

10. That legislation be passed giving the Government full powers over shares in freezing companies held under letters of trust.

11. That an independent Board be set up by the New Zealand Government in Wellington, the functions of which Board to be the pursuance of all matters relative to the Meat Trust: such Board, if possible, to act in conjunction with a similar Board in United Kingdom appointed by the British Government, and also one in Australia appointed by the Federal Government.

EXHIBIT 22.

BIRT AND CO. (LIMITED).

Refrigerators, Exporters, Shipping and Insurance Agents, and Meat Salesmen.

Head office: No. 4 Bridge Street, Sydney.

Brisbane office: Stanley Street, South Brisbane.

New Zealand: Invercargill.

Freezing and chilling works: Musgrave Wharf, South Brisbane; Murrarie, Brisbane; and Ocean Beach Freezing-works, Bluff, New Zealand.

This company is now open to book dates throughout the ensuing season at their Murrarie works for the treatment, on growers' account, for export of sheep and [or] cattle.

Early application, giving quantities, is requested.

Terms, &c., on application at the company's Offices, Musgrave Wharf, South Brisbane, and No. 4 Bridge St, Sydney.

EXHIBIT 23.

NUMBER OF STOCK SLAUGHTERED IN THE DOMINION (EXCEPTING THAT SLAUGHTERED BY FARMERS FOR SALE OR CONSUMPTION ON THE PREMISES) DURING THE YEARS 1913-16, INCLUSIVE (FOR THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDING 31ST DECEMBER).

	1913.		1914.		1915.		1916.	
	Number of Animals slaughtered.	Equivalent in 60 lb. Freight Carcases.	Number of Animals slaughtered.	Equivalent in 60 lb. Freight Carcases.	Number of Animals slaughtered.	Equivalent in 60 lb. Freight Carcases.	Number of Animals slaughtered.	Equivalent in 60 lb. Freight Carcases.
Large cattle ..	256,000	3,072,000	325,202	3,902,424	340,382	4,084,584	383,935	4,607,220
Calves ..	20,109	40,218	26,911	53,822	33,093	66,186	28,500	57,000
Sheep ..	3,339,570	3,339,570	3,904,902	3,904,902	3,989,017	3,989,017	3,569,117	3,569,117
Lambs ..	3,906,458	2,604,305	4,191,479	2,794,320	4,387,308	2,924,872	3,348,618	2,232,412
Pigs ..	187,971	..	210,373	..	176,625	..	176,257	..

EXHIBIT 24.

MEAT EXPORTED FROM NEW ZEALAND DURING THE YEARS 1913-16.

	1913.		1914.		1915.		1916.	
	Cwt.	Freight Carcases.	Cwt.	Freight Carcases.	Cwt.	Freight Carcases.	Cwt.	Freight Carcases.
Beef ..	276,113	515,411	619,175	1,155,793	761,384	1,421,250	992,749	1,853,131
Mutton ..	1,111,212	2,074,262	1,353,289	2,526,139	1,497,514	2,795,359	1,276,237	2,382,309
Lamb ..	1,088,457	2,031,786	1,149,605	2,145,920	1,200,864	2,241,613	967,022	1,805,108
Pork ..	2,544	4,749	1,521	2,839	6,401	11,948	6,157	11,493
Hams and bacon	1,020	1,904	1,389	2,592	3,469	6,472	2,646	4,939
Veal ..	4,280	7,989	11,327	21,143	14,522	27,108	10,667	19,911
	..	4,636,101	..	5,854,426	..	6,503,750	..	6,076,891