

“*Statistics.*—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, 1943 :—

Destination.	Number of Dumps.	Number of Skins.	Net Weight.	Value (New Zealand Currency).
			lb.	£
Canada .. .. .	8,102	595,865	4,732,106	229,231
U.S.A. .. .. .	3,927	322,179	2,315,441	97,442
United Kingdom .. .. .	1,421	78,191	793,762	42,609
	13,450	996,235	7,841,319	369,282

“In addition to its usual activities, the Sheep-skin Control has arranged the purchase of freezer pickled pelts to be used by New Zealand tanners, and has administered the payment of the subsidy on these pelts.

“ R. C. BURGESS,  
“Controller.”

### ACCOUNTS

The accounts of the Sheep-skin Control for the year ended 30th June, 1943, are shown in the accounts section at the end of this report, page 34.

### TALLOW

#### PURCHASES BY UNITED KINGDOM GOVERNMENT OF 1942-43 SEASON'S TALLOW

The 1942-43 season production of tallow for export was purchased by the United Kingdom Ministry of Food at a range of c. and f. sterling prices which averaged approximately £8 10s. sterling per ton in excess of the 1940-41 season prices.

The total quantity exported was 44,505 tons, representing 23,074 tons shipped to United Kingdom, 20,988 tons shipped to Canada and the United States of America, 254 tons shipped on permit to India, and 189 tons shipped on permit to Suva.

#### PURCHASES BY NEW ZEALAND GOVERNMENT OF TALLOW FROM NEW ZEALAND MANUFACTURERS

The f.o.b. (New Zealand currency) purchase-prices payable to manufacturers remained 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.”

After allowing for an increase in ocean freight, the surplus or difference between the United Kingdom purchase-prices and the prices paid by the New Zealand Government is approximately £8 (New Zealand currency) per ton.

### STATISTICS

The following table shows the quantities of tallow purchased and shipped from 1st August, 1942, to 31st July, 1943 :—

	Shipped to United Kingdom. Tons (Net).	Shipped to Canada and U.S.A. Tons (Net).
First beef .. .. .	517	770
First mutton .. .. .	5,824	5,494
Good bright, mixed .. .. .	2,319	1,651
Good colour, mixed .. .. .	4,337	3,991
Fair to good, mixed .. .. .	1,388	1,831
Fair mixed .. .. .	1,128	623
Good gut .. .. .	3,802	3,667
Medium gut .. .. .	1,327	1,579
Low gut .. .. .	793	793
Superior stearine .. .. .	284	252
Inedible lard .. .. .	284	..
Hog grease .. .. .	224	..
Edible mixed .. .. .	534	334
Hide grease .. .. .	66	..
Edible lard .. .. .	247	..
	23,074	20,988

Permits were granted to shippers to overseas countries from 1st August, 1942, to 31st July, 1943, as follows :—

	Tons.
India .. .. .	254
Suva .. .. .	189
Total .. .. .	443