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NEW ZEALAND.

SYDNEY INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION, 1879

(PAPERS RELATIVE TO THE).

*Presented to both Houses of the General Assembly by Command of His Excellency.*REPORT OF ROYAL COMMISSION APPOINTED TO SECURE THE REPRESENTATION
OF NEW ZEALAND.[Extract from *New Zealand Gazette* No. 13, 30th January, 1879.]

Colonial Secretary's Office, Wellington, 20th January, 1879.

REFERRING to the notice published in the *New Zealand Gazette* No. 36, of the 26th April, 1878, relative to the Australian International Exhibition to be held in Sydney, New South Wales, in August, 1879, it is hereby further notified that the Government of New Zealand will be prepared to receive and to forward to Sydney any articles for exhibition which may be prepared by persons resident in this colony.

A Royal Commission will be appointed immediately, who will prepare and publish regulations under which they will receive exhibits for transmission.

As articles for exhibition should be shipped from Wellington not later than June next, persons wishing to exhibit are invited to communicate with Dr. Hector, the Chairman of the Royal Commission, without delay.

All expenses of transmitting and exhibiting approved articles will be defrayed by the Government; but, as experience has proved that in Exhibitions of this kind the best effect is produced by a few well-displayed objects of considerable size, and as the space allowed to the colony for exhibition will be limited, a careful selection will have to be made, so that the representation may be complete.

The Collectors of Customs at the various ports have been instructed to receive exhibits, and to forward them to the Chairman of the Exhibition Commission at Wellington, by whom they will be collected and transmitted to Sydney; but no exhibits can be received later than the 30th June, 1879.

After the Exhibition is closed, the exhibits will be either returned to exhibitors free of expense, or sold or otherwise disposed of in Sydney, at the desire of the exhibitors; but the Government undertakes no responsibility for loss or damage, either in transit or during exhibition, or in regard to the price to be realized if sold, nor will they guarantee the safe remittance of the money.

G. S. WHITMORE.

COMMISSION.

VICTORIA, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Queen, Defender of the Faith, and so forth.

To our Trusty and Well-beloved JAMES HECTOR, JOE DRANSFIELD, WILLIAM HUTCHINSON, CHARLES LEMON, WILLIAM HORT LEVIN, DANIEL MCINTYRE, FREDERICK AUGUSTUS KRULL, and JAMES SMYLLIE McDEWELL THOMPSON.

WHEREAS an Exhibition of the Works of Art and of the Products of Agriculture and Industry of all Nations is to be held in the City of Sydney, in the Colony of New South Wales, in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy-nine: And whereas it has been represented to Us that it is desirable that Commissioners should be appointed to devise and carry out the details necessary for the transmission to Sydney of any articles, the produce or manufacture of our Colony of New Zealand, intended for exposition at the said Exhibition, for their due display thereat, and for their subsequent sale or careful return to their owners: Now know ye that We, reposing especial trust and confidence in your knowledge, integrity, and ability, do, by these presents, authorize and appoint you to be such Commissioners accordingly, of whom any three shall form a quorum, with full power to act in these premises, and do appoint the before-named James Hector to be Chairman of you the said Commissioners.

In testimony whereof We have caused these our letters to be made Patent, and the Seal of our said Colony of New Zealand to be hereunto affixed.

Witness our Right Trusty and Entirely-beloved Cousin and Councillor, George Augustus Constantine, Marquis of Normanby, Earl of Mulgrave, Viscount Normanby, and Baron Mulgrave of Mulgrave, all in the County of York, in the Peerage of the United Kingdom, and Baron Mulgrave of New Ross, in the County of Wexford, in the Peerage of Ireland; a Member of our Most Honorable Privy Council; Knight Grand Cross of our Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George; Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over our Colony of New Zealand and its Dependencies, and Vice-Admiral of the same; and issued under the Seal of the said Colony, at Wellington, this twenty-first day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-nine, and in the forty-second year of our reign.

(L.S.) NORMANBY.

G. S. WHITMORE.

[Extract from *New Zealand Gazette* No. 41, 17th April, 1879.]

Colonial Secretary's Office, Wellington, 17th April, 1879.

His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to accept the office of President of the Sydney Exhibition Commission; and has also been pleased to appoint James Hector, Esq., C.M.G., F.R.S., to be Vice-President and Executive Commissioner of the said Commission.

G. S. WHITMORE.

PROGRESS REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

Wellington, 30th June, 1879.

The Commissioners appointed by His Excellency the Marquis of Normanby, on the 21st January last, to make arrangements to secure the representation of New Zealand at the Sydney International Exhibition, to be held in the City of Sydney in September next, respectfully submit the following report of the action taken towards the performance of the duties intrusted to them up to the present time:—

The Commissioners immediately on their appointment took steps to carry out the object for which the Commission was issued. Since then eight meetings have been held for the transaction of business, and an abstract of the minutes of the proceedings at these meetings will be found in Appendix A, and in Appendix B will be found an abstract of the correspondence which the Commissioners have had on matters relating to the Exhibition.

The first meeting was held on the 27th January, when the Chairman read a circular telegram which he had issued respecting exhibits of wool, and reported that he had applied to the Government for copies of papers relative to the Exhibition, and an indication of the amount of expenditure that the Government was prepared to authorize the Commission to incur.

A telegram was read from Mr. P. A. Jennings, Executive Commissioner, Sydney, relative to the arrangements made for the purpose of holding the Exhibition, and offering to reserve 4,000 square feet of space for the representation of New Zealand.

It was resolved that advertisements should be inserted in the Wellington papers inviting applications for the office of Secretary to the Commission; also that the Chairman should wait upon the Under Secretary with the view of ascertaining if Government can provide the Commission with office accommodation.

The Colonial Secretary replied to the Commission's application respecting funds, that the Cabinet would approve of an expenditure by the Commission of a sum not exceeding £2,000.

On the 5th February Mr. Charles Callis was elected as Secretary to the Commission, and was instructed to communicate with the Secretaries of the various Chambers of Commerce throughout the colony, asking the members of the Chambers to act as Local Committees for the representation of the various districts, and to see that only specimens of articles that really excelled in quality should be forwarded for exhibition in Sydney. Subsequently seventeen Local Committees were formed at the following places—namely, Auckland, Thames, Gisborne, Napier, New Plymouth, Wanganui, Wellington, Blenheim, Nelson, Greymouth, Hokitika, Christchurch, Timaru, Oamaru, Dunedin, Invercargill, and Queenstown. Regulations and schedules of articles to be received for exhibition were issued for the guidance of contributors, and also letters addressed specially to the several Committees asking for their co-operation and assistance, by encouraging the inhabitants of their respective districts to contribute such objects of interest as they can command, illustrative of the products and industry of the said districts, and calling attention to the fact that, in showing to best advantage our chief natural products, our manufactures, and our industries, at the great gathering to be held in Sydney in September next, we shall practically be exhibiting the resources of the colony to the whole of the world.

