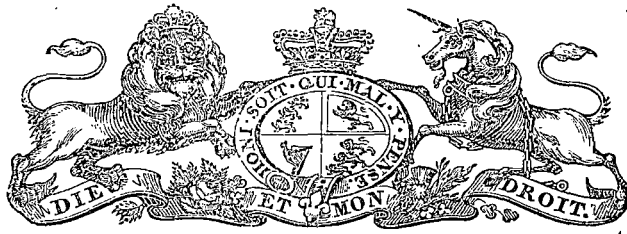


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PARLIAMENT OF TASMANIA.

CHICAGO EXHIBITION COMMISSION :

REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONERS.

Presented to both Houses of Parliament by His Excellency's Command.



CHICAGO EXHIBITION COMMISSION.

REPORT.

To His Excellency the Governor in Council.

YOUR EXCELLENCY,

1. IN July, 1891, the Honorable the Premier requested Mr. T. C. Just to officially report as to the best means of having Tasmania represented at the Great World's Fair to be held in Chicago in 1893, and he made a Report estimating the cost at £3000, provided the representation were confined to trophies of a few leading products.

2. Subsequently, letters were received from the Premiers of the neighbouring Colonies, and on 3rd December, 1891, the Honorable the Premier referred these to Mr. Just, requesting a further Report, which was forwarded, and recommended:—Two Mineral Trophies; a Wool Trophy; a Trophy of Native Furs, and articles manufactured therefrom; a Trophy of Timber and Ornamental Woods; a Trophy of Fruits illustrated by Models in Wax. It was estimated that £8000 worth of material would be required to build the Trophies, but that this amount would be nearly recouped by sale of the articles. The expenses connected with the construction of the Court and its management were estimated at from £2000 to £3000.

3. An Act of Parliament, 55 Vict. No. 78, was passed during the Session of 1891, under which a sum of £2000 was appropriated to secure the representation of the Colony of Tasmania at the Chicago Exhibition.

4. On 21st March, 1892, a Royal Commission was appointed to make the necessary arrangements to secure the adequate representation of the products and manufactures of the Colony at the Chicago Exhibition, and Mr. Just was appointed by the Commission as Secretary.

5. The Commissioners held several meetings at Hobart and Launceston, appointed sub-committees, prepared a Classification and Regulations for Exhibitors, and completed all the detail arrangements for receiving and dealing with exhibits. They then turned their attention to the probable cost of the representation on the lines they considered desirable, and found that the cost of the exhibits, packing, freight, and charges, court expenses, &c., would amount to at least £9250. They estimated that £5100 would be realised by the sale of exhibits, so that the estimated cost of the Exhibition would be £4150. They also recommended that 1000 feet of space be applied for, and that Government be asked to increase the amount of the vote to £5000.

6. Very encouraging promises of support were received by the Commissioners, especially from the Directors and Managers of Mining Companies, and there cannot be a doubt that, had the representation been proceeded with, a very fine display illustrative of the mineral wealth of the Colony would have been obtained.

7. Towards the end of April, 1892, the Honorable Premier (Honorable P. O. Fysh) requested the Commissioners to suspend all operations until he had an opportunity of consulting the Premiers of the neighbouring Colonies, the desire being to join in a general Australasian Court. The Premier, in the same communication, authorised the payment of all accounts, directing that they should be charged to the vote.

8. Matters remained in abeyance until the end of June, 1892, when instructions were given not to proceed further.

9. Owing to contracts having been entered into, there has been delay in the settlement of the Accounts; but they are appended to this Report, and recommended for payment.

We have the honor to be,

Your Excellency's obedient Servants,

WM. MOORE, *President*,
A. G. WEBSTER, *V.P.*, } *Commissioners.*
ALEX. MORTON, }

THOS. C. JUST, *Commissioner and Secretary*,
26th June, 1893.

CHICAGO EXHIBITION COMMISSION.

<i>Dr.</i>	£ s. d.	<i>Cr.</i>	£ s. d.
To Amount appropriated under Act of Parliament 55 Vict. No. 78.....	2000 0 0	By Railway Fares of Commissioners	13 16 5
		Labour, Material, and Packing	
		Mineral and other Exhibits ...	13 14 8
		Rent of Store, Launceston.....	18 0 0
		Cartage	6 15 6
		Salaries and Wages.....	54 9 0
		Advertising	2 7 6
		Stationery	1 5 6
		Travelling Expenses	4 7 0
		Office Expenses	0 5 0
		Petty Cash	0 7 10
		Wax Fruits (Models).....	20 0 0
		Balance unexpended	1864 11 7
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THOS. C. JUST, *Secretary*.

Hobart, 22nd June, 1893.