

Animal Products Committee on the subject. This action resulted in the Victorian Commissioners issuing a supplementary schedule for the second wool-show, to be held in Melbourne in the following January.

On the 16th August the Secretary to the Jury Department issued copies of the jury regulations, general classification intended to assist jurors in their work, organization of international juries, with the request that the New Zealand Commission would nominate a juror for each jury representing the jury-sections in which the court was exhibiting.

The number of packages of late exhibits which arrived in August and September was 304, making a total of 1,730 packages in all. The bulk of the late exhibits received were the extra specimens of quartz and auriferous gravel collected by the Mines Department after the opening of the Exhibition, and forwarded to Melbourne in charge of Mr. H. A. Gordon. Mr. Wilson, the Government Dairy Superintendent, being desirous of obtaining some of Pond's patent butter-boxes, as exhibited in the court, a supply was delivered at the dairy in accordance with Mr. Pond's order.

By the 4th October intimation was received that the following gentlemen had been appointed to sit on the juries as follows—viz., Mr. A. Leves, jury No. 1; Mr. A. G. Campbell, jury No. 24; Mr. A. B. Bain, juries Nos. 26 and 49; Mr. W. D. Tate, juries Nos. 46 and 47; Mr. V. Church, jury No. 18; Mr. J. Glen, jury No. 28; Mr. A. B. Bain, jury No. 42; Mr. W. P. Street, jury No. 50; Mr. W. D. Tate, jury No. 27.

On the 8th Mr. John Girdwood, Commissioner for Lancashire, wrote stating it was proposed by the Manchester Incorporated Chamber of Commerce to establish a colonial museum upon a small but practical scale in connection with the new buildings in course of erection by that body, for the purpose of showing the relative resources of the colonies, and asking if the New Zealand Government would be good enough to contribute a free collection of specimens of the minerals, woods, and other natural products of New Zealand.

Mr. H. Dawson, of the firm of Messrs. J. Speight and Co., of Dunedin, wrote lodging a protest with the Victorian Commissioners, complaining against the stock ales having been judged too soon; but, as the awards were made in accordance with published conditions, the Commissioners could not entertain the protest.

On the 16th October a list of the awards made to New Zealand exhibitors in bulk beers, and also exhibitors at special show of dairy-produce, were received, and telegraphed to New Zealand.

On the 25th Mr. J. S. Jakins gave an order in favour of Mr. Wilson, of the Victorian Government Dairy Department, for the delivery of his Eureka butter-machine for use in the Dairy Department of the Exhibition.

On the 13th November the Secretary of the Jury Department gave notice that all appeals against the decisions of the juries must be lodged before the seventh day after the publication of the awards.

On the 31st October the Executive Commissioner returned to New Zealand, leaving the Court in charge of Mr. W. P. Street, as Acting Executive Commissioner.

Notice was received from the Secretary to the Victorian Commission "that no supplies or goods of any kind or nature whatsoever would be admitted into the Exhibition buildings after 11 a.m. from the 23rd November.

The special dairy-show was held in the cellar of the Exhibition buildings, when a large number of exhibits both of cheese and butter from New Zealand were exposed for competition.

Messrs. MacDougal and Co. made an application to the manager of the Metropolitan Gas Company, Melbourne, for permission to have the exhibit of the Coal Creek Company tested; to which a reply was received that this would be done if the coal was delivered at the works in West Melbourne.

On the 22nd January a letter was received from the Victorian Commission stating that, as the Exhibition was to be closed at the end of the month, and that as closing-day, the 31st, is so near the end of the week, it was decided to keep the Exhibition open as usual up to and on Saturday night, the 2nd proximo, and asking that the dismantling of the New Zealand Court or any portion thereof might stand over until Monday, the 4th proximo.

Specimens of Mr. J. T. Matson's exhibit of ostrich-feathers, as grown upon his ostrich-farm, in Canterbury, were presented, in accordance with Mr. Matson's request, to various residents in Victoria and New Zealand.

Messrs. R. M. Simpson and A. Bock lodged protests against the awards made to their exhibits by the jurors; but the experts appointed decided to uphold the original decisions.

On the 17th January the Victorian Commission advised that the Railway Commission notified that passes issued by them in connection with the Exhibition to visitors and others would be available until the 28th February, 1889.

The Chairman of the Exhibition Trustees wrote, stating that the Trustees had decided to establish a permanent educational exhibit, to be arranged in one of the galleries, and hoping that donations would be received from the New Zealand Court.

The Exhibition closing ceremony took place on the 31st January, when Mr. W. P. Street, the Acting Executive Commissioner, publicly received the roll of awards at the hands of His Excellency the Governor of Victoria. The Exhibition was not closed to visitors until the end of the week, the 2nd February.

Messrs. W. Watson and Sons took delivery of the Mosgiel exhibit, which consisted of twenty cases of goods, on the 1st February, which were the first withdrawal from the court.

On the 1st February the Executive Commissioner returned to Melbourne to arrange the disposal of the exhibits; and on the 4th February the work of dismantling the New Zealand Court commenced, and at this time a large number of the pictures were sold by private bargain. The whole of the late Mr. John Gully's works were readily disposed of, amongst the purchasers being Lady Clarke, Mr. Alexander Landale, of Toorak, and Mr. Godfrey, the Chairman of the Fine Art Jury.