Special attention was also drawn to a notice that a further exhibition of wool will be held in Sydney in December for the new season's clip, and asking that every exertion might be used to secure a good display of this important article, more especially as the season was too far advanced to obtain exhibits in any quantity of last season's clip. The Commissioners also stated that they would gladly receive any suggestions from the Local Committees, begging them to afford the fullest information in their power.

The regulations provided that exhibits must be forwarded to the Commissioners at Wellington before the first week in July, unless otherwise specially arranged for.

The articles of which the Commissioners particularly desired the collection were chiefly as follows: Gold, grain, flour, wool, woollen goods, coal, timber, furniture manufactured from New Zealand woods; flax, rope, &c.; kauri gum, tanning barks, leather, dyes, paint, &c.; preserved meat, cheese; wine, beer, and spirits; tobacco (leaf and cigars); mineral waters, minerals and ores; works of art illustrative of New Zealand scenery and natural history (photographs, plans, maps, &c.); miscellaneous articles, such as illustrate the history of the country or its inhabitants.

A sum of £495 5s. 5d. has been actually spent, or advanced to Local Committees, up to the 30th June, viz. :—

	£	s.	d.
Napier Local Committee	15	0	0
Grahamstown Local Committee	15	0	0
Timaru Local Committee	15	0	0
Queenstown Local Committee	15	0	0
Gisborne Local Committee	15	0	0
Dunedin Local Committee	55	0	0
Christchurch Local Committee	52	17	6
Wellington Local Committee	50	0	0
W. Irwin Grayling, special grant	20	0	0
Rent of St. George's Hall, lower flat	20	0	0
Draftsman, for statistical work	49	0	0
Secretary's salary	125	0	0
Messenger and hall-keeper, St. George's Hall	26	8	0
Fire insurance	3	11	1
Petty expenses	18	8	10
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	£495	5	5

The Commissioners have voted additional sums amounting to £1,018 2s. 6d. for the use of Local Committees and as special grants for exhibitors, also for the rent of St. George's Hall as a depôt for the reception and packing of exhibits to the 6th August next.

The Commissioners estimate that £3,140 will be the very smallest sum required to carry out a due representation for the colony, as follows, viz. :—

	£	s.	d.
Expenses at head office and Sydney expenses	860	0	0
Grants to various Local Committees and special exhibitors	1,330	0	0
Gold specimens	200	0	0
Plans and publications	300	0	0
Freight to and from Sydney	150	0	0
Fitting of court in Exhibition	300	0	0
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	£3,140	0	0

Your Excellency was pleased to assume the presidency of the Commission on the 17th April. In consequence of the great interest taken by your Excellency in presiding over the meetings of the Commission, also by personally encouraging the various Local Committees, an increased disposition to work up their districts has been shown by those Committees which previously had been somewhat inert; and it is hoped the desire which your Excellency has expressed that the colony should be thoroughly represented at the first International Exhibition to be held in the Australasian Colonies will be fully realized.

The intimation that Government intend to exhibit a Maori carved house was received with much satisfaction by the International Commissioners in Sydney, and the worthy example has been availed of to its full extent to encourage other Commissions to send similar ethnological exhibits from Fiji, New Caledonia, and other Polynesian Islands; and may be the means of leading to the formation of a more interesting ethnological collection than has been brought together at any previous International Exhibition in Europe or America.

The space in the Exhibition placed at the disposal of the Commission is in the most favourable possible position. Upon the main floor 75 by 75 feet is allotted, making a total of 5,625 square feet, with a proportionate amount in the galleries and basement in as nearly as possible corresponding situations. A small amount of space will also be available in the central part of the transept facing the New Zealand Court, say about 600 or 700 feet, for the exhibition of trophies and articles of a similar character.

Regarding the prospects of the share New Zealand will be able to take in the forthcoming Exhibition, it is at present premature to express an opinion; but so far the Commissioners feel satisfied that exhibits of all kinds, illustrative of the produce and industry of the colony, will be represented.

What will benefit New Zealand most is, of course, not competition with older countries, but showing by her exhibits that she possesses in abundance the material resources that go to make up national wealth. There are many branches in which it is impossible that this colony

should be represented, and therefore the Commissioners considered it better to concentrate a tention upon those departments in which we may fairly hope to hold our own, if not to excel.

The system of classification of articles to be received comprises seven departments, viz. :—

- Department 1. Mining, metallurgy, and their products.
 „ 2. Manufactures.
 „ 3. Education and science.
 „ 4. Art.
 „ 5. Machinery.
 „ 6. Agriculture.
 „ 7. Horticulture.

Two hundred and forty-three exhibitors are now entered in the draft catalogue, and it is estimated, when all the returns have been received from the Local Committees, a muster of something like 400 contributors will be enrolled. The date fixed up to which exhibits can be received at Wellington is the 7th July, except in the matter of a few special cases, when a later date has been conceded. The Directors of the various public Museums in the colony have been working assiduously in making up thorough collections in all departments, and the mining interests especially will be well represented by specimens of minerals, and columns of coal and building stone, which, together with other items of this department, will tend to make a very creditable display.

In manufactures some fine specimens of cloth, blankets, and other woollen fabrics will be exhibited from the colonial factories. Furniture and other articles produced from the New Zealand timbers, such as extracts from the towai and other trees, will be most fully represented; rope made from the *phormium tenax*; brushes, brooms, and matting of native fibres; boots and shoes, and other articles of colonial produce and industry.

The department of education and science, which includes ethnology, will, it is hoped, be highly interesting, as its success is much desired by the International Commissioners.

In the art department our well-known water-colour artists will compete for the awards of the Commission. Some creditable specimens of photographic art will be forwarded, illustrative of New Zealand scenery. Many exhibits of great excellence may be relied upon, arranged with much taste, and forming a very attractive display, as some of the exhibitors have incurred considerable expense in the matter. Works of art, which the wealth and taste of our connoisseurs have accumulated, will be most graciously lent by the owners, so as to enable the Commission to contribute to the art gallery.

Machinery proper is a branch in which the colony, at its present early stage, cannot expect to exhibit, but a great many items which might properly be arranged under this head will be found under those of manufactures and agriculture.

In the department of agriculture the exhibits will be very varied and numerous. The forests of the colony supply some of the finest timber in the world, and the Exhibition will give an opportunity for showing how well adapted for purposes of ornament and decoration are many of the woods of this colony, and many exhibits will be found conspicuous alike for beauty and utility. Great exertions are being made in order to obtain a first-class display of wool from the new season's clip. As already stated, a special show will be held in Sydney in December next, the time of year being too far advanced to get any quantity of specimens of the finest qualities from last season's clip. A great variety of cereals will be exhibited in the form of clean, full grain, and well-prepared flour; and the International Commission will arrange for successive displays of grasses, fruits, grain, and all the other vegetable products. Exhibits of the *phormium tenax* will be forwarded from various parts, and especial attention will be drawn to them.

The important brewing industry of the colony will be adequately represented. The Commissioners are of the opinion that every effort should be made to encourage the production of the best classes of ale and beer, as a productive industry for which New Zealand has peculiar climatic advantages.

Fruit wines will be represented, amongst others, by a manufacturer who was so successful at the Philadelphia Exhibition, and upon whose productions the following remarks were made in the official Report of the Jurors at the Philadelphia Exhibition: "The fruit wines of New Zealand excelled all similar kinds exhibited at Philadelphia, and their goodness has already induced like production in America."

In horticultural specimens New Zealand will be chiefly represented by collections of ferns, properly dried and classified.

A list of the members of the Local Committees and a copy of the regulations issued by the Commissioners is hereto appended.

To His Excellency

Sir Hercules Robinson, G.C.M.G.,

JAMES HECTOR,

Executive Commissioner.

President, Sydney Exhibition Commission for New Zealand.

LOCAL COMMITTEES.—*Auckland*: J. M. Clark, Esq., Chairman; G. Holdship, Esq.; T. Morrin, Esq.; T. Peacock, Esq. (Mayor). *Gisborne*: His Worship the Mayor and Council. *New Plymouth*: A. Cracroft Fookes, Esq. (Mayor), Chairman; Messrs. W. Beale, A. Colson, Hamerton, Humphries, C. Rennell, R. Rimdrew, T. Veale, J. M. Vivian, A. Weyergang, L.

H. Cholwill, Secretary. *Wanganui*: T. Bamber, Esq. (Mayor), Chairman; Messrs. G. Carson, H. Hurley, A. D. Willis. *Wellington*: J. R. George, Esq., Chairman; J. H. Bethune, Esq.; J. B. Harcourt, Esq. *Blenheim*: A. G. Fell, Esq. (Mayor), Chairman; Messrs. Earll, Houldsworth, Lichfield, Parker, Robinson, Presswood, Rogers, Wemyss. *Nelson*: J. R. Dodson, Esq. (Mayor), Chairman; His Lordship the Bishop of Nelson; Dr. Irvine, Messrs. Brown, Crewdson, J. Gully, Hackett, Hunter, Little, Pownall, Shepherd, Trask, White, Rev. J. Beckenham, Hon. Secretary. *Christchurch*: G. W. Turner, Esq., President; J. Beaumont, Esq.; P. Cunningham, Esq.; L. E. Nathan, Esq.; S. S. Revans, Esq.; W. D. Wood, Esq. *Timaru*: Captain Sutter, Chairman; Captain Cain; Messrs. Gibson, Grainger, and Jonas. *Oamaru*: J. T. Evans, Esq., Chairman; Henry Connell, Esq.; Frank Dunlop, Esq.; William Jukes Steward, Esq.; George Sumpter, Esq. *Dunedin*: Hon. W. H. Reynolds, Chairman; E. J. Spence, Esq., Vice-Chairman; L. O. Beall, Esq.; W. Blair, Esq., C.E.; A. Burt, Esq.; E. B. Cargill, Esq.; R. Gillies, Esq.; B. Hallenstein, Esq.; W. M. Hodgkins, Esq.; D. C. Hutton, Esq.; Professor Hutton; William Mason, Esq.; J. T. McKerras, Esq.; G. McLean, Esq.; Hugh McLean, Esq.; J. B. Mudie, Esq.; R. Oliver, Esq., M.H.R.; Vincent Pyke, Esq., M.H.R.; Donald Reid, Esq.; J. Roberts, Esq.; George Gray Russell, Esq.; G. L. Sise, Esq.; D. E. Spence, Esq.; H. Tewsley, Esq.; Professor Ulrich; J. S. Webb, Esq., Hon. Secretary. *Invercargill*: John Turnbull, Esq., Chairman; J. Walker Bain, Esq.; T. J. Martin, Esq.; R. Tapper, Esq. *Queenstown*: F. H. Daniels, Esq. (Mayor), Chairman; Messrs. Butel, Cope, J. Douglas, M.D., Edgar, Evans, Hicks, Mason, Worthington; Henry Manders, Esq., M.H.R., Hon. Secretary. *Hokitika*: McLean W. Jack, Esq. (Mayor), Chairman; Messrs. John Tait, Robert Walker, John Cross, Thomas Cook, W. Heintz, W. G. Johnson, John Peake, John Nicholson, T. Shaffrey. *Napier*: J. H. Vautier, Esq. (Mayor), Chairman; Members of the Borough Council. *Grahamstown*: W. McCullough, Esq. (Mayor), Chairman; A. Brodie, Esq., (County Chairman); Messrs. J. Brown, Colonel Fraser, F. C. Dean, L. Ehrenfried, A. Price, A. Porter, W. Carpenter. *Greymouth*: Richard Nancarrow, Esq. (Mayor), Chairman; Messrs. Patrick Griffin, James Barkley, Frank Badger, F. W. Lahmann, J. G. Thomas, Joseph Kilgour, F. C. Dupre, J. A. Eissenhardt, Edmund Wickes.

REGULATIONS.

[*Exhibition to be opened September, 1879; and closed, February, 1880.*]

The proposal to hold an International Exhibition in Australia originated with the Agricultural Society of New South Wales, whose annual Exhibitions have for many years been conducted with success.

The growing magnitude the Exhibition assumed, and the deep interest evinced in the undertaking at Home and abroad, made it evident that it had developed into a work of national importance, altogether beyond the powers and resources of the Agricultural Society; therefore, in November, 1878, the Government accepted the responsibility of carrying it out.

A site worthy of the occasion has been chosen in the Domain, and spacious buildings are being erected by the Government.

The Exhibition will be opened the first week in September, 1879, and will remain open for six months.

GENERAL REGULATIONS.

Exhibits will be admitted free of duty. The removal of goods, except under special circumstances, will not be permitted prior to the close of the Exhibition. Facilities will be given for the sale of exhibits, to be delivered after the close of the Exhibition.

A special provision will be made by Parliament for the protection of inventions capable of being patented in New South Wales.

No work of art, nor any article whatever exhibited in the buildings, parks, or gardens may be drawn, copied, or reproduced in any manner whatsoever without the permission of the exhibitor and the Commission.

The Commission reserves the right of rejecting or returning any proposed exhibit. Articles that are in any way dangerous, or offensive, or injurious to public decency or morality, will not be admitted into the Exhibition.

Each exhibitor will have the right to produce and publish the report awarded to him, but the Sydney International Commission reserves the right to publish and dispose of all reports in the manner it thinks best for public information, and also to publish and distribute the reports in regard to the Exhibition.

Every person who becomes an exhibitor hereby undertakes and acknowledges to observe the rules and regulations established for the government of the Exhibition.

Wool.—In addition to the ordinary display of wool, a further Exhibition will be held in December, so that next season's clip may be represented.

SYSTEM OF CLASSIFICATION.

The system of classification which has been adopted is mainly framed on that used at the Philadelphia Exhibition; but it is intended rather to indicate the objects desired for exhibition,

and to facilitate the work of the Judges, than to prescribe the arrangement of them in the building.

Excepting that machinery in motion will not be admitted on the main floor or in the gallery, exhibitors will generally be permitted to group their objects within the courts of their respective countries or colonies as may be thought most advantageous to themselves, but subject to the regulations.

SYNOPSIS OF THE CLASSIFICATION.

Departments.	Classes.	Groups.
I.—Mining	100—107	Minerals, ores, stone, mining products.
	110—114	Metallurgical products.
	120—122	Mining engineering.
	200—205	Chemical manufactures.
II.—Manufactures	206—216	Ceramics, pottery, porcelain, glass, &c.
	217—227	Furniture, &c.
	228—234	Yarns and woven goods of vegetable or mineral materials.
	235—241	Woven and felted goods of wool, &c.
	242—249	Silk and silk fabrics.
	250—257	Clothing, jewellery, &c.
	258—264	Paper, blank books, stationery.
	265—270	Weapons, &c.
	272—278	Medicine, surgery, prothesis.
	279—283	Hardware, edge tools, cutlery, and metallic products.
	284—290	Fabrics of vegetable, animal, or mineral materials.
III.—Education and Science	291—294	Carriages, vehicles, and accessories.
	300—306	Educational systems, methods, and libraries.
	307—313	Scientific and philosophical instruments and methods.
	314—319	Engineering, architecture, maps, &c.
	320—329	Physical, social, and moral condition of man.
IV.—Art	400—405	Sculpture.
	406—409	Painting.
	410—414	Engraving and lithography.
	415—418	Photography.
	419—422	Industrial and agricultural designs, &c.
	423—427	Ceramic decorations, mosaics, &c.
V.—Machinery	500—509	Machines, tools, &c., of mining, chemistry, &c.
	510—519	Machines and tools for working metal, wood, and stone.
	520—528	Machines and implements of spinning, weaving, &c.
	529—537	Machines, &c., used in sewing, making clothing, &c.
	538—545	Machines for printing, making books, paper working, &c.
	546—551	Motors, power generators, &c.
	552—560	Hydraulic and pneumatic apparatus.
	561—568	Railway plant, rolling-stock, &c.
	569—576	Machinery used in preparing agricultural products.
	577—584	Aerial, pneumatic, and water transportation.
VI.—Agriculture	585	Machinery and apparatus specially adapted to the requirements of the Exhibition.
	600—603	Animal products, land and marine (used as food).
	604—610	Animal products, land and marine (used as materials).
	611—612	Fish culture and apparatus.
	613—620	Arboriculture and forest products.
	621—622	Pomology.
	623—627	Agricultural products.
	629—634	Vegetable products (used as food or materials).
	635—638	Wines—Spirituous, fermented, and other drinks.
	639—644	Textile substances of vegetable or animal origin.
	645—652	Land animals.
	653—658	Machines, implements, and processes of manufacture.
	659—662	Agricultural engineering and administration.
	663—666	Tillage and general management.
VII.—Horticulture	700—709	Ornamental trees, shrubs, and flowers.
	710—716	Hot-houses, conservatories, graperies.
	717—719	Garden tools, accessories of gardening.
	720—724	Garden designing, construction, and management.

NEW ZEALAND REGULATIONS.

1. All exhibits must, unless otherwise specially arranged, be forwarded to the Commissioners at Wellington, through the Local Committees, before the first week in July.

2. Local Committees will take steps to insure that collections from their respective districts shall reach Wellington by that time.

3. The Collectors of Customs have been directed by the Government to arrange for the transmission of the exhibits at the public expense and free of charge to the exhibitors.

4. Each exhibit must be accompanied by two copies of full written description, stating value, and the name and address of the exhibitor in full; according to forms of application for space and catalogue information that will be supplied.

5. If exhibits are not intended for competition, it must be so stated by the exhibitor.

6. If more than one exhibit is packed in a case, it will be advisable to distinguish each exhibit by a serial number.

7. Each package must have affixed to it a label or mark showing the place from which it comes, and the serial number of the package. Labels will be supplied by the Commissioners to Local Committees and exhibitors.

8. All expenses of transport, after exhibits are received by Local Committees, will be undertaken by the Commissioners.

9. It is very necessary to insure that nothing is exhibited which does not excel in quality, exhibitors should therefore be very careful in their selection of samples.

10. The Commissioners would specially urge the collection of the following articles:— (1.) Gold. (2.) Grain, pulse, grass seed, &c.: 1 measured bushel. (3.) Flour, meal, &c.: 25 lb. (4.) Wool: 6 fleeces, &c. (See special wool schedule.) (5.) Woollen goods. (6.) Coal: Sections of seams, samples. (7.) Timber: Series of uniform-sized samples; sections with the bark on and one face polished, the other being left in its natural state. Specimens to be not longer than 3 feet, except in the case of samples illustrative of the extreme growth to which particular trees attain. (8.) Furniture: Manufactured from New Zealand wood. (9.) Flax: Dressed fibre, in 50-lb. bales; rope, and other manufactured articles. (10.) Kauri gum: Ordinary market samples, showing grades of quality; special samples, showing size of mass or purity. (11.) Tanning barks; leather; dyes; paint. (12.) Preserved meat: Six tins of each kind, and 10 lb. samples. (13.) Cheese: Whole cheese of any size, not less than 14 lb. in the aggregate. (14.) Wine, beer, and spirits: In bottle, *max.*, 2 gallons; beer, in wood, *max.*, 36 gallons. (15.) Tobacco leaf and cigars: *Max.*, 10 lb.; *min.*, leaf, 5 lb.; cigars, 1 lb. (16.) Mineral waters: *Max.*, $\frac{1}{2}$ gallon, or 1 dozen in bottles. (17.) Mineral and ores. (18.) Works of art: Only those illustrative of New Zealand scenery and natural history; photographs, plans, maps, &c. (19.) Miscellaneous articles: Such as illustrate the history of the country and its inhabitants.

11. The Commissioners will use every endeavour to provide against the loss or damage of the collections, which will be duly insured, but they will not hold themselves or the Government responsible for any damage or loss.

12. Any exhibits not absolutely given to or bought by the Commissioners (unless the owners expressly desire that they be duly disposed of at Sydney) will be returned to the Local Committees at the expense of the Commissioners.

13. Local Committees will, at their discretion, accept articles for exhibition, subject to final revision by the Commissioners, as space for exhibition is limited.

