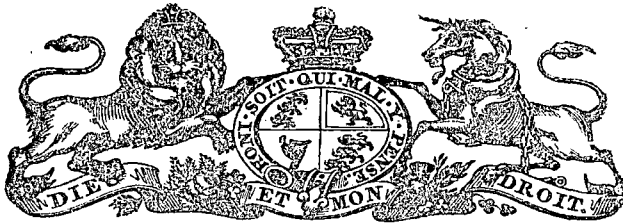


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MELBOURNE EXHIBITION :

PROGRESS REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONERS.

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Laid upon the Table by the Colonial Treasurer, and ordered by the House to be printed, July 22, 1881.



(1.)

*To His Excellency SIR JOHN HENRY LEFROY, K.C.M.G., C.B.,  
Administrator of the Government of Tasmania.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY.

#### PROGRESS REPORT.

THE Commissioners appointed by His Excellency the Governor on the 3rd April, 1880, to make the necessary arrangements to secure the adequate representation of the Products and Manufactures of this Colony at the Melbourne International Exhibition of 1880, having now sent over to Melbourne all the Exhibits contributed by the Colonists, beg to present to Your Excellency a Report of the progress which they have made.

The products of Tasmania have been well arranged in the Tasmanian Court, under the auspices of the Honorary Executive Commissioner, Mr. Charles M. Officer, M.L.A. (Victoria), and the Caretaker, Mr. George Hubbard.

The Commissioners find that when the Executive Government first applied for space, it was not anticipated that a larger quantity of produce would be sent for exhibition to Melbourne than was sent to Sydney; and, consequently, only 2200 square feet of space were asked for, as was the case in the recent Exhibition in Sydney.

A larger number of Exhibits being sent in, the result is that the Tasmanian Court is inconveniently crowded with Exhibits.

The Commissioners have caused four thousand copies of the Catalogue of the Exhibits, which has been carefully prepared, to be sent to Melbourne for gratuitous distribution in the Tasmanian Court; and the opportunity has been seized by the Commissioners to prepare a full account of the various Mineral products of the Island to accompany a collection of the Minerals themselves, of which several hundred specimens have been attractively arranged by Mr. T. C. Just, M.H.A., one of the Commissioners.

In addition to Minerals the Commissioners have had trophies erected of the principal exportable products, viz.—Building Stones, Hardwood Timber, Tin, Hops, Basket Work, Shot, Biscuits, &c.; and also a Whaleboat of Huon pine, which appears to meet with the approval of shipwrights and others well acquainted with good boat-building.

From want of space within the Court the Timber and Stone Trophies had to be erected outside, where, however, they attract much attention.

Reports have been already received that large orders for Hops for India, for Basket-work, for Shot, &c. have been received; whilst the energetic efforts of Mr. Robinson, of Okehampton Quarries, to bring under notice the splendid freestone of Tasmania, have, it is said, led to our stone being submitted for competition in the public works of Victoria.

Large Exhibits will be made by growers of our fine Wool, which has always received such high commendation and such Champion Gold Medals at previous Exhibitions; and the Commissioners expect confidently that the Tasmanian Wool Court will be one of the best in the Exhibition.

The Commissioners regret they were unable to induce the Jam Manufacturers of the Colony to make a larger exhibit of the industry, which for many years has been a large and increasing export.

They acknowledge the courtesy of Mr. Charles H. Grant, the General Manager of the Tasmanian Main Line Railway Company, in presenting a free pass on the line to the Launceston Canvasser, by which much expense was saved to the Commission.

The Commissioners trust Your Excellency will approve of their exertions to carry out the important duties entrusted to them. They believe that the appointment of Mr. Charles Officer, who has shown so great an interest in the Court of Exhibits from his native country, will conduce to the success of the present exposition of the industries of Tasmania.

The Commissioners have studied every economy in the expenditure under the various heads, in the wish to make a good display and yet to be within the limits of the vote of Parliament (£1500) for the purpose.

J. W. AGNEW, *President.*

HUGH M. HULL, *Secretary.*  
8th December, 1880.

(2.)

To His Excellency SIR JOHN HENRY LEFROY, *K.C.M.G.*,  
*Administrator of the Government of Tasmania.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY.

ON the 8th December last the Royal Commissioners appointed to make arrangements for the due representation of Tasmania at the Melbourne International Exhibition of 1880, had the honor to make a Progress Report to Your Excellency. In that Report they stated that they had made all the necessary preliminary arrangements, and that there were indications of a satisfactory response to the Circulars they addressed to Colonists.

