

No. 24.

The Hon. the COLONIAL SECRETARY to His Honor the SUPERINTENDENT, Canterbury.
(Telegram.)

I THINK I said to your Honor that about £100 might be expended in collecting exhibits in Canterbury. If the proposed payment (£25) to Mr. Bird will be covered by that amount, there is no objection to your arranging with him.

His Honor the Superintendent, Christchurch.

DANIEL POLLEN.

No. 25.

Mr. NATHAN to the Hon. the COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Philadelphia Exhibition.

SIR,—

Christchurch, 9th July, 1875.

Referring to your telegram to His Honor the Superintendent of this province respecting the quantity of each class of exhibits to be sent to the Philadelphia Exhibition, I have the honor to state that a meeting of this Committee was held yesterday morning, at which the following resolution was agreed to:—

“That the following quantities of exhibits be adopted as the maximum by this Committee, and recommended to the Colonial Government for general adoption—viz., wool, 60 lbs. ; grain, half a bushel ; coal, 50 lbs. ; flax, 50 lbs. Miscellaneous articles not enumerated, at the discretion of the several sub-committees.”

The Committee are of opinion that it is desirable to secure, as much as possible, an uniform quantity of each exhibit for the whole colony, and trust the Government will take steps to have this carried out by issuing general instructions to that effect.

The Committee desire to know whether the Government will make purchase of collections at their value in such cases where exhibitors will not freely give up their goods for exhibition, empowering committees to fix value for same.

I have, &c.,

L. E. NATHAN,
Chairman.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary, Wellington.

No. 26.

Mr. COOPER to Mr. NATHAN.

SIR,—

Colonial Secretary's Office, Wellington, 26th July, 1875.

I am directed by Dr. Pollen to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 9th instant, on the subject of the quantity, &c., of each class of exhibits to be sent to the Philadelphia Exhibition, and to inform you that a Royal Commission, consisting of the Hon. W. B. D. Mantell, the Hon. W. Gisborne, and Messrs. W. H. Levin and D. McIntyre, has been appointed for the purpose of devising and carrying out the necessary details, and that your letter has been referred to them.

I have, &c.,

G. S. COOPER.

L. E. Nathan, Esq., Chairman of the Philadelphia Exhibition Committee,
Christchurch.

No. 27.

The Hon. the COLONIAL SECRETARY to the Hon. W. B. D. MANTELL.

SIR,—

Colonial Secretary's Office, Wellington, 21st July, 1875.

I have the honor to transmit to you a Royal Commission issued by His Excellency the Governor, appointing you to be a Commissioner for New Zealand for the Philadelphia Exhibition, in conjunction with the Hon. W. Gisborne and Messrs. Levin and McIntyre, for the purpose of making such arrangements as you may deem necessary for the collection and transmission to the United States of articles for exhibition by which the colony may be fairly and worthily represented.

I have, &c.,

DANIEL POLLEN.

The Hon. W. B. D. Mantell, M.L.C., Wellington.

Similar letters to the Hon. W. Gisborne, W. H. Levin, Esq., and D. McIntyre, Esq., Consular Agent for the United States.

Enclosure in No. 27.

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

The Honorable WALTER BALDOCK DURANT MANTELL;
The Honorable WILLIAM GISBORNE;
WILLIAM HORT LEVIN, Esquire; and
DANIEL MCINTYRE, Esquire.