, estimated at 50,000 tons, has been purchased by the United Kingdom Ministry of Food at a range of c. & f. sterling prices which average approximately £8 10s. sterling per ton in excess of the 1940-41 season prices.

PURCHASE BY NEW ZEALAND GOVERNMENT OF TALLOW FROM NEW ZEALAND MANUFACTURERS.

The f.o.b. (New Zealand currency) purchase-prices payable to manufacturers remain as set out in the Schedule attached to the Purchase of Tallow Order 1940, with the exception of minor alterations relating to the grades stearine medium and pig-fat (inedible), and the addition of the grades edible mixed tallow and hide-grease.

STATISTICS.

The following table shows the quantities of tallow purchased by the United Kingdom Government, and shipped from 1st August, 1941, to 31st July, 1942:—

	Tons (net).		Tons (Net).
First beef	5,108	Superior stearine	537
First mutton	10,412	Medium stearine	32
Good bright mixed	4,136	Inedible lard	785
Good colour mixed	6,094	Hog-grease	296
Fair to good mixed	4,222	Edible mixed	1,018
Fair mixed	1,678	Hide-grease	128
Good gut	7,296		
Medium gut	2,917		45,905
Low gut	1,246		