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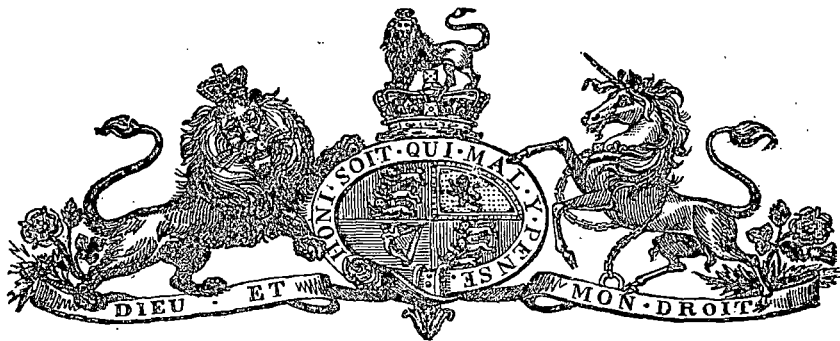
TASMANIA.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

METROPOLITAN EXHIBITION HELD IN
SYDNEY, 1877.

REPORT OF THE TASMANIAN COMMISSIONERS.

Laid upon the Table by the Colonial Secretary, and ordered by the House to be
printed, May 16, 1877.



Launceston, 7th May, 1877.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor, by direction of the Sydney Exhibition Commissioners, to enclose a Report of their proceedings to date, for presentation through you to His Excellency the Governor. The account of expenditure incurred by the Commission will be forwarded with a supplementary report after the close of the Exhibition.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

HENRY EDGELL, *Hon. Secretary.*

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary.

COMMISSION appointed by His Excellency FREDERICK ALOYSIUS WELD, Esquire, C.M.G., "to make adequate arrangements for the representation of Tasmania at the Metropolitan Exhibition to be held in Sydney, 1877."

Commissioners.

ADYE DOUGLAS, Esq., M.H.A.
ALFRED HARRAP, Esq., *Mayor of Launceston.*
THOMAS COOK JUST, Esq., J.P.

Chairman.

THOMAS COOK JUST, Esq.

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R E P O R T.

To His Excellency FREDERICK ALOYSIUS WELD, Esquire, Companion of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Colony of Tasmania and its Dependencies.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY.

WE, the Commissioners appointed by Her Majesty's Commission, dated the 13th day of April, 1877, "to make adequate arrangements for the representation of the Colony of Tasmania in the Metropolitan Exhibition to be held in Sydney in April, 1877," have the honor to report to Your Excellency respecting our proceedings and the results thereof.

Immediately on being notified of our Commission we assembled together and appointed Henry Edgell, Esq., of Launceston, to act as our Secretary, and took active steps to collect subscriptions towards the cost of the representation of Tasmania at the Sydney Exhibition, on the understanding that Her Majesty's Government would contribute £1 for every £1 so subscribed by the public.

Our individual exertions in this behalf were confined to the Town of Launceston and its vicinity; but we appointed Hugh Munro Hull, Esq., Clerk of the House of Assembly, to act on our behalf in the City of Hobart Town and on the southern side of the Island generally. We much regret that Mr. Hull's efforts were not very successful, the total amount of subscriptions obtained by him being £1 10s. In northern Tasmania the sum obtained by subscription to date amounts to £73 11s. 6d., making a total of £75 1s. 6d. money subscribed, which, with the Government contribution, placed a sum of £150 3s. at the disposal of the Commissioners. To this will have to be added several other amounts promised but not yet paid in.

We issued Circulars and Entry Forms to all persons whom we thought likely to become exhibitors, and adopted every means to give publicity to our proceedings,—advertising the objects of the Commission through the press; but, we regret to say, the public seemed to regard the object of the Commission with considerable apathy, and when the time for closing entries arrived we found there were only thirty-one exhibitors, with an aggregate of eighty-three exhibits.

This we regard as a matter greatly to be deplored, because the Sydney Metropolitan Exhibition is a most important one, bringing into honorable competition the industry of the several Australasian Colonies; and a large representation of Tasmanian products and manufactures could not have failed to benefit the material interests of the Colony by making her capabilities known, and paving the way for a large increase in our intercolonial trade.

Small as was the representation, however, we are happy to report that the Tasmanian Court gained a large share of the prizes and honors bestowed by the Council of the New South Wales Agricultural Society; and, further, that a considerable amount of business was done in several classes of exhibits. Our Minerals, Woollen Goods, Hat manufactures, Bacon, Hams, Cheese, and cereals were especially admired by all classes of visitors.