14. Local Committees are recommended to appoint Sub-Committees to assist them in seeing that none but first-rate specimens of raw products are forwarded to Wellington.

15. The Commissioners reserve the right to alter, amend, explain, or add to these regulations.

JAMES HECTOR,
Executive Commissioner.

Offices of the Commission,
39, 40, and 41, Parliament Chambers, Wellington.

APPENDICES.

APPENDIX A.

EXTRACTS FROM MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS.

Meeting No. 1.—27th January, 1879.

Dr. HECTOR in the Chair.

THE Chairman, having read the Commission, stated that he had issued a circular telegram respecting exhibits of wool, as the matter was urgent. He had also applied to the Government for copies of papers relative to the Exhibition, and an indication of the amount of expenditure that the Government was prepared to authorize the Commission to incur.

A telegram from Mr. P. A. Jennings, Executive Commissioner to the International Commission, Sydney, was read, offering to reserve 4,000 square feet of space for the representation of New Zealand. A reply was ordered to be sent, asking the Commission to reserve a much larger space.

Resolved to advertise for a secretary.

The Chairman was requested to wait upon the Under Colonial Secretary, with a view of ascertaining if Government could provide the Commission with office accommodation.

Meeting No. 2.—4th February, 1879.

Dr. HECTOR in the Chair.

The Chairman stated a reply had been received from the Government offering three rooms in the Parliament Buildings for the use of the Commission. The Colonial Secretary had replied in the matter of funds to be placed at the service of the Commission, stating that the Cabinet would approve of an expenditure by the Commission of a sum not exceeding £2,000.

Correspondence from the International Commission was read respecting the admission of live stock—cattle, sheep, and horses; the admission of sheep requiring those imported to be kept a short time in quarantine and to be dipped. This would be enforced with respect to sheep; no restrictions in respect to other stock.

Mr. Charles Callis was elected Secretary to the Commission.

The Chairman stated he hoped to procure a Maori carved house for exhibition, and that the Government proposed to ask the Chambers of Commerce throughout the colony to act as Local Committees in the large towns, to secure a thorough representation of the various districts.

Meeting No. 3.—24th February, 1879.

Dr. HECTOR in the Chair.

Resolved, That in consequence of Local Committees having been formed in the chief cities and towns of the colony, and having applied for a grant from funds at the disposal of the Commissioners, that a circular letter should be addressed to them by the Secretary, stating that the Commissioners, feeling anxious to give every assistance to the Committees before committing themselves to any definite expenditure, desired that a detailed estimate of probable requirements should be forwarded, and information afforded as to the manner in which it was proposed to spend any money advanced, such estimates to be framed in contemplation of the fact that economy was very necessary in view of a large expenditure required to arrange exhibits and transmit them to Sydney, and that a sum of only £2,000 had been placed by the Government to the credit of the Commission.

Resolved, That the Commission express a desire to exhibit a Maori carved house, provided the Government conclude all negotiations for the purchase of the house from the Natives: the Government to be the exhibitors of the same, and to have it delivered to the Commissioners at Wellington; the Commission only undertaking the transmission of the house to Sydney, and its re-erection there.

Resolved, That the general regulations as adopted be at once printed and distributed throughout the colony.

The Chairman mentioned that he had arranged with a number of coal-mining companies for blocks of coal to be exhibited, showing whole sections of seams.

The co-operation of Mr. Tolhurst, manager of the Bank of New Zealand, Wellington, was invited in the matter of procuring gold specimens for the Exhibition.

A telegram was directed to be sent to Sydney, asking the International Commission, "Will wool exhibits of next season's clip be admitted in December, as it is too late to get a good representation of that of last season?"

Meeting No. 4.—14th March, 1879.

His Worship the MAYOR in the Chair.

Resolved, That an expenditure not exceeding £100 shall be allowed to each of the Committees in Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch, and Dunedin; £30 to be allowed for the Nelson Committee; making a total sum of £430.

Meeting No. 5.—8th April, 1879.

Dr. HECTOR in the Chair.

The Chairman stated that His Excellency Sir Hercules Robinson had informed him that the allotment of space made for the representation of this colony at the Sydney International Exhibition was in a most admirable situation of the building.

Resolved, That Captain Thomson's application for assistance to enable him to forward certain of his mechanical inventions to the Exhibition, being supported by the Local Committee, the same should be entertained, and a sum not exceeding £50 was accordingly granted.

Mr. Hacket having applied for a grant for the purpose of obtaining mineral specimens from the Nelson District, a sum of £20 was added to the grant of the Nelson Committee for the purpose stated.

The Canterbury Museum was requested to contribute to the Exhibition through the Local Committee.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £100 should be granted to the Invercargill Committee.

Resolved, That an expenditure of £200 should be allowed by Dr. Hector for procuring statistical maps, showing the roads, railways, telegraph lines, bush, cultivated lands, streams, &c.; these to be reduced by photography to a small scale, for the purpose of binding up in the Exhibition Handbooks, and afterwards to be drawn and coloured for exhibition.

Resolved, That accounts to the amount of £63 5s. should be passed for payment.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £200 should be allowed for the purchase of gold specimens, and that Mr. Tolhurst, manager of the Bank of New Zealand, Wellington, should be requested kindly to collect same. The Chairman stated that some nuggets and showy quartz would probably be available which was collected for the Philadelphia Exhibition, worth about £400.

The Chairman stated that he had made a rough estimate of the probable expenditure required by the Commission, amounting to £2,540.

Meeting No. 6.—22nd April, 1879.

Dr. HECTOR in the Chair.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £15 should be allowed to any of the Local Committee (not otherwise provided for) requesting a small amount for incidental expenses.

Resolved, That the Hokitika Committee should be allowed the expenditure of a sum not exceeding £50.

Resolved, That the Auckland Committee should be allowed to forward exhibits direct to the Exhibition in Sydney.

Resolved, That an expenditure of £50 should be allowed to the Queenstown Committee.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £20 should be allowed to Mr. W. Irwin Grayling, of the Omata Chemical Works, Taranaki, to enable him to prepare, in desirable quantities, an exhibit of certain vegetable extracts from the New Zealand forest trees, the extracts having been so favourably reported upon at previous Exhibitions.

Meeting No. 7.—9th May, 1879.

His Excellency the GOVERNOR in the Chair.

Resolved, That the following extract from a letter addressed to His Excellency's Private Secretary by the Executive Commissioner to the International Commission, dated Sydney, 17th April, should be published in the Press, viz.: "Owing to unforeseen delays in the early stages of the Exhibition, the notice given has, in some cases, left scarcely sufficient time to prepare exhibits and transmit them to Sydney in time for the opening in September next. Under these circumstances the Commission will receive exhibits up to the time of closing, in March, 1880, and can arrange with the Victorian Commissioners to have them sent on in time for the opening of the Melbourne Exhibition in that year."

Resolved, on the motion of Mr. Levin, that it is desirable that Dr. Hector, as Executive Commissioner, and the Secretary, should proceed to Sydney to arrange for the organization of the New Zealand Court in the Exhibition.

Resolved, That the Greymouth Committee should be allowed an expenditure of a sum not exceeding £10, to procure two coal pillars from the Coal-pit Heath and Brunner Mines.

Resolved, That a letter from the Secretary to the International Commission relative to art contributions should be printed and circulated, together with a strong recommendation from the New Zealand Commission, inviting earnest and hearty co-operation of the people of this colony to contribute to this department.

Resolved, That all exhibits from the colony should be exhibited as a whole, and not that any province or district should be individually represented.

Meeting No. 8.—6th June, 1879.

His Excellency the GOVERNOR in the Chair.

Correspondence from the International Commission was read, asking that efforts should be made to have a full ethnological display forwarded to the Exhibition; that the New Zealand Commission would consent to have erected a trophy, the base of which shall be columns of coal, to be surmounted with a pyramid representing the cubic contents of the gold produced in Australasia, estimated to the end of the year, the production of each colony to be distinctly tabulated on the pyramid. Messrs. Mort and Co., of Sydney, most generously offered free storage, should the Commission here desire to forward any exhibits before the main building was ready for their reception.

Dr. Julius von Haast, Director of the Canterbury Museum, having promised a very valuable collection in connection with the ethnological department, it was resolved to allow Dr. Haast any funds he might require for getting up the collection.

Resolved, That Mr. C. O'Neill should be allowed an expenditure of £15 for the purpose of exhibiting his patent Caithness flagging upon a space, 33 feet 3 inches by 12 feet, outside the vestibule of the Exhibition.

Resolved, That the Oamaru Committee should be allowed an expenditure of a sum not exceeding £50.

APPENDIX B.

ABSTRACT OF SECRETARIAL WORK.

Letters and telegrams received, 312.

Letters and telegrams despatched, 327.

Printed instructions, regulations, and document forms, 26.

Ditto, number of copies issued, 18,300.

Exhibition applications for space received, and entered in draft catalogue, 243.

ABSTRACT OF CORRESPONDENCE.

16th January, 1879.—The Hon. the Colonial Secretary to Dr. Hector.—Government contemplate appointing Royal Commission to receive and arrange exhibits for transmission to the Australian Exhibition, to be held in Sydney, and asking Dr. Hector to act as Chairman of the Commission.

17th January, 1879.—Dr. Hector to the Hon. the Colonial Secretary.—Stating he would have great pleasure in accepting position of Chairman to the Commission.

17th January, 1879.—Dr. Hector.—Circular telegram to Messrs. Miller, Driver, Cargill, Gibbs and Co., S. S. Revans, D. L. Murdoch, and Sclanders and Co., requesting every effort might be made in the various districts to obtain exhibits of wool, as season was far advanced.

18th January, 1879.—Replies from Messrs. Miller and others to Dr. Hector's circular telegram stating the utmost would be done to assist in procuring exhibits of wool.

18th January, 1879.—Dr. Hector to Dr. Campbell, Auckland.—Requesting, as it was late in season, no time should be lost in securing samples of wool for Exhibition, and to make it public in the Auckland Provincial District.

18th January, 1879.—Dr. Campbell to Dr. Hector.—As requested, had informed *Auckland Herald*, and recommended communicating with Chairman, Chamber of Commerce.

21st January, 1879.—Under Colonial Secretary to Dr. Hector.—Handing instrument under the hand of His Excellency the Governor, appointing Commission for the Sydney Exhibition.

21st January, 1879.—The Under Colonial Secretary to the Chairman of the Chambers of Commerce at Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch, Oamaru, Timaru, Dunedin, and Invercargill.—Asking the members to kindly form Local Committees to have the various districts fully represented at the Sydney Exhibition.

21st January, 1879.—The Under Colonial Secretary to their Worships the Mayors of Napier, Nelson, Greymouth, Hokitika, Taranaki, Wanganui, and Blenheim.—Requesting that Local Committees might be formed by the various boroughs for the representation of the districts at the Sydney Exhibition.

25th January, 1879.—Mr. P. A. Jennings, Executive Commissioner, International Commission, Sydney.—Stating Government in Sydney had taken over entire management of Exhibition; that a new programme was being issued, 1,000 copies of which would be forwarded; and asking if 4,000 square feet on main floor would be enough for the representation of New Zealand.

28th January, 1879.—Dr. Hector to Mr. P. A. Jennings.—Requesting a larger space than 4,000 square feet in Exhibition.

29th January, 1879.—Mr. P. A. Jennings, Sydney.—Transmitting copies of illustrated papers, with engraving and letterpress, descriptive of the proposed Sydney International Exhibition of 1879, requesting distribution, &c.

29th January, 1879.—From the Hon. the Colonial Secretary.—Stating that the Cabinet approves of an expenditure of a sum not exceeding £2,000 for the due representation of the colony at the Sydney Exhibition.

3rd February, 1879.—To Captain Preece, R.M., Opotiki.—Asking for information respecting Maori carved house that was to have been obtained for Paris Exhibition, if available for Sydney.

5th February, 1879.—From Captain Preece.—Have arranged with Whakataue Natives to give house to Government.

6th February, 1879.—To the Hon. the Colonial Secretary.—Requesting permission for Secretary to Commission to frank letters and telegrams on the business of the Commission.

8th February, 1879.—Circular letter to the Chairmen of the Chambers of Commerce at Auckland, Christchurch, Timaru, Oamaru, Dunedin, Invercargill, and Wellington; also to their Worships the Mayors of Napier, New Plymouth, Wanganui, Nelson, Blenheim, Greymouth, and Hokitika, forwarding copies of the *Sydney Mail* of the 18th January, and requesting that the information contained might be distributed in the various districts for the benefit of proposing exhibitors.

8th February, 1879.—From the Secretary, Kaiapoi Woollen Manufacturing Company.—Regarding exhibits of their manufacture.

8th February, 1879.—From Messrs. Gibbs, Shallard, and Co., Sydney.—Forwarding 500 copies of the official programme *re* Exhibition.

12th February, 1879.—From the Assistant Under Secretary.—Authority for Secretary to Commission to frank letters and telegrams.

14th February, 1879.—To Messrs. Cargill, Gibbs, and Co.—Respecting wool exhibits, and forwarding instructions.

14th February, 1879.—To Messrs. Guthrie and Larnach, New Zealand Timber and Woodware Factories Company.—Respecting the allotment of a separate court for exhibit of cabinet of New Zealand woods and other articles.

14th February.—From the Chairman, Invercargill Committee, asking what space allowed for Southland.

14th February, 1879.—To Messrs. Gibbs, Clayton, and Co.—Respecting exhibit of machinery.

17th February, 1879.—To Mr. P. A. Jennings, Sydney.—Acknowledging receipt of programmes, and asking for a further supply.

18th February, 1879.—To Messrs. Fell Brothers and Co.—Respecting exhibits to be forwarded from Blenheim.

18th February, 1879.—Captain Thomson, Bluff Harbor.—Asking for assistance from Commission to enable him to exhibit his mechanical inventions.

20th February, 1879.—From the Hon. Secretary, Canterbury Marble Company.—Respecting exhibits of marble, &c.

22nd February, 1879.—To the Manager, Mosgiel Woollen Factory Company.—Respecting exhibits of their manufactory.

24th February, 1879.—From Mr. W. H. Barber.—Respecting exhibit of New Zealand-dyed flax.

25th February, 1879.—From the Manager, Bank of New Zealand, Wellington.—Regarding the collection of gold specimens.

25th February, 1879.—To Mr. P. A. Jennings, Sydney.—Asking if wool exhibits of next season's clip will be admitted in December.

25th February, 1879.—To the Secretary, Chamber of Commerce, Auckland, Christchurch, Dunedin.—Asking for estimate of proposed expenditure by the Local Committee, and stating that it is necessary to exercise economy.

25th February, 1879.—To the Hon. the Colonial Secretary.—Stating Commissioners will be glad to accept exhibit of Maori carved house, if delivered to them in Wellington, the Commission only undertaking to transmit house to Sydney, and its re-erection there.

25th February, 1879.—From Mr. J. C. Firth, Chairman, Chamber of Commerce, Auckland.—Stating action taken by Local Committee.

26th February, 1879.—From Mr. P. A. Jennings, Sydney.—Stating "In addition to the ordinary display of wool, Exhibition will be held, say, December or January, so that new clip can come in. Schedules and reports of Wool and other Committees posted to-day by 'Wakatipu.'"

27th February, 1879.—To Dr. Lemon, Manager, Telegraph Department, Wellington.—Asking permission to extend franking power of letters and telegrams to the Local Committees.

27th February, 1879.—From his Worship the Mayor of Nelson.—Informing that the Rev. John Beckenham had been appointed Honorary Secretary to the Local Committee.

27th February, 1879.—From Honorary Secretary, Nelson Committee.—Stating action taken by Committee, and asking what amount available for its use.

1st March, 1879.—To Mr. P. A. Jennings, Sydney.—Informing the International Commission of the active measures taken in the colony to push Exhibition work forward, and enclosing proof copy of abridged local regulations. Maori house to be exhibited, and asking for full space for same.

1st March, 1879.—From Mr. T. W. Hacket, Nelson.—Assistance required to get some mineral specimens.

4th March, 1879.—From Dr. Lemon.—Asking for names of Chairmen of Committees, upon receipt of which information the necessary instructions will be issued to enable them to telegraph free on the service of the Exhibition.

5th March, 1879.—From Secretary, Christchurch Committee.—Requesting grant for £100 as a first instalment for the expenses of the Committee.

6th to 13th March, 1879.—To the Chairmen of the Committees at Dunedin, Christchurch, Invercargill, Timaru, Oamaru, Auckland, Wellington, Wanganui, Blenheim, Napier, Nelson, New Plymouth, Hokitika, Greymouth.—Forwarding copies of the general regulations, special wool schedule, and application forms for space; asking for hearty co-operation and assistance by encouraging inhabitants of the various districts to contribute such subjects of interest as they can command, demonstrative of the produce and industry of the colony. The Commissioners, feeling anxious to give every possible assistance to the Committees, will be happy to receive detailed estimate of the proposed expenditure of Committee; request economy may be used in framing same, as grant is small.

11th March, 1879.—From Greymouth Committee.—Stating coal companies will forward exhibits.

13th March, 1879.—From Invercargill Committee.—Stating estimate of expenditure will be about £200.

15th March, 1879.—To Chairmen of Committees at Auckland, Christchurch, Dunedin.—Commissioners authorize expenditure of £100 by Committee.

15th March, 1879.—To Nelson Committee.—Commissioners authorize an expenditure of £30 for Committee.

15th March, 1879.—Mr. P. A. Jennings, Sydney.—Transmitting 500 copies of the wool schedule.

19th March, 1879.—To Wellington Committee.—Commissioners authorize expenditure of £100 for use of Committee.

21st March, 1879.—From Dunedin Committee.—Stating Committee has appointed paid clerk, and proceed with vigour to find out the extent to which the district will be represented.

22nd March, 1879.—From Manager, Union Steamship Company.—On subject of freights on exhibits for New Zealand, "it has been decided to fall in with the resolution adopted by the Sydney Shipowners' Association, viz.: 'That exhibits for Sydney Exhibition be charged full rates *en route* to the Exhibition, and certified unsold exhibits be conveyed back to the original port free.'"

25th March, 1879.—To Queenstown Committee.—Enclosing copies of schedules, application forms for space for use of Committee.

29th March, 1879.—Mr. P. A. Jennings, Sydney.—Plans of the Exhibition building forwarded, showing the proposed allotment of space, and asking information *re* the Maori house.

2nd April, 1879.—From Hokitika Committee.—Stating that exhibits will chiefly be timber and minerals.

5th April, 1879.—To Mr. P. A. Jennings, Sydney.—Asking for plan of space, and that Maori house had been delivered by Natives.

8th April, 1879.—From Secretary, International Commission, Sydney.—Asking the New Zealand Commission to encourage the forwarding of art contributions.

9th April, 1879.—Queenstown Committee.—Forwarding report of proceedings and names of Local Committee.

10th April, 1879.—From Secretary, International Commission, Sydney.—Advising having forwarded circulars of Committee's outlines, also entry forms.

10th April, 1879.—To Mr. P. A. Jennings, Sydney.—Thanking International Commission for schedules and plans forwarded, and handing further information *re* Maori house, stating that Exhibition work was being pushed forward with vigour.

12th April, 1879.—To Mr. John Gully, Nelson.—Asking for information respecting work of art proposed to forward.

12th April, 1879.—From Dunedin Committee.—Asking if separate courts may be granted to exhibitors prepared to spend considerable sums of money upon same.

14th April, 1879.—To Captain Thomson.—Commissioners allow an expenditure of £50 to enable to forward various mechanical inventions for Exhibition.

16th April, 1879.—To Chairmen of Local Committees.—Stating that His Excellency had assumed office of President of the Commission, and that Dr. Hector was appointed Vice-President and Executive Commissioner.

21st April, 1879.—To Mr. P. A. Jennings, Sydney.—Informing the International Commission that His Excellency Sir Hercules Robinson had assumed the Presidency of the Commission in New Zealand.

21st April, 1879.—From Secretary, International Commission, Sydney.—Five hundred copies official programme forwarded. Further particulars of articles to be received for exhibition. Proposed to erect trophies. Explanation of terms *re* wool circular.

