

No. 13.

Mr. RICHARD HUDSON to the Mayor of the Borough of Thames.

SIR,—

Parawai, Thames, 13th April, 1880.

In response to the advertisement in last evening's *Star*, re local industries, I beg to say that I have lately commenced fruit-preserving on a tolerably large scale, having put up between 2,000 and 3,000 tins this season; and, while a free-trader in principle, it is my decided conviction that this, as well as other young industries, might with advantage be encouraged until able to cope with the cheap and immense production—say of the United States, where labour is low in value and supply unlimited. I purpose competing at the Melbourne Exhibition, where the duty is 2d. per pound.

The immense growth and astonishing increase of this business in America, where I believe it is also protected, furnishes a strong argument in favor of some such arrangement in a colony where this and other industries are entirely new.

I have, &c.,

RICHARD HUDSON.

P.S.—I think the encouragement of fruit-growing all round, in face of the immense importations from other countries, is well worthy of consideration.

WINE LICENSE.

No. 14.

Mr. ALFRED GOUGH to the Local Committee on Industries.

GENTLEMEN,—

Thames, 13th April, 1880.

I have been manufacturing wine and cider for the last six years. During the last two years I have made efforts to obtain a license in order to bring it into the market; but find that I cannot legally do so but through an auctioneer's sale. I think that the same privilege should be extended to this colony as the Australian Colonies possess; and that every encouragement should be extended to local industry in the wine trade, in order that money may be retained in the colony.

I have, &c.,

ALFRED GOUGH.

No. 15.

Mr. ISRAEL WENDEL to the Royal Commissioners on Local Industries.

GENTLEMEN,—

Auckland, 23rd April, 1880.

I desire to bring to your favourable notice the manufacture of Auckland-made wines. As a purely local industry, this has a strong claim on your consideration; the grapes from which my wine is manufactured being grown in the Auckland Province, and the wine made on my premises in Symonds Street. I am sorry to inform you that my efforts are severely crippled, owing to the many difficulties I experience in placing my wines before the public. The present wholesale license is altogether unfitted for the rapid and effectual sale of my beverages, as I am not allowed to sell any quantity less than two gallons, which precludes the poorer classes from purchasing; and I am therefore obliged to rely on the various hotels to dispose of my goods. As a remedy for this, I would respectfully urge that you will be pleased to recommend that a bottle license at a reasonable figure may be granted for the sale of colonial-made wines only, and thus enable me to more fully develop a local industry now languishing on account of the restrictions placed upon it. In support of my application, I beg to refer you to the copy of the report of the Government Analyst, J. M. Tunny, Esq., and also to the attached certificate of the leading medical men of this city, as to the quality and purity of the wines I manufacture. Trusting that you will entertain my proposal,

I have, &c.,

ISRAEL WENDEL.

COPY of REPORT of J. M. TUNNY, Government Analyst.

SIR,—

Provincial Laboratory, Auckland, 20th October, 1875.

After having made a very careful examination of the wine manufactured by you, I have much pleasure in certifying that it is free from all deleterious matter, and is, in my opinion, a very superior article, especially suited for invalids.

I have, &c.,

J. M. TUNNY,

Provincial Analyst.

I. Wendel, Esq.

COPY of CERTIFICATE from Leading Medical Men in Auckland to the Royal Commissioners on Local Industry.

GENTLEMEN,—

Auckland, 23rd April, 1880.

We have much pleasure in testifying as to the quality and character of the wines manufactured in Auckland by Mr. I. Wendel. Having tested the various samples submitted by him for our inspection, we can confidently affirm that they are pleasant to the palate, of a healthful and invigorating nature, and are also entirely free from any noxious ingredient. We consider that any assistance or concessions that may be granted to Mr. Wendel to enable him to increase the sale of his wines amongst every class of the community will be fully justified by the necessity of a cheap and wholesome beverage for the New Zealand public.

WM. STOCKWELL, L.R.C.S. Edinburgh.

JOHN H. HOOPER, M.R.C.S. England, L.S.A. London.

WALTER LEE, L.M.P.

H. C. WINE, M.R.C.S., L.M., L.S.A.

HUGH KENNEDY, M.D., F.F.P.S.G.

F. W. E. DAWSONS, L.R.C.P. Ed., M.R.C.S. England, L.S.A.