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Monthly Report for November 1899
Seccion San Sebastian

Shipping; The ship "Archie" came round to this Bay with a cargo at the beginning of the month, but loaded partly for Estancia "Para", the boat had a quick dispatch and is coming round again during December with some more of the cargo which still remains to come.

Lamb marking; This was commenced on the 7th with very fair results.

Among the old ewes I marked 990 and the number of lambs being 16721, there are still a few more to be marked during the shearing which will bring up the number to 17,000 at least.

I consider the loss among the old ewes to be about 10% this winter, this calculation is taken from the number of ewes counted at lamb marking and the count of them taken in June.

The ewes are naturally in poor.
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condition after this last winter and on account of the backwardness of the grass therefore I do not anticipate a very heavy fleece from them.

The hoggets are very well woolled up this year and have been getting down on their backs very much this spring, a good many have been lost that way.

Thearing; was commenced on the 30th of November beginning with the ram of this flock which is a small one I am shearing by the day, as most of the men are new at the work and need a day or so to practice before starting the contract which will take place on Monday 4th of December at the price arranged of 14/ per 100 and without food, and for pressing this year I am paying \$1. per bale of 400 lbs.

Shepherds; This class of men are very scarce on this station now, three have left me to go to Rio Grande to work, and their places I have not been able to fill excepting by the ordinary men, it is very necessary to have plenty of shepherds in the camps at this time of the year or otherwise there will be great losses

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amongst the sheep.
Manadas: The horse colts have been castrated and branded, and the three year old colts taken out for tanning, it is a difficult matter to find suitable men for horsebreaking in this country.

Fences: These men are repairing the damage done to the fences during the past winter, there is yet a lot more to be mended before starting to erect the new ones.

Nothing fresh has taken place in the work this month therefore I conclude

Yours faithfully
 (f) H. G. Wood.

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Report for month of December 1899
Reccion San Bartolan

Shearing; I commenced this work on the 30th of November with the Rams the wool was very clean some large fleeces and fair weight, following the rains came the old wethers and wether Hoggets which were the last clipped in December, making the total of 13400 shorn.

The wether wool is extremely light and very dry and free from dirt, and the locks exceptionally clean, the bales will not average four hundred lbs (400) on account of the dryness of the wool.

The wet weather at the commencement of the Shearing was much against the work as the shed is so awfully small, much time was lost in waiting for dry sheep, the present shed will only hold 400 sheep, and only space for ten (10) shearers, and little or no room at all for the press and wool-marking &c therefore it will be necessary to
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have the materials landed on the
Ice before the winter so as to begin
the frame-work and windows & other
work if everything is left until the
Spring the shed will never be ready for
the shearing.

Shipping: Some more of the stores and a
part of the building materials arrived
this month owing the shearing which
came round by schooner, it is a most
unsatisfactory way of working, receiving
small cargoes by these little boats which
seldom arrive to meet the tide, and often
rush by dumping the cargo overboard
and clearing out.

Dipping I am not dipping off the
shears as only four (4) cases of seals
have been seen at present, but as soon
as the shearing is over all the flock
will get a dip.

Carting: Two carters have a contract
wool carting to the Bay at 90^{cts} per bale,
and compelled to return with a ton
(1 ton weight) of cargo to the settlement.

Two other carters are bringing posts
down from the Mount, and the remainder
are taking out fencing.

Shepherds: During this month I have
been fortunate enough to put on extra

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men of this class and now have
plenty of all classes of workmen to
carry me through the rearer's work.

Yours faithfully
(Sign) M. G. Wood.

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Monthly Report for January 1900.
Region San Sebastian

Shearing: This work was finished on the 29th making just two months, the tally of sheep shorn was 38611 with an average weight per fleece of 6 lbs, the Ram wool and the ewe hogget were the heaviest fleeces averaging 6 1/2 lbs while the bucks were the lightest (lightest) weighing only 5 lbs.

There were 660 bales of wool in all making an average of 373 lbs per bale.

Shipping: The "Torino" came round to the Bay about the middle of the month with a few stores and loaded back with a small quantity of wool 176 bales.

Dipping: I have not dipped at all yet, there only being 5 cases seen during the shearing, and those all in the same flock, however, the early part of February this work will be over.

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be attended to.

Cattle branding took place the 31st of this month and the 1st February, being a fairly good ~~weathering~~ ^(marking) the number of yearlings marked was 241 animals.

Fencing; commenced this month but as I have only received 5000 Gallons this spring and had none by me before shall soon be wanting again, there are still some fences in bad repair which were damaged last winter and which I have not had time to see to, therefore the flocks have been missing very much this summer, especially these sheep on this section with the Caleta Josefa flock.

Carting; has been going ahead all the month, some carting wool to the beach, others carting from the moule and some to the fences &c. I find I am very short of working oxen so have brought down to the settlement 40 steers for tanning from the cattle herd, with the intention of tanning them all if possible before the winter.

Weather this month was on the

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whole very fine and dry, the
camp is looking in splendid order
the paddocks are still rich with
pasture and there will be plenty
of grass for hay this year.