22nd April, 1879.—From Mr. P. A. Jennings, Sydney.—Congratulating New Zealand on His Excellency the Governor consenting to act as President of Commission.

24th April, 1879.—To Queenstown Committee.—Commissioners authorize expenditure of £50 for Committee.

25th April, 1879.—To Mr. W. J. Grayling.—Commissioners allow expenditure of a sum of £20 for the purpose of procuring certain vegetable extracts prepared from the New Zealand forest trees; a desirable exhibit favourably reported upon at previous Exhibitions.

26th April, 1879.—To the Manager, Bank of New Zealand, Wellington.—Advising that a sum of £200 authorized by Commissioners was at the disposal of the Bank for procuring gold specimens, and asking the Bank to receive specimens of quartz, &c., from the Local Committees, and forward to Wellington.

26th April, 1879.—From Secretary, International Commission, Sydney.—Further information *re* wool schedule.

26th April, 1879.—To Mr. P. A. Jennings, Sydney.—*Re* exhibit of patent Caithness flagging.—Asking if entrance to vestibule of Exhibition might be laid with it.

28th and 30th April, 1879.—From Secretary, International Commission, Sydney.—*Re* ethnological exhibits. Application respecting artificial Caithness flagging declined, as wood is to be used for laying vestibules.

1st May, 1879.—From Wellington Committee.—Stating that Committee had made personal canvass of city.—Asking for information *re* wool cases, and respecting depôt for reception of exhibits; and enclosing names of probable exhibitors.

5th May, 1879.—To Auckland Committee.—Granting request to forward exhibits direct to Sydney, providing Committee supply information for catalogue purposes, and are perfectly satisfied that the exhibits excel in quality.

7th May, 1879.—From Oamaru Committee.—Report of Committee as handed to His Excellency. Expenditure estimated at £50.

8th May, 1879.—To Hokitika Committee.—Commissioners authorize expenditure of £50.

8th May, 1879.—To Secretary, International Commission, Sydney.—Forwarding dimensions of Maori house, and acknowledging receipt of official programme, &c.

8th May, 1879.—From Manager, Westport Colliery Company.—Enclosing Mining Manager's report *re* coal seam, and advising that it will cost £35 delivered at Westport.

13th May, 1879.—To Greymouth Committee.—Commissioners authorize expenditure of £10 for procuring coal exhibits from Greymouth mines.

19th and 20th May, 1879.—From Secretary, International Commission, Sydney.—Forwarding copies of photographs, showing the weekly progress of the works at the Exhibition building. *Re* exhibition of mineral resources. Free storage granted by Messrs. Mort and Co. until the Exhibition is ready to receive exhibits.

22nd May, 1879.—To Dr. Julius von Haast, Director, Canterbury Museum.—Enclosing copy of letter received from Sydney relative to the ethnology of the aboriginal inhabitants of New Zealand, and stating what is wished to be done with regard to the same.

23rd May, 1879.—From Christchurch Committee.—Forwarding statement of applications for space.

27th May, 1879.—From Mr. S. S. Griffiths.—Application to erect machinery in the Exhibition, and to sell confections in the building.

27th May, 1879.—From Nelson Committee.—Forwarding twelve applications for space.

30th May, 1879.—From Greymouth Committee.—Proposed to forward pyramid representing 1,216,987 ounces of gold exported from Greymouth, and asking Dr. Hector's advice respecting same.

2nd June, 1879.—From General Manager, Westport Colliery Company, Westport.—Have forwarded twelve cases containing coal for the Exhibition; full printed particulars forwarded.

4th June, 1879.—Mr. P. A. Jennings, Sydney.—Asking, "Is it fully decided to open Exhibition in September?"

4th June, 1879.—From Collector of Customs, Westport.—Have shipped on board "Grafton" fourteen cases for Exhibition.

4th June, 1879.—From Christchurch Committee.—Asking if arrangements made in Exhibition for the exhibition of live fish.

5th June, 1879.—To Secretary, International Commission, Sydney.—Reply to letters *re* wool schedule and ethnological collections, stating that from reports to hand full representations will in all probability be made. Giving estimate of probable quantity of gold obtained in New Zealand up to the end of December next for gold pyramid to be erected in the Exhibition.

6th June, 1879.—From Mr. P. A. Jennings, Sydney.—Replying as to date of opening of Exhibition, "probabilities point to 17th September."

7th June, 1879.—To Oamaru Committee.—Your Committee granted an expenditure of a sum not exceeding £50.

7th June, 1879.—From Mr. A. R. Hislop.—I intend exhibiting "a tapestry picture by the hand of Mary Queen of Scots."

7th June, 1879.—To his Honor Judge Richmond.—Forwarding applications space for contribution to the art department.

9th June, 1879.—To Dr. Julius von Haast.—Stating that Commissioners would supply funds for the valuable collection of ethnological exhibits.

9th June, 1879.—To Mr. C. O'Neill, C.E.—Commissioners authorize an expenditure of £15 with regard to an exhibit of patent Caithness flagging.

12th June, 1879.—To Secretaries of Local Committees at Auckland, Napier, New Plymouth, Wanganui, Blenheim, Nelson, Greymouth, Christchurch, Timaru, Oamaru, Dunedin, Invercargill.—Stating that "all articles intended for Sydney Exhibition conveyed free over all New Zealand Railways; packages must be clearly marked 'For Sydney Exhibition.'"

16th June, 1879.—To Mr. James Smith, Nelson.—Handing full particulars *re* exhibition of wines, and referring to remark made by the Sydney Committee on wines forwarded by Mr. Smith to Philadelphia Exhibition, viz.: "The fruit wines of New Zealand excelled all similar kinds exhibited at Philadelphia, and their goodness has already induced like production in America."

18th June, 1879.—To Dr. Julius von Haast.—Have forwarded cheque £25, as requested, to pay cost of collection of ethnological exhibits.

19th June, 1879.—From Collector of Customs, Invercargill.—Advising seven cases and two casks exhibits, forwarded to Wellington.

4th and 5th June, 1879.—From Secretary, International Commission, Sydney.—Referring to some machinery to be erected in the Exhibition for extracting precious metals, and requesting tailings may be forwarded from persons interested in New Zealand for treatment. Messrs. Ford and Adams, Sydney, appointed Customhouse agents for the Exhibition.

6th June, 1879.—From Secretary, International Commission, Sydney.—Asking how it is proposed to show wool at the special December show.

23rd June, 1879.—From Invercargill Committee.—Sixteen packs exhibits forwarded per "Arawata."

25th June, 1879.—From Collector of Customs, Napier.—Seven packs exhibits forwarded per "Hawea."

30th June, 1879.—To Secretary, International Commission, Sydney.—Three coal columns certain to be forwarded for exhibition: face, 18 inches; height, 18 feet.

