

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

THE Commission desire to express their obligation to the following gentlemen for the various communications mentioned below, which, having already been published or not being suitable for publication with this report, are omitted from the evidence and papers.

Colonial Secretary, Wellington, 16th March, 1880.—Forwarding "Suggestions as to the Scope of a Proposed Inquiry into the Best Means of Promoting and Encouraging Manufactures and Local Industries in the Colony," by T. J. Mulvany, C.E.; as published in the *Bay of Plenty Times*.

Captain F. G. Moore, Wellington, 18th March, 1880.—Forwarding printed particulars of the discovery of the West Wanganui Coal Mine, and of the progress of workings up to present time.

J. Wilson and Co., Auckland, 7th April, 1880.—Submitting price-list of their hydraulic lime, and extract from a newspaper on the subject.

The Mayor of New Plymouth, 10th April, 1880.—Enclosing leading article of the *Taranaki News* of 27th March, 1880.

Mr. James Grant, Wellington, 10th April, 1880.—Enclosing letters to the *New Zealand Times* on local industry.

Mr. James Stodart, Secretary to Auckland Chamber of Commerce, 10th April, 1880.—Forwarding letters from A. Reynolds and others, and a copy of the petition of coachbuilders and wheelwrights to the House of Representatives last session.

City Council Office, Christchurch, 13th April, 1880.—Enclosing copy of circular sent out by them.

Mr. T. Wilson, Woolston, 16th April, 1880.—Reply to Christchurch City Council's circular.

The Secretary to the Dunedin National Industrial Association, 13th April, 1880.—Stating the views of members with reference to the visit of the Commission to Dunedin.

The Secretary to the Taranaki Agricultural Society, