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19th May, 1950.

My dear Casey,

Thank you very much for your letter of the 16th, and enclosed photographs and old map of "Terrick Terrick", which I am particularly glad to have, as it is a good name in our Company records.

So far as I can find out, "Terrick" has been in this Company's possession since 1896. Its area originally was about 518,000 acres; today, it is only about 120,000 acres, of which 64,000 acres are used as a Special Stud Lease.

In your father's day, "Terrick" must have carried large numbers. There is a record here that in 1892 it had 322,000 sheep. In 1893, there is a shearing record showing that the cut per head was 6 lbs. 10 ozs., yielding 4,300 bales of wool, for which they only got 7¹/₂d. a lb. - less than one-seventh of today's wool price.

The pioneers were splendid judges of country, and this is borne out at "Terrick" by the fact that we now run the best Merino Stud in Queensland and this year have won the main Grand Championship prizes for Queensland bred rams and also the open Championship at the Longreach Show.

It is only recently that some of the old "Terrick" buildings were demolished, showing that they were well-built long ago. The wool shed shown in your photograph was burned down some time in the 1920's. I think probably the water supplies were better in the early days than they are now, as we have had to spend large sums on tanks, possibly due to the fact that in later years a great deal of timber was removed and the continual stocking caused silting in many water courses.

It was very good of you to send me the records which are appreciated, and they will be kept in our Office.

Yours sincerely,

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