

the Report of the Joint Committee on Colonial Industries, F. 1., September 5th, 1870, and drawing attention to No. 4 of the Report, for the purpose of knowing if the Government intend to take any action on it, as on your property at Drury there have been found indications of the presence of gold. In reply, I have to state that the Government are advised that gold has been worked on private land, without objection on the part of Government, at various places, and there is no power to proclaim such land a gold field without the consent of the owners.

The Hon. Henry Chamberlin, M.L.C., Auckland.

I have, &c.,  
W. GISBORNE.

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APPENDIX III.—PLANTING OF TIMBER TREES.

No. 5.

Mr. GRAY to Dr. HECTOR.

SIR,—

General Post Office, Wellington, 9th May, 1871.

When leaving for San Francisco, in January last, the Government furnished me with a list of Californian seeds and plants, with instructions to procure a quantity of each, with a view to their distribution throughout the Colony, as was done with the seeds which I brought with me on my first trip, in July last. On making inquiries at the various seed shops and nurseries in and around San Francisco, I found that the season, just then closed, had been extremely unfavourable for collecting seeds of trees and plants, and that the seedsmen declined to guarantee as sound the stock they held of many of the sorts mentioned in the list. I purchased, therefore, only such seeds as they agreed to warrant as pure and good, which I beg to hand over to you for distribution. Attached is a schedule of their names, and quantities of each.

With respect to the mulberry plants, I may mention that, on my arrival in Auckland, to save time, I gave a bundle of 200 plants to the Acclimatization Society there. I could have brought a very much larger quantity, but the season was too far advanced to risk it. The months of January and February would be the best adapted for safely transmitting the mulberry plant.

J. Hector, Esq., M.D., &c., Museum.

I have, &c.,  
W. GRAY.

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SCHEDULE.

2 lbs. Pinus Lambertiana.  
1 „ „ Sabiniana.  
2 „ „ Torreyana.  
1 „ „ Insignis.  
1 „ Sequoia Sempervirens.  
2 „ Cupressus Macrocarpa.  
1 „ „ Lawsoniana.  
1 „ „ McNabiana.  
600 plants of the white mulberry.

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No. 6.

MEMORANDUM for Mr. COOPER by Dr. HECTOR.

Colonial Museum, Wellington, 19th June, 1871.

THE seeds and mulberry trees, as per list attached brought by Mr. W. Gray from California, in May last, have been officially distributed as follows; and acknowledgments are herewith enclosed for Mr. Gisborne's information:—

*Mulberry Trees.*

200 To Acclimatization Society, Auckland (handed over direct by Mr. Gray).  
150 „ Botanic Gardens, Wellington  
50 „ Superintendent of Otago, for Botanic Gardens.  
50 „ Mayor of Queenstown, Otago (for the interior).  
50 „ Superintendent of Canterbury, for Botanic Gardens.  
100 „ Superintendent of Nelson (to be handed over to Mr. Batchelor).

*Seeds.*

Acclimatization Society, Auckland.  
Acclimatization Society, Christchurch.  
Acclimatization Society, Wanganui.  
Botanic Gardens, Dunedin.  
Botanic Gardens, Wellington.  
Superintendent of Nelson.  
Superintendent of Taranaki.  
Chairman, County Council, Westland.  
Mr. Ludlam, Wellington.  
Mr. Harding, Napier.  
Mr. Potts.

Hon. Mr. Stafford.  
Hon. Mr. Hall.

JAMES HECTOR.