Yours faithfully
Geo. H. G. Wood.

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Monthly Report for February 1900
Verde San Sebastian

Manadas; Branding the young animals in the manadas came on first this month, at the same time taking out the horse-colls for the tamer who has them now on hand. I am also having tamed some steers for the carts as more will be required each year and some of the old ones are getting too old and heavy to go a journey so have to be used lightly round about the settlement.

Dipping; commenced on the 7th and lasted till the end of the month only three or four cases of scab were found and those very lightly touched, the dip used was "Little's Fluid" the same has always given good satisfaction.

The lambs have been weaned and now feed in the camp known as the "Plain Camp".

Shipping; The "Torino" made two trips to this Bay during the month, taking away the produce for the past year.

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This steamer has been managing very well at this port lately, the last four hundred bales of wool were put on board quite easily in one day between the tides.

Winter-feed; I have two men contract grass cutting and carting at the rate of .50^c per 100 lbs stacked at the Station.

The weather during the month has been very favourable for that work consequently we have already at the homestead about ten or twelve tons.

Fencing & Carting; will progress without alteration.

J. G. Wood

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Monthly Report for March 1900
Section Dan Sebastian

Fencing: This month I am fencing on the boundary line between Estancia "Dara" y "Dan Sebastian", there are two miles to be done by this section, that being the half of the line, when this is finished it will enclose about 6000 hectares of camp that is by taking the Dan Martin river for the boundary on the north side, it contains some of the finest sheep camp in the Argentine.

The mares are feeding as well as a few cattle on this piece of freehold land now, but they will soon come off it and sheep be put there.

On this same piece of land near the beach there is a liquor shop and store doing business with the men employed on this station, and which are a perfect nuisance to the work; this liquor business must be done away with, otherwise it will be impossible to carry on the work on

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on the Station, when the men cannot get down to get the drink themselves they get it brought to them from the publichouse.

The owners of this building keep a good many horses, always feeding on this land, also keep dogs which are frequently found in the sheep camp and are on the whole a perfect nuisance.

During the time the Comisaria was at the Bay a certain amount of order was kept there, but as soon as the Comisario and his soldiers left there, the drink question has been a great trouble.

I trust something will be done without delay to prevent this business from going on, or have it moved away.

Parts: I am still carting parts from the Mount, there are a lot required for the fencing besides a big number for the woolshed which must be got ready before the winter, as we cannot get to the Mount in the early spring. I have brought down no firewood yet, it takes so long to get the parts to where they are wanted.

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Dipping; There has been no dipping to do this month.

Mending Roads et; The odd pieces have been ^{kept} at this work most of the month, there is still a lot to be done to the track to the Bay before it is in good order, I am expecting some slabs from the Colony for bridges on that road which I hope will arrive soon.

Yours faithfully,
 (Signed) H. G. Wood.

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Monthly Report for April 1900.
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Dipping: The first occurrence of importance this month was the dipping of the Hoggets, which were found to be slightly touched with the Seal, this must have broken out through our neighbour's flocks, the rest of the flocks are now being overhauled, and up to the present they have been found clean. During the time that we dipped the Hoggets, the wether Hogs were parted from the Ewes and placed in their respective camps.

Buildings: In the new camp in which are the wether Hogs a Shepherd's Shanty is now being erected, there is rather a scarcity of fresh water there as this camp is not more than three miles from the Sea shore, but by digging a well palatable water can be found. The lagoons are brackish, but good enough for sheep or horses.

Engineers: These gentlemen passed

by this month and definitely placed
 out the boundaries between Estancia
 "Sara" and San. Del. and Blocks No. 71 & 711
Roads; The road to the Bay is still
 under repair, it is most necessary that
 it should be made good before the
 spring, being the most important
 track on the Station.

Governor; Señor Carric the Governor of
 Ushuaia passed by yesterday, he
 requests the use of the house at the
 Bay for six months when he says he
 will build there a Comisaria, he wishes
 to take possession of it soon as possible,
 also is placing an outpost of soldiers
 at the Paramo and Punta Catalina, I
 have referred him to the office in Punta
 Arenas to make his arrangements,
 there would certainly be more order
 if we had some authority close to the
 liquor selling establishment from
 which source we are continually
 having trouble

Having no more to add at
 present

I am yours faithfully
 G. C. Higby
 per J. G. Wood.

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Report for month of May 1900
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Dipping: The work commenced this month by dipping the wether shearlings a few of these were found to be scabby but one good dip in time has prevented from spreading, since then all the flecks have been overhauled and found alright, I do not think they will require more than one more dip before shearing.

Policia: A sergeant and three police-men are now stationed at Bay, since their residence there very little trouble has been given by the liquor sellers.

Roads: The work of repairing roads is still going on, but the weather has been most unfavourable for it lately, on account of the heavy rains that have fallen; the track to the Monte is very heavy, the return journey by carreta taking a week; shall be obliged to keep the carts going

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as long as it is possible, as there is no winter supply of fuel; fencing repairing roads, and finally has been in greater demand this year than the supply, all this requires timber from the monte.