We deputed one of our number, Mr. T. C. Just, to proceed to Sydney to represent the Colony at the Exhibition. Mr. Just arrived at Sydney on 6th April, and took possession of the space allotted to the Colony in the Exhibition Building. By his exertions, and the kindly aid of the officials of the Exhibition, the Court was got ready in time for the opening, and at once attracted attention.

Mr. Just left Sydney on 25th April; and up to Saturday, 21st April, upwards of 120,000 persons had passed through the gates of the Exhibition, exclusive of members of the Agricultural Society, the officials of the Exhibition, visitors, and others on the free list. The final return of the attendance is as yet unknown to us.

Up to the time of Mr. Just leaving the judging had not been completed; but we have the honor to annex a list of the prizes and honors awarded to the Tasmanian Courts to 25th April, which includes 1 Silver Medal, 5 Bronze Medals, 15 First Prizes, 4 Second Prizes, 2 Special Extra Prizes, and 9 Certificates of high commendation,—in all 36 awards. Exhibits in one or two classes remained to be judged, and we hope to have the pleasure of reporting still further honors in a supplemental report.

We regret that the Wool exhibited did not arrive in time for the judging in that department, and that the quantities sent did not comply with the conditions of entry. Had it been otherwise, we have authority for believing that the highest honors would have fallen to Tasmania. The quality of the exhibits was such that, although the Judges had finished their duties, they awarded us two special extra prizes.

As experience gained on such occasions should be made useful as a guide for the future, we think it well to note the fact that exhibitors displayed great carelessness in the manner of addressing their exhibits. The tickets and address cards were in several instances torn from the bags and packages, and our representative Commissioner experienced some difficulty in identifying the exhibits. We should recommend that on future occasions the name of the exhibitor should be legibly painted upon his packages, and that the entry form should embrace all particulars in regard to the exhibit.

The late period at which the Tasmanian entries arrived prevented the possibility of all being included in the official catalogue; but Mr. Just at once had a list prepared which appeared as an "inset," (copy herewith marked A). Subsequently he prepared a "Special Catalogue," and printed 5000 copies, which were distributed gratuitously (copy herewith marked B*).

Finding the public of New South Wales very imperfectly informed as to the resources and prospects of Tasmania, Mr. Just took the opportunity of circulating gratuitously, at his own risk, about four hundred copies of the work annexed hereto marked C* (Tasmaniana); also five hundred copies of the "Conspectus" (marked D*). These were received with much interest, and were of great assistance to the representatives of the press, being the means of obtaining lengthy and interesting notices of the Court in several newspapers.

On leaving Sydney Mr. Just placed the Court in the charge of a trustworthy attendant, and also appointed an agent to see to the disposal of the exhibits ordered for sale. As the Exhibition will be open until about the middle of May, we are not yet in a position to render an account of expenditure incurred. This will form a portion of our supplementary report.

We have to acknowledge the courtesy extended to our representative by the Government of New South Wales, the Council and officials of the Agricultural Association, and the Officers of the Exhibition.

We have the honor to be,
Your Excellency's most obedient Servants,

THOS. C. JUST, *Chairman*.
ADYE DOUGLAS, } *Commissioners*.
ALFRED HARRAP, }
HENRY EDGELL, *Secretary*.

*Committee Room, Brisbane-street, Launceston,
7th May, 1877.*

* It is not deemed desirable to reprint Enclosures marked B, C, and D. The two latter do not immediately relate to the subject of this Report; and the object aimed at by the publication in Sydney of that marked B has been attained.

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TASMANIAN COURT.

