

as under:—1st class to receive £300; 2nd class, £250; 3rd class, £200; 4th class, £150; 5th class, £100; 6th class, £75; 7th class, £50; 8th class, £25.

That the tanneries, &c., of the under-mentioned applicants be visited and reported upon by the following gentlemen:—E. Davies, Brunswick, and J. Farrell, of Richmond, by Messrs. Anderson, Reeves and Lyall; A. Douglass and Co., Geelong, by Mr. Guthrie, Inspector-General of Customs.

That the claims for rewards for the manufacture of crockery, &c., be deferred until a larger meeting of the Board takes place, and that they be then considered in connection with the reports of the sub-committees.

That the next meeting of the Board take place when all the reports of sub-committees are in the hands of the Secretary.

That the Secretary be authorized to have certain lists of applications printed for distribution among the members of the Board.

8th May, 1866.—Members present:—Mr. Francis, Mr. Harrison, Mr. Reeves. No quorum.

15th May, 1866.—Members present:—Mr. Francis, Mr. Harrison, Mr. Lyall, Mr. Reeves, Mr. Riddle, Mr. Stutzer.

Letters read from the Rev. J. J. Bleasdale, D.D., and Mr. Richard Shepherd, requesting reconsideration of decision arrived at in Mr. Chevalier's case.

Decided—That fresh evidence produced affords no reason for altering decision.

Similar letters from J. C. Lyons, Ballarat, and E. Brandt, Sandhurst, submitted.

Decided—That no sufficient reason is shown to induce Board to alter decision.

Letter read from Mr. George Heath, Inspector of Distilleries, submitting sample of spirits made by him from the grass-tree.

Decided—That the thanks of the Board be conveyed to Mr. Heath for his communication.

Application read from Mr. J. G. Miller, applying for a reward for discovery of an invention for "deep-sea fishing by galvanic currents."

Decided—That Mr. Miller be thanked for his communication, and to be informed that the time for receiving applications for rewards closed on 1st December last.

Mr. Keogh's application for a reward for the manufacture of woollen cloth submitted.

Decided—That the claim for a premium is not sustained.

Applications of the Victorian Woollen and Cloth Manufacturing Company, Geelong, and of Mr. Kenny, on account of his establishment for the manufacture of paper, having been considered, it was decided—That the sum of £1,500 each be set apart for these industries (instead of amounts specified in a resolution arrived at at a meeting held on 20th February last), subject to the fulfilment of certain conditions prior to 15th December next.

Mr. Stutzer invited to draw up conditions suitable to those cases.

The applications of the following applicants were next considered, and it was decided that none but the finer articles of earthenware are entitled to a premium; and the specimens forwarded for the inspection of the Board not fulfilling the requisite conditions, the applications are consequently declined:—Cornwell, Brunswick; Steiling, Richmond; Chesterfield Pottery Company, Footscray; Rhodes, Brunswick.

Decided—That the three applications for the manufacture of leather stand over until next meeting; meanwhile J. Farrell to be requested to forward samples of his coloured roams for inspection.

The following rewards, subject to revision, were agreed to, for the manufacture of flax:—Kidd, Eltham, £50, 4th clause; Craig, Moolap, £25, 4th clause; McAndrew, Drysdale, £200, 3rd clause, subject to his producing the ton of flax required by the Regulations.

Mr. Martelli's applications having been submitted, it was decided to grant £200 to him under the 4th clause.

Decided—That the applications of Pansacker and Evans, and M. Murphy, for the manufacture of portmanteaus, &c., stand over, pending inquiry into same by Mr. Stutzer.

The following rewards, subject to revision, were next set down for the applicants named hereunder:—Dobson, axles, £200; Prangst, stearine candles, £100; Watts, perfumery, £50; Evett, gold-leaf, £50; Martin, blasting compound, £50; Miller, pistol cartridges, £50; Rowden Bros., galvanizing iron, £50; Honnens, Vockler, and Co., glue £25; Clark and Co., chemicals, £25; Beddison, railway trimmings, £25; Lacroisette and Bates, crystallized fruits, £25; Mealy, straw-plaiting, straw hats, &c., £25; all being under clause 4.

The amounts awarded to Mrs. Mealy disposes of her son's claim for manufacture of straw-splitters.

The following applications were next submitted, and dealt with as under:—Donaghy, manufacture of rope, declined, not having established a claim; Hutchison, patent ovens, not sufficiently novel to merit a reward; Fordham, preserved fruits and fish, declined for same reason; Hutchison, substitute for embroidery, not entitled to a premium; Fincham, organs, not entitled to a premium; Nisser, patent gunpowder, not approved for a reward.

The following applications from persons who received premiums out of the 1864 vote, requesting additional rewards out of the amount voted in 1865, were next submitted, and the following decision in reference to the same was arrived at:—That it is inexpedient to interfere with the decision of the 1864 Board. Applications cannot, therefore, be acceded to.—Urie, Young, and Co.—Starch and maizena; Sloggatt—Thumb-blue; Stone and Zevenboom—Brushware; Miller—Rope.

In the case of Mr. Blazey, who was a recipient of a premium from the vote of 1864, it was decided that he should receive a reward of £25, he having been the first to introduce musk-wood into the manufacture of pianos.

17th May, 1866.—Members present:—Mr. Francis, Mr. Harrison, Mr. Riddell, Mr. Stutzer.

Memorandum of condition, drawn up by Mr. Stutzer, under which a reward will be payable to the Victorian Woollen and Cloth Manufacturing Company, Geelong, submitted and approved; Secretary instructed to communicate same to Mr. Sayers, secretary to the company.