Wallion; The new stud for this season arrived here on the 13th of this month, he was in a very poor condition, so much so that we will have to keep him in the settlement until the spring, it would probably furnish his existence to put him with the manada during the winter months. He appears to be a very good horse, between four and five years old.

Stone; Am employing one or two men splitting up blocks of stone, which are near the settlement, for forming a solid foundation in the sheep-pens, some of these blocks are a mixture of granite and flint or slate and split in large slabs, they will be very useful for that purpose.

Boundary; The boundary between Estancia Lara and Pau. Leb. is now finished, it encloses a very useful piece of camp, exceedingly well pastured. Having nothing further to add at present I am etc G. C. Rigby (Signed)

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Report for month of June 1900
Recorrido San Sebastián

Sheep: This month the rains were taken away from the Cañadon Grande ewes and the flock dipped, as this is the last time they will have a chance this year I think it is better to make certain of them now although there is not any sign of real. I shall then follow on with the other ewe flocks and dip them also, which when all is finished only represents two dippings during the year.

The sheep are all looking in good condition and the camps are well covered in grass. The weather up to the present has been very fine for this part of the world, with the exception of very hard frosts, and a little snow which fell over

for one day only.

W/oute: Have placed three men in the W/oute, cutting down posts and poles for corals, also 2 inch planks which material will be required in the coming spring.

Carting: Have been obliged to cease carting from the W/oute on account of the slippery hard tracks and ice, on which the bullocks are unable to pull without becoming lame, but shall start again as soon as the weather breaks, because fire-wood is very scarce in the settlement.

Ucames: The "Torino" arrived here on the 15th of this month, and discharged her cargo safely. I should suggest that a much quicker dispatch could be given to these Steamers by having a dunnage wire rope attached from the land to the vessel, with two large boxes suspended on pulleys, thereby landing stores and material on dry land, instead of throwing

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It overboard on the sand, which is very boggy, causing great difficulty and delay to bullock carts.

The greatest part of the timber for new wool shed arrived in this steamer, had she appeared a month earlier it would greatly have facilitated the carting from the Bay.

Not very much has been done this month except preparing for the annual inventory, as I am daily expecting Mr. Christie.

Having nothing further to add, at present
am yours faithfully,
(Signed) G. C. Rigby.

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Report for month of July 1900
Seccion San Sebastian

Sheep: Commenced this month by taking rams away from the Juan Camp area San Martin ewes, also dipped the two flocks at the same time, shall then follow on with the ewe hoggets and dip them if the weather is favourable, all the sheep are looking in good condition and no sign of scab.

Inventory: Mr Christie arrived the first week of this month, and took the inventory, I trust it will be found satisfactory.

Kallico: The stud that arrived here in such a poor condition has now greatly improved, so have placed him out with this bandada, as the weather is not very severe this winter up to the present I think he is better loose than

than kept enclosed in a small paddock.

Carting; Am still carting up timber for the new Woolshed from Bay, and hope to finish in about one week's time, shall then rest the bullocks until the weather breaks up or they will be unfit for work in the Spring.

Tracks; Am still cutting down posts and rails for fencing purposes, and will start carting them to the settlement as soon as it is possible to use the tracks, at present time there is too much snow in the range.

Indians; Our fence in the Canon Grande Camp at the side of Tan Martin river has been cut by the Indians, they it appears stole sheep from W. Bay and brought them through our boundary fence, the night that the robbery took place was very dark and evidently they made a mistake in the fences otherwise they could have got away with them with less trouble. If they attempt to come here again shall immediately send out an

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an expedition and try and catch them, do not think it is a large gang probably not more than twenty or thirty all told, but there may do a large amount of damage if they are not disposed

Police are not doing their duty
Bay the soldiers and sergeant in charge are frequently suffering from the influence of liquor sold by the Bolche at the Bay.

Weather: a heavy snow storm has just fallen leaving the camp covered up everywhere, it has also drifted deep in many places on the ranges.

Woolshed: are going ahead as fast as possible with the erection of this building, but do not think it will be finished by shearing time, however if the half is completed it will be a great advantage for enclosing more sheep at a time.

Dip: all the tobacco dip is now over

now furnished, so am now using
 little and Coopers, this latter gives
 much greater satisfaction than the
 tobacco and especially in the
 winter time as it mixes with
 the water quite freely, but the
 tobacco requires to be soaked a
 day before use, and the severe
 frosts in the night make it one
 solid mass of ice by morning,
 taking a long time for it to dissolve.

Hay is almost finished, have
 given it principally to the bullocks
 as they have been working during
 the winter, and not very much
 was cut this year, trust the
 weather will soon break up as
 we are very short of firewood
 and carting from the Mount has
 ceased for the present. I shall
 be obliged to order some coal in
 the spring as the demand for
 wood then will be greater than
 the supply.

Having nothing further to add
 this month

I am etc
 (Sgd) G. C. Rigby.