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| British & Tasmanian Charcoal Iron Company. Works at Port Lempriere, West Arm, River Tamar. Registered Office, Melbourne. | Thomas C. Just, Charles-street, Launceston. |
| 1. Chromic Pig Iron, with the ore from which it is made. | 13. Collection of Specimens, representing the Tin Ores of Tasmania. |
| 2. White Hematite Pig Iron, with the ore from which it is made. | 14. Collection of Specimens, representing the Iron Ores of Tasmania. |
| 3. Grey Hematite Pig Iron, with the ore from which it is made. | 15. Collection of Minerals. |
| 4. Samples of Magnetic and other iron ores. | 16. Collection of Minerals, chiefly from South Australia and New Caledonia. |
| 5. Series of Photographs showing the works. | 17. Samples of Tasmanian Limestones. |
| 6. A hammer made of Chromic Iron, cast direct from the large blast furnace. | 18. Tin Trophy, showing every variety of Tasmanian Tin Ore, with a column of smelted Tin. |
| Mount Bischoff Tin Mining Company, Tasmania. Registered Office, Launceston. | 19. Jewellery of Tasmanian Topazes, mounted in Tasmanian Gold. |
| 7. One hundred and four Ingots Smelted Tin, from the Company's works, Launceston. | Bulman, Johnstone, & Co., Waverley Woollen Mills, near Launceston. |
| 8. Sample of Tin Ore, from the lode, Mount Bischoff. | Manufactures of Tasmanian Wool. |
| 9. Sample of Tin Ore, from Black Boy, East Coast. | 20. Twenty Shawls. |
| 10. Sample of Tin Nuggets, from Mount Bischoff. | 21. Hyde Park Shawl. |
| 11. Sample of Tin Ore, from Thomas's River, East Coast. | 22. Seven pairs Blankets. |
| 12. Sample of Stream Tin Ore, from Mount Bischoff. | 23. Seven ends Tweed Yarn. |
| | J. Bidencope, Murray-street, Hobart Town. |
| | 24. One case assorted Hats. |
| | 25. Hats in process of manufacture. |
| | 26. Materials used in Hat-making. |

27. Samples of Merino Wool, about fifty varieties, grown by G. W. Keach, Chiswick, Ross.
 28. Merino Fleece, grown by David Taylor, St. Johnstone, Macquarie River.
 29. Sample of scoured fine Wool, grown by James Gibson, Belle Vue, Cleveland District.

H. Kenyon, Brisbane-street, Launceston.

30. Exhibition Case of Soaps, Candles, anti-friction Grease, &c., &c.

John Joyce, Brisbane-street, Launceston.

31. Four Hams.
 32. Four sides Bacon.

Tasmanian Agricultural and Pastoral Association.

33. Two bags Braemer Velvet Wheat.
 34. One bag Tartarian Oats.

William Dodery, Lauraville, near Longford.

35. Case of samples Leicester Wool.
 36. One sack Tartarian Oats, pure white, 80 bushels to the acre.
 37. One sack pure Wheat (prolific).
 38. One sack Chevalier Barley, 40 bushels to the acre.

Edward Moore, Sorell, Tasmania.

39. One bag White Wheat.
 40. Two bags Red Wheat (purple straw).
 41. One bag malting Barley.
 42. One bag Cape Barley.
 43. One bag Poland Oats.
 44. Two half-bushels Peas, field variety.
 45. Two half-bushels White-eyed Horse Beans.
 46. Two half-bushels Linseed.

Horses.

- Brown Prince, heavy draft horse, 8 years; bred in New South Wales.
 Major, heavy draft horse, 7 years old; bred by John Martin, Exton, near Westbury.

Dossetor Bros., Old Wharf Mill, Hobart Town.

47. One bag Flour.

David Gibson, of Gleesburgh.

48. One bag White Braemar Velvet Wheat.
 49. One bag Purple Straw Spring Wheat.
 50. One bag Malting Barley, grown from imported seed.
 51. Sample of Building Stone.

F. C. H. Dean, Launceston.

52. One bag English Rye Grass Seed.
 53. One bag Cock's Foot Grass Seed.
 54. One bag Italian Rye Grass Seed.
 55. One bag Prairie Grass Seed.
 56. One bag Meadow Fescue Grass Seed.

C. W. Allen, Illawarra.

57. Six fleeces pure Leicester Wool, bred by exhibitor.

W. C. Dawson, Charles-street, Launceston.

58. One cask Butter.
 59. Two Cheeses.

E. E. Newton & Sons, Cressy.

60. One dozen grain Kangaroo Skins (tanned).

E. Hanson, Hobart Town.

61. One sack Oats.
 62. One sack Wheat.

A. G. Webster, Hobart Town.

63. Two Cheeses, 170 lbs., made by Woodberry.

Australasian Slate Quarry Company, Back Creek.

64. Forty Roofing Slates.
 65. Four School Slates.
 66. One Slate Slab.

Penguin Progress Association, Penguin Creek.

67. Samples of Iron Ore, from River Leven, North West Coast.
 68. Samples of Galena, from River Gawler.
 69. Samples of Manganese, Penguin Creek.

Peart and Sons, Penguin Creek.

70. Samples of Galena.

New Native Youth Gold Mining Co., Nine Mile Springs, (R. H. Price, Manager).

71. Sample of Gold-bearing Quartz from the reef.

New Morning Star G. M. Co., Nine Mile Springs, (R. H. Price, Manager).

72. Sample of Gold-bearing Quartz from the reef.

James Smith, River Forth, N.W. Coast.