2. The result has not disappointed them.

3. As in the Philadelphia Centennial Exhibition of 1875, and the Sydney Intercolonial Exhibition of 1879, so in the Melbourne International Exhibition of 1880, Tasmanian exhibits have more than held their own position; and the number of Exhibitors, and their varied products, have been highly satisfactory, as will be seen in this Report.

4. The principal exports of Tasmania are stated below, together with the value of each export in 1880, as compared with the previous year—

	1879.	1880.
	£	£
Wool .....	407,227	542,244
Gold .....	145,723	201,655
Tin .....	303,203	341,736
Grain .....	22,396	34,157
Bark .....	30,800	28,214
Hops .....	26,512	30,885
Timber .....	59,713	51,973
Jams and Fruit .....	151,802	134,674

Of all these there were many exhibits (with the exception of jams and fruit) which products, though holding a deservedly high position in the Colonial markets, and forming a very important item in our exports, are virtually shut out from Victoria by the high protective duties levied there upon these articles.

5. The products of Tasmania have taken numerous Prizes, as Your Excellency will see by the following Table of Awards extracted from the *Argus* newspaper report:—

Medals	{ Gold .....	3
	{ Silver .....	26
	{ Bronze .....	10
Awards of Merit, Class 1 .....	30	
	2 .....	32
	3 .....	20
	4 .....	15
	5 .....	6
Honorable Mention .....	9	

Besides Diplomas of Honor to the Commissioners.

*Tasmanian Tin* from Mount Bischoff, of which six tons were exhibited in smelted ingots, took first Prize, and compared most favourably with tin from the Straits Settlements, Sydney, and Queensland.

*Gold* was represented in a highly ornamental cabinet from many places in Tasmania, but mainly from Beaconsfield, which, as Your Excellency is aware, has produced more than £250,000 worth of gold since the workings commenced in July, 1878.

*Grain* took many first class prizes, and the various Exhibits were liberally distributed by their owners through the Executive Commissioner to farmers and Agricultural Societies in Victoria.

*Bark* took first prize, and attracted much attention from the Belgian Court, with which flourishing country there seems to be a valid hope of a direct trade in Wool, Bark, Hops, Timber, Minerals, and Furs.

*Building Stone* took first prize, and a permanent Exhibit has been made of Tasmanian Building Stone in the grounds of the Technological Museum in Melbourne.

*Hops* took many first prizes. This product has long been well known in Victoria, where it always commands a remunerative price.

*Boatbuilding* took a Silver Medal; and from the faithfulness with which the whaleboat was built by Lachlan Macquarie, orders for similar boats have been received.

Our *Oil, Shot, Timber, Ladies' Work, and Photographs* all received favourable Awards, so much so as to be highly gratifying to the Commissioners, Tasmania having received a larger number of Prize awards, in proportion to the number of Exhibits, than any other Court.

6. The appointment of Mr. Charles Officer, M.P., as Executive Commissioner for the Court of his native land led to the happiest results. His excellent management of the affairs of the Commission entitles him to the thanks of the community; and the Commissioners are pleased to note from the Press reports that a Gold Medal has been awarded to him by the Executive Commission in Melbourne.

A Gold Medal has also been awarded to the Honorable W. R. Giblin, the Premier of Tasmania.

The Caretaker of the Court in Melbourne, Mr. Hubbard, has performed his arduous duties in a zealous and business-like manner, and he receives a Silver Medal.

7. There is no doubt that Tasmanian interests will benefit largely by having taken part in these frequent International or Intercolonial Expositions; more especially as in all of them the Colony has taken up so high a position in regard to the sterling worth of the products that have been exhibited.

8. The only regret the Commissioners feel is, that they did not at first foresee the necessity for much more room than was applied for and allotted to the Tasmanian Court, and thus by preventing the overcrowding that took place, and which to some extent marred the proper display of the Exhibits, enabling the Colony to take even a far better place than she did in the "World's Show" in Melbourne. Greater space, greater liberality on the part of individual Exhibitors in preparing their products for exhibition, and a larger Parliamentary grant, would have placed the Tasmanian Court in a position to be envied by her far more wealthy and far more extensive fellow Colonies.

9. An interchange of Mineral and other Exhibits with other Colonies has been made. Enquiries having been made in regard to our highly ornamental timbers for exchange with Belgian products, a special collection has been made and presented through the Executive Government to the Consul-General for that Country, M. Gustave Beckx, of Melbourne.

