

cording to information received by the Forest and Bird Protection Society.

But "the evil that men do lives after them."
—THE SHEEP REMAIN!

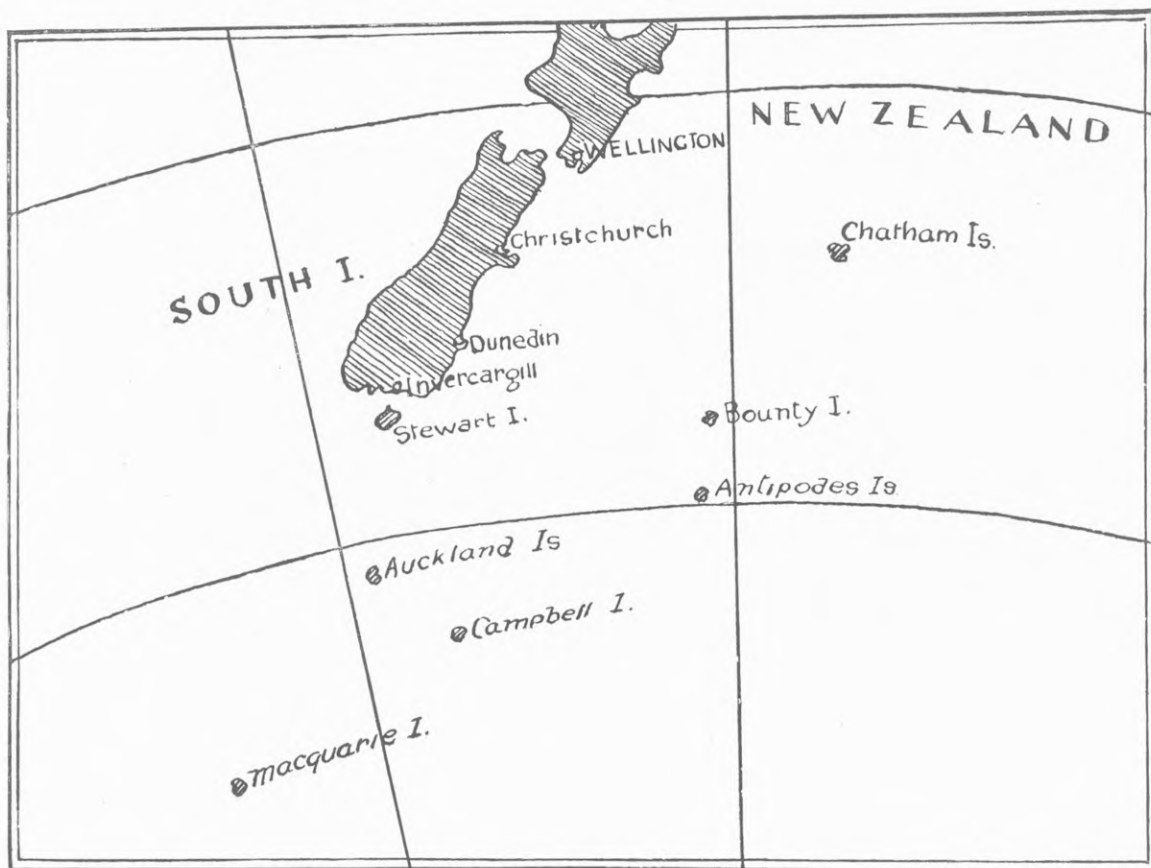
From 1926 onward the Forest and Bird Society never dropped its demand that the sheep licences be discontinued and that the islands be reserved. Likewise it will persist in its advocacy of some Government effort to place the islands under effective supervision, so that exotic animals may be reduced and seal poachers (also trespassers and collectors) warned off.

The whole subject is revived by Mr. Guthrie Smith's recently published book, quoted above. The fight for the freeing of the Auckland Islands—in the course of which the Forest and Bird Protection Society had certain remarkable negotiations indirectly with the licensees as well as with the Government—may be worth re-telling in a future issue with more space.

NESTING PRIVACY OF ROYAL ALBATROSS DESTROYED.

On Campbell Island Mr. Guthrie Smith found Royal Albatross diminishing, but "not every one of the great eggs had been basely cooked and eaten; not all of the majestic birds had been destroyed by degradation of pasture or worried by stray sheep dogs." After "a long tramp" he found sitting birds, but on "the grazed moorland" the tussock that should have sheltered their nests was absent. The great birds might as well have nested on a carpet. "They looked sadly out of place in their glaring, staring, flagrant, salient obviousness."

And he fires this parting shot at the wisdom of past Governments down to 1926: "What a poor, curtailed, mutilated, sterile world we threaten our descendants with!"



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If we remembered our sub-Antarctic dependencies, we would not permit these crimes against the Auckland and Campbell Islands.