73. Sample of Bismuth from Mount Ramsay.

Mount Ramsay Prospecting Association.

74. Sample of Bismuth Ore.
 75. Sample of Bismuth metal.

Adye Douglas, Launceston.

76. View of Hobart Town.
 77. View of Ben Lomond from Epping Forest.
 78. View of South end of Tasman's Island.

E. W. Woodgate, Launceston.

79. Photographic Prints of Tasmanian Ferns.

William Beveridge, Alma.

80. One bag Wheat.

Gilchrist, Watt, & Co., Sydney.

81. One bale Tasmanian Hops, grown by W. S. Sharland, New Norfolk.

T. & W. Willis, Sydney.

82. One bale Tasmanian Hops, grown by J. J. Turnbull, New Norfolk.
 83. One bag Tasmanian Pale Ale Malt, from English Barley.
 84. Hobart Town Pale Ale, brewed by C. & J. Degraives.

SYDNEY EXHIBITION, 1877.

LIST of Prizes awarded to the Tasmanian Court to 25th April, 1877.

| EXHIBITORS' NAMES. | EXHIBIT. | AWARD. |
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| Bulman, Johnson, & Co., Waverley Woollen Mills, Launceston | Blankets and Shawls. | First Prize with a Silver Medal. |
| J. Bidecope, Hobart Town | Hats and Hat-making material. | First Prize. |
| John Joyce, Launceston | Hams. | Ditto. |
| Tasmanian Agricultural and Pastoral Association | Tartarian Oats. | Ditto. |
| Edward Moore, Sorell | Red Wheat. | Ditto. |
| Ditto | Malting Barley. | Ditto. |
| Ditto | Cape Barley. | Ditto. |
| Ditto | Field Peas. | Ditto. |
| Ditto | Horse Beans. | Ditto. |
| Ditto | Linseed. | Ditto. |
| Ditto | Red Spring Wheat. | Ditto. |
| W. H. D. Archer, Brickendon | White Spring Wheat. | Ditto. |
| F. C. H. Dean, Launceston | Collection of Grass Seeds. | Ditto. |
| J. J. Turnbull, New Norfolk, exhibi- ted by Messrs. T. & W. Willis, Sydney | Hops. | Ditto. |
| T. & W. Willis, Sydney | Tasmanian Pale Ale Malt. | Ditto. |
| John Joyce, Launceston | Bacon. | Second Prize. |
| William Dodery, Longford | Tartarian Oats. | Ditto. |
| A. G. Webster, Hobart Town | Woodberry's Cheese. | Ditto. |
| W. S. Sharland, New Norfolk, exhibi- ted by Messrs. Gilchrist, Watt, & Co. | Hops. | Ditto. |
| J. Bidecope, Hobart Town | Merino Wool, grown by David Taylor, St. Johnstone, Macqua- rie River. | Special Extra Prize. |
| C. W. Allen, Illawarra | Leicester Wool. | Ditto. |
| British and Tasmanian Charcoal Iron Co. | Chromic Pig Iron. | Bronze Medal. |
| Ditto | Grey Hematite Pig Iron. | Ditto. |
| Mount Bischoff Tin Mining Com- pany | For Smelted Tin. | Ditto. |
| Thos. C. Just, Launceston | Collection Tasmanian Iron Ores. | Ditto. |
| Ditto | Collection Tasmanian Tin Ores. | Ditto. |
| Ditto | Collection Tasmanian Minerals. | Highly commended. |
| Ditto | Collection South Australian and New Caledonian Minerals. | Ditto. |
| Ditto | Jewellery of Tasmanian Topazes set in Tasmanian Gold. | Ditto. |
| Mount Bischoff Tin Mining Company | Samples Tin Ore. | Ditto. |
| Tasmanian Agricultural and Pastoral Association | Braemar Velvet Wheat. | Ditto. |
| Penguin Progress Association | Samples Iron Ore and Galena .. | Ditto. |
| New Native Youth Gold Mining Company | Gold-bearing Quartz. | Ditto. |
| James Smith, River Forth | Bismuth Ore. | Ditto. |
| William Ritchie, on behalf of Mount Ramsay Prospecting Association .. | Bismuth Ore and metals smelted therefrom. | Ditto. |

The judging in several Departments had not been completed at the date to which this Return is made up.

RECAPITULATION.

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| Silver Medals | 1 |
| First Prizes | 15 |
| Second Prizes | 4 |
| Special Extra Prizes | 2 |
| Bronze Medals | 5 |
| Highly commended | 9 |
| Total | 36 |