The Commissioners, in forwarding this second Progress Report, trust to be able to close their labours at a very early date.

W. H. BURGESS,  
Vice-President and Chairman of the Commission.

12th July, 1881.

HUGH M. HULL, Secretary.

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## APPENDIX.

## AWARDS.

## TASMANIA.

## GOLD MEDALS.

The Hon. William R. Giblin, Premier.  
The Hon. J. W. Agnew, M.D., M.L.C., President.  
Charles M. Officer, Esq., M.P., Executive Commissioner.

## SILVER MEDALS.

Adye Douglas, Esq., M.H.A.,  
Wm. Henry Burgess, Esq., M.H.A., } Vice-Presidents.  
Hugh Munro Hull, Esq., J.P., Secretary.  
George Hubbard, Esq., Superintendent.

## BRONZE MEDAL.

Charles W. Rocher, Esq., Assistant Secretary.

## DIPLOMAS.

<i>Southern Commission :</i>	<i>Northern Commission :</i>
Audley Coote, Esq., M.H.A.	Henry Edgell, Esq.
Hon. T. C. Smart, M.L.C.	Henry E. Lette, Esq., M.H.A.
W. P. Green, Esq.	T. C. Just., Esq., M.H.A.
George Crisp, Esq.	Wm. Aikenhead, Esq.
Charles Dowdell, Esq.	Robert J. Sadler, Esq.
John Clark, Esq.	William Hart, Esq., M.H.A.
James Grant, Esq.	Hon. G. Gilmore, M.E.C.
Jas. M'Farlane, Esq.	W. Hartnoll, Esq.
Thos. Stephens, Esq., M.A.	James Scott, Esq., M.H.A.
W. A. Guesdon, Esq.	Hon. John Scott, M.L.C.
J. E. Addison, Esq.	Alfred Harrap, Esq.
Hon. A. M'Gregor, M.L.C.	

*Jury Section 1.*

2nd Order of Merit.—Meredith, L. A., Launceston, Flower Painting, water colors.  
2nd Order of Merit.—Sherwin, Emily, Launceston, Indian Ink Studies.  
5th Order of Merit.—Whitfield, W., Longford, Pen and Ink Sketches.  
5th Order of Merit.—Fenton, J., Launceston, Pen and Ink Illustrated History of Tasmania.  
5th Order of Merit.—Pybus, P. J., Hobart, Pencil Drawing.

*Jury Section 4.*

3rd Order of Merit.—Meredith, L. A., Launceston, Publications.  
3rd Order of Merit.—Walch Brothers and Birchall, Launceston, Publications.  
4th Order of Merit.—Barnard, J., Hobart, Printing.

*Jury Section 5.*

1st Order of Merit.—Anson Bros., Hobart, Portraits taken direct. Bronze medal.  
1st Order of Merit.—Bailey, H. H., Hobart, Portraits taken direct. Bronze medal.  
2nd Order of Merit.—Winter, A., Hobart, Portraits taken direct.  
3rd Order of Merit.—Hull, H. M., Hobart, Portraits taken direct.

*Jury Section 7.*

1st Order of Merit.—Leitch, D., Launceston, Dental pumps. Bronze medal.

*Jury Section 12.*

1st Order of Merit.—Robinson, R., Okehampton, Sandstone. Bronze medal.  
2nd Order of Merit.—Gillon, J. & Sons, Hobart, Grindstones.  
4th Order of Merit.—Lyell and Gowan, Slateport, Slates.  
Hon. Mention.—Commissioners for Tasmania, Hobart, Building Stone.

*Jury Sections 13 and 22.*

1st Order of Merit.—Grubb Bros., Hobart, Wattle Bark. Bronze medal.  
1st Order of Merit.—M'Gregor, A., Hobart, Sperm Oil. Bronze medal.  
1st Order of Merit.—Walden, James, Launceston, Yola Bird Oil, Neatsfoot Oil, Yola Tallow, Seal Oil. Bronze medal.  
3rd Order of Merit.—Frith, J., Launceston, Wattle Bark.  
4th Ditto.—Murray, W., Hobart, Soap and Candles.  
Hon. Mention.—Simpson, H., Hobart, Candles.  
Ditto.—Mitchell, Miss, Lisdillon, Gum.  
Ditto.—Roberts, H., Long Bay, Fish Manure.

