

GILBERT AND ELLICE ISLANDS COLONY

Nukumaroro (Gardner) Island,
Phoenix Islands District,
2nd January, 1949.

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Sir,

I have the honour to refer to District Circular No. 5 of 1940 and to submit a brief report on the activities of the Gardner Island Co-operative Store during 1939.

2. Similar reports for the Stores at Hull and Sydney Islands will be submitted in due course, when I am able to visit these islands and compile the necessary information.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

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Officer-in-Charge,
Phoenix Islands Settlement Scheme.

The Acting Secretary to Government,
Gilbert and Ellice Islands Colony,
Ocean Island.

impossible to get, say, 50 separate pounds of flour out of a 50 lb. bag.

The second, and far more serious handicap which this store had to face was that invoices for goods landed in January did not reach the island until August. As a result of this, goods had to be sold without information as to their purchase price. Arbitrary sale prices had to be fixed and the standard chosen was that set in the Phosphate Commissioners store at Ocean Island. When the invoices finally came to hand, it was discovered that the Colony Agents in Australia had purchased in the retail market and, in almost every case, goods/