*Jury Section 14.*

2nd Order of Merit.—Rout, W. J., Launceston, Brushware.  
3rd Ditto.—Bridges, J., Hobart, Basket Work.  
4th Ditto.—Wood, C. J., Formosa, Wood Carving.  
Ditto.—Wignall, B., Hobart, Basket Work.

*Jury Section 15.*

4th Order of Merit.—The Kensington Hat Company, Hobart, Felt Hats.

*Jury Section 16.*

4th Order of Merit.—Bulman & Johnston, Launceston, Shawls.

*Jury Section 18.*

Hon. Mention.—Royal Society of Tasmania, Hobart, Tasmanian Devils.  
Ditto.—Reed, F. H., Evandale, Birds' Eggs.  
Ditto.—The Commissioners, Hobart, Salmon Trout (stuffed).

*Jury Section 19.*

1st Order of Merit.—Royal Society of Tasmania, Hobart, Specimens of Woods. Certificate equal to silver.  
2nd Order of Merit.—Burgoyne, J., Hobart, Casks. Silver medal.  
2nd Order of Merit.—Commissioners for Tasmania, Hobart, Specimens of Tasmanian Timber.  
2nd Order of Merit.—Risby, J. E., Hobart, Trophy of Gum Woods.  
2nd Order of Merit.—Johnston, Wm., Hobart, Oil Cask.  
Ditto.—Bridges, J., ditto, Willows.  
3rd Ditto.—Elliot, G. B., Blackwood Plank.  
Ditto.—Stephens, Thomas, Hobart, Specimens of Woods of Tasmania.  
3rd Order of Merit.—Tatlow, Anthony, Circular Head, Blackwood Oil Staves.  
3rd Order of Merit.—Barrett, Joseph, Launceston, Willows.  
4th Ditto.—Douglas, Adye, M.H.A., ditto, Veneers of Tasmanian Woods.  
4th Order of Merit.—Hooper, G., Hobart, Huon Pine.  
Ditto.—Laing, J., Launceston, Veneers and Myrtle Wood.  
Ditto.—Smith, Jas., Westwood, Pine from River Forth.  
Ditto.—Jones, A., Launceston, Willows.  
Ditto.—Wignall, B., Hobart, ditto.

*Jury Section 21.*

1st Order of Merit.—Gibson, James, Belle Vue, Merino Wool (unwashed). Silver medal.  
1st Order of Merit.—Kermode, W. A., Mona Vale, Wool. Silver medal.  
2nd Order of Merit.—Gibson, W. & Son, Scone, Merino Wool (washed). Silver medal.  
2nd Order of Merit.—Keach, G. W., Chiswick, Ross, Merino Wool (unwashed). Silver medal.  
2nd Order of Merit.—Gibson, W., & Son, Scone, ditto. Silver medal.  
2nd Order of Merit.—Gibson, W., & Son, Scone, ditto. Silver medal.  
3rd Order of Merit.—Parramore, T., Ross, ditto. Ditto.

*Jury Section 23.*

5th Order of Merit.—Birchall, A. W., Launceston, made-up Furs of Opossums.  
5th Order of Merit.—Templar, W., Perth, Angora Muffs.

*Jury Sections 24 and 25.*

2nd Order of Merit.—Crawford, Henry, Evandale, Harrows.

*Jury Section 26.*

4th Order of Merit.—Leitch, D., Launceston, Water Motor.  
5th Ditto.—Thomas, D., Perth, Sheep-marking Instruments.

*Jury Section 28.*

1st Order of Merit.—Moir, J. G., Hobart, Lead Shot. Silver medal.  
1st Order of Merit.—Commissioners for Tasmania, Launceston, Tin. Certificate equal to silver.  
2nd Order of Merit.—Commissioners for Tasmania, Launceston, Minerals.  
3rd Order of Merit.—Steiglitz, F. Von, Launceston, Coal.  
Ditto.—Coote, Captain Audley, Hobart, ditto.

4th Order of Merit.—Brooke, R. P., New Town, Coal.  
 Hon. Mention.—Crawford, H., Evandale, Horse Shoes, hand made.  
 Hon. Mention.—Nolan, J., Tasmanite.  
 Ditto.—Simpson, A., Launceston, Gold.  
 Ditto.—Taylor, A. J., Map of Tasmania, showing auriferous deposits.

*Jury Section 30.*

1st Order of Merit.—Macquarie, Lachlan, Hobart, Whale Boat. Silver Medal.

*Jury Section 31.*

1st Order of Merit.—Pitt, T. & G., Hobart, Barley, No. 4. Silver Medal.  
 1st Order of Merit.—Dalgety & Co., Launceston, Barley, No. 2. Silver medal.  
 1st Order of Merit.—Edginton, T., Launceston, Oats (milling). Silver medal.  
 1st Order of Merit.—Reed, F. H., Evandale, Oats (milling). Silver Medal.  
 1st Order of Merit.—Edginton, T., Launceston, Oats (feed). Silver medal.  
 1st Order of Merit.—Cox, J., Clarendon, Oats (feed). Silver medal.  
 1st Order of Merit.—Sharland, W. C., New Norfolk, Hops (golding). Silver medal.  
 1st Order of Merit.—Shoobridge Bros., New Norfolk, Hops (early grapes). Silver medal.  
 1st Order of Merit.—Nicholson, T., Hydehurst, Hops. Ditto.  
 Ditto.—Downie & Co., New Norfolk, ditto. Ditto.  
 Ditto.—Walden, J., Launceston, Horse Beans. Bronze medal.  
 Ditto.—Walden, J., Partridge Pea. Ditto.  
 Ditto.—Smith, J. L., Cambock, ditto. Ditto.  
 Ditto.—Walden, J., Launceston, White Pea. Ditto.  
 Ditto.—Reed, F. H., Evandale, ditto. Ditto.  
 Ditto.—Walden, J., Launceston, Blue Pea. Ditto.  
 Ditto.—Edginton, J., ditto, ditto. Ditto.  
 Ditto.—Hingston, W. J., Cressy, Grass Seed (new grain). Bronze medal.  
 1st Order of Merit.—French, J., Glenore, ditto. Ditto.  
 2nd Order of Merit.—Edginton, J., Launceston, Oats (feed).  
 Ditto.—Horne, R., Exton, ditto.  
 Ditto.—Dalgety & Co., Launceston, Oats (milling).  
 Ditto.—Smith, J. L., Cambock, ditto.  
 Ditto.—Collins, D., Evandale, Barley, No. 1.  
 Ditto.—Ritchie, D., Launceston, Oatmeal.  
 Ditto.—Monds, T., Carrick, Flour.  
 Ditto.—Shoobridge Bros., New Norfolk, Hops (golding).  
 Ditto.—Allwright, T., ditto, ditto.  
 Ditto.—Shoobridge Bros., ditto, Hops (late grapes).  
 Ditto.—Nicholson, H., ditto, Hops.  
 Ditto.—Jeffrey, R., ditto, ditto.  
 Ditto.—Downie & Co., ditto, ditto.  
 Ditto.—Reed, F. H., Evandale, Partridge Pea.  
 Ditto.—Hingston, W. J., Cressy, White Pea.  
 Ditto.—Bowman, F. G., Cheshunt, Grass Seed (Italian), new grain.

2nd Order of Merit.—Wilmore, J., Longford, Grass Seed (Italian), new grain.  
 Ditto.—Dosseter, W. J., Hobart, Wheat.  
 Ditto.—Pitt, T. & G., ditto, ditto.  
 Ditto.—Gibson, W. G., ditto, ditto.  
 3rd Ditto.—Haywood, C. D., ditto, Biscuits.  
 Ditto.—Dosseter, W. J., ditto, Flour.  
 Ditto.—Moore, J. A., New Norfolk, Hops.  
 Ditto.—Nicholson, T., ditto, ditto.  
 Ditto.—Reed, F. H., Evandale, Blue Pea.  
 Ditto.—Walls, J., Bishopsbourne, Wheat.  
 Ditto.—Dalgety & Co., Launceston, ditto.  
 Ditto.—Hingston, W. J., Cressy, ditto.  
 Ditto.—Dalgety & Co., Launceston, ditto.  
 4th Order of Merit.—Reed, F. H., Evandale, ditto.

*Jury Section 34a.*

1st Order of Merit.—Kelly & Gordon, Hobart, Raspberry. Bronze medal.  
 2nd Order of Merit.—Ditto, ditto, Cloves.  
 Ditto.—Weaver & Co., ditto, Ginger Brandy.  
 Ditto.—Kelly & Gordon, ditto, Tonic Water.  
 Ditto.—Ditto, ditto, Ginger Ale.  
 Ditto.—Weaver & Co., ditto, Tonic Wines.  
 Ditto.—Kelly & Gordon, ditto, Peppermint.

*Jury Section 36.*

1st Order of Merit.—Thomas, D., Perth, Garden Clippers. Bronze Medal.

*Ladies' Jury Section.*

1st Order of Merit.—Maddock, Miss R. E., Hobart, Lace-work Collar. Certificate.  
 1st Order of Merit.—Cleveland, Miss C., Launceston, Lace-work. Certificate.  
 1st Order of Merit.—Thornton, Mrs. W., Hobart, Embroidery on silk, satin and velvet. Certificate.  
 1st Order of Merit.—\*Johnston, Mrs., Hobart, Wax Models of Fruit. Bronze medal.  
 1st Order of Merit.—Way, T. B., Hobart, Splash-work on wood.  
 1st Order of Merit.—Andrews, Mrs. M. A., Hobart, Spatzie-work on wood.  
 1st Order of Merit.—Hope, Miss L., Hobart, Painting on wood.  
 1st Order of Merit.—Hope, Miss M., ditto, ditto.  
 Ditto.—Hull, Miss M. A., ditto, ditto.  
 Ditto.—Dowdell, Miss A., ditto, ditto.  
 Ditto.—Brent, Miss R., ditto, ditto.  
 Ditto.—Huxtable, Miss, ditto, Lace Handkerchief.  
 2nd Order of Merit.—Andrews, Mrs. M. A., ditto, Crochet, Quilts, and Banner-screen of cloth applique.  
 3rd Order of Merit.—Beedham, Miss, Hobart, Lace-work Collar.  
 3rd Order of Merit.—Windsor, Miss K., Sandy Bay, Embroidery.  
 3rd Order of Merit.—Evans, Mrs., Long Bay, Counterpane of Berlin wool work.

HUGH M. HULL, *Secretary.*

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To His Excellency SIR J. H. LEFROY, K.C.M.G., C.B.,  
Administrator of the Government of Tasmania.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY.

WE, the Commissioners appointed on 3rd April, 1880, by Letters Patent under the Great Seal of the Colony, "to make and carry out the necessary arrangements to secure the adequate representation of the products and manufactures of the Colony of Tasmania in the International Exhibition to be held in Melbourne in 1880, and to enable the Colony to take due part in the said Exhibition," have now completed the various duties entrusted by the Royal Commission to us, and beg to submit our final Report.

2. We had the honor to address to your Excellency progress reports of our proceedings on 8th December, 1880, and 12th July, 1881, in the latter of which we detailed the course which we had followed, and recorded the highly satisfactory results which had flowed therefrom.

3. Some of the gold, silver, and bronze medals which were awarded by the Executive Commissioners in Melbourne have been received for distribution, and we anticipate that the remainder, and also the diplomas and certificates of merit, will be received at an early date.

4. No special foresight is necessary to form an opinion that the result of such an Exhibition as that recently held in Melbourne, which your Excellency had an opportunity of witnessing, and which attracted a million of visitors from all parts of the world, must be to bring prominently forward those vast mineral resources of Tasmania which are now attracting notice in the mother country, and also the valuable pastoral and agricultural products of the colony, and thus open out important considerations in connection with its future prosperity.

5. We deem it not out of place here to refer, in connection with our exhibits of Wool, which at the date of our last report (July 12) had not been decided, but which have since received no less than seven silver medals for merit, to quote the following paragraph from the *Federal Australian* newspaper on the sale, on the 9th instant, of Tasmanian stud sheep in Melbourne: these were 219 in number:—"Messrs. Powers, Rutherford, and Co. commenced the sale by offering a large draft from the well-known flock of Mr. James Gibson, of Bellevue, Tasmania. These sheep had evidently been selected with great care, and all being very superior, the lots excited keen competition. The highest price was 300 guineas for a magnificent ram, while two others brought 265 guineas and 220 guineas respectively. A large draft from the flock of Messrs. W. Gibson, and Son, Scone, Perth, realised very fair prices, the highest being 330 guineas, which was paid for a grand ram. A small draft of very nice sheep, bred by Mr. J. D. Toosey, of Cressy, fetched prices up to 50 guineas. For a very small lot of very good sheep from the flock of Mr. J. B. Gibson, Pleasant Banks, prices ranged up to 50 guineas;" and *The Mercury*, of September 26, records the sale of a ram by Mr. W. H. Gibson to a squatter in New South Wales for 300 guineas; whilst at the same time 6 ewes, at 50 guineas each, from Mr. D. Taylor, and 39 rams, from Mr. Jas. Gibson, were also sent by steamer to Sydney. From the statistical returns for 1880 we gather the fact that 385 stud sheep were exported from Tasmania in 1880, which were valued at the Custom House here at £14,984, whilst up to this date of 1881 the export has been 174 stud sheep valued (for Customs purposes) at £10,985. These facts are valuable, as pointing to a Tasmanian product, which the climate and soil probably render a permanent source of great profit to the colonists.

6. A demand has also sprung up for the hardwoods of Tasmania for agricultural implement purposes, owing to the excellent exhibit which was sent to Melbourne of cart shafts, felloes, railway sleepers, and telegraph poles; and samples of our finer woods have been applied for and sent to Belgium, in the hope that they will be brought into use in that prosperous country.

7. We beg to ask your Excellency's attention to the annexed table of the extent and cost of the International and Intercolonial Exhibitions in which Tasmania has taken part during the last 30

years.—(Appendix A.) Whilst it does not show that a larger number of colonists are led by their own interests to support such exhibitions, it clearly shows a continuous improvement in the satisfactory results of the part which this small island colony takes, and has constantly taken, to assert itself amongst the larger, wealthier, and more important countries of the British Empire.

In conclusion, we trust that your Excellency will approve of the manner in which we have been able to carry out the duties assigned to us.

Given under our hands and seals at Hobart, this 27th day of October, 1881.

W. H. BURGESS, *Chairman and Vice-President.*  
 ADYE DOUGLAS, *Vice-President.*  
 THOS. C. JUST.  
 JAMES SCOTT.  
 THOS. C. SMART.  
 ALEX. M'GREGOR.  
 JOHN SCOTT.  
 CHARLES DOWDELL.  
 JOHN CLARK.  
 HENRY EDGEELL.  
 WM. HARTNOLL, JUN.  
 GEORGE GILMORE.  
 JOHN E. ADDISON.  
 W. P. GREEN.

HUGH M. HULL, *Secretary*  
 27 October, 1881.

NOTE.—Dr. Agnew and Mr. Macfarlane are absent in England, Messrs. Lette and Crisp absent in Victoria.

#### APPENDIX A.

TABLE showing the Extent and Cost of the Exhibitions in which Tasmania has taken part for Thirty Years.

Year.	Exhibition.	No. of Exhibitors.	No. of Exhibits.	Prize Medals.	Prize Certificates.	Cost to the Colony.
1851	London .....	88	349	12 silver	20	£ 2000
1855	Paris .....	89	609	14 ditto	9	2000
1862	London .....	148	668	26 ditto	26	4100
1866	Melbourne.....	178	738	72 silver and bronze	89	800
1875	Melbourne.....	149	332	26 ditto	32	575
1876	Philadelphia .....	86	194	29 silver	29	762
1879	Sydney .....	320	365	3 gold, 6 silver, 87 bronze	175	1525
1880	Melbourne .....	258	645	3 gold, 26 silver, 10 bronze	112	1709

*EXHIBITS presented by the Executive Commissioners to various Public Institutions.*

<i>Owner:</i>		
Commissioners	Journals of Council and Assembly	Public Library, Melbourne.
Ditto	Photographs of Public Buildings	Belgian Court. [bourne.
Ditto	Ditto	Executive Commissioners, Mel-
Ditto	Ditto, Launceston	Belgian Court.
Mr. Douglas	Blackwood timber	Technological Museum, Melbourne.
Mr. Grubb	Bark in three stages of preparation	Belgium.
Mr. Laing	Veneers of myrtle	Technological Museum, Melbourne.
Miss Mitchell	Gum of Oyster Bay pine	Ditto.
Mr. Smith	Pine wood	Ditto.
Mr. Tatlow	Blackwood timbers	Ditto.
Mr. M'Gregor	Oil from sperm whale	Ditto.
Mr. Walden	Oil from yola	Ditto.
Mr. Abbott	Malt	Belgium.
Mr. Cox	Oats (Tartarian)	Victoria Agricultural Society.
Messrs. Dalgety & Co.	Wheat and oats	Ditto, and Belgium.
Mr. Fletcher	Wheat and seeds	Ditto.
Mr. Gibson	Wheat and flour	Ditto.
Mr. Hingston	Wheat and peas	Belgium.
Mr. Horne	Oats (sparrow-bill)	Victoria Agricultural Society.
Mr. Pitt	Wheat and barley	Ditto.
Commissioners	Salmon and trout	Museum, Melbourne.
Mr. Bishton	Freestone from Westbury	Technological Museum, Melbourne.
Mr. R. W. Butler	Ditto Taylor's Bay	Ditto.
Mr. F. Butler	Ditto Pontville	Ditto.
Mr. Gillon	Ditto Kangaroo Point and Cambridge	Ditto.
Mr. Gregory	Ditto Hestercombe	Ditto.
Mr. Kermodie	Ditto Mona Vale	Ditto.
Mr. Pearson	Ditto Spring Bay	Ditto.
Mr. Richards	Ditto Ross	Ditto.
Mr. Robinson	Ditto Okehampton	Ditto.
Mr. Wiggins	Ditto Stringy Bark Hill	Ditto.
Mr. Reynolds	Ditto	Ditto.
Mr. Thorne	Tin Ore from Mount Heemskirk	Ditto.
Mr. Hawson	Ditto from Cumberland Mine	Ditto.
Mr. Nolan	Dysodile	Ditto, and Sandhurst.
Mr. Rayner	Limestone from Bridgewater	Ditto.
Mr. Coote	Coal from Fingal	Ditto.
Mr. Stieglitz	Ditto Killymoon	Ditto.
Mr. Brooke	Ditto New Town	Ditto.
Mr. Hainsworth	Fossils, Latrobe	Ditto.
Commissioners	Block of Smelted Tin from Mount Bischoff	Belgium.
Ditto	Ditto	Technological Museum, Melbourne.
Ditto	Ditto	Sandhurst Mining School.
Ditto	Ditto	S. Australia.
Ditto	Ditto	Fiji.
Ditto	Ditto	New South Wales.
Mr. Glover	Hone-stone from Huon	Technological Museum.
Commissioners	Iron Ore from Ilfracombe	Sandhurst.
Mr. Riley	Coal from Tarleton	Technological Museum.
Mr. Scott	Willow logs	Melbourne.
Messrs. Lyell & M'Gowan	Slate	Ditto.
Commissioners	Mineral Cabinet	Mechanics' Institute, Launceston.
Ditto	Wax Models of Apples and Pears	Royal Society of Tasmania.
Ditto	Fossils from Bridgewater	Ditto.
Ditto	Photographs	Public Library, Tasmania.

*PRESENTED to Tasmania, through the Secretary to the Royal Commission.*

RECEIVED.

<i>Belgium.</i> From G. Beckx, Esq., Consul-General— 107 Volumes of Books. Exhibits of Industries— Sulphur. Soda and Blue. Violet Powder. Ultramarine. Paper.	<i>New South Wales.</i> From the Secretary to the Court— Antimony. Mundic. Asbestos.
<i>South Australia.</i> From the Secretary to the Court— Block of Smelted Copper. Copper Ores, of varieties. Malachite. Lead. Mundic.	<i>Victoria.</i> Sandhurst School of Mines— Gold in Quartz. Cores of the Diamond Drills. Antimony. Mundic.
<i>New South Wales.</i> From the Secretary to the Court— Block of Smelted Tin. Tin Ores. Iron Ores. Lead Ore.	<i>Fiji.</i> From the Secretary to the Court— Tappa Cloth. Coffee. Maize. Arrowroot. Cocoa Nuts. Sponges. Fibres. Cotton. Cotton Seeds, (Sea Island). Seeds of Native edible Plants.

## ABSTRACT OF EXPENDITURE.

Dr.	£	s.	d.
Purchase of Minerals for and preparation of Mineral Cabinet.....	74	0	4
Purchase and fitting-up of Whale-boat (less proceeds of Sale £40)..	22	14	10
Purchase of Photographs of Tasmanian Scenery .....	52	0	6
Stone Trophy, presented to Victoria .....	181	19	2
Timber Trophy (less proceeds Sale £8).....	7	7	0
Maps—Mineralogical and Topographical .....	15	0	0
Melbourne Expenses (less proceeds Sale Fittings £22 3s.) .....	451	17	0
Launceston Expenses .....	268	16	8
Freight to and from Melbourne of Exhibits.....	166	14	6
Packing and Wool-boxes .....	59	17	9
Grants in aid of Exhibits .....	13	1	4
Advertising and Printing.....	39	3	6
Fire Insurance .....	10	5	0
Storeman.....	21	0	0
Secretaries and Canvassers (including Gratuities voted by Parliament)	261	9	0
Petty Expenses, Cartage, &c. ....	64	6	1
	<u>£1709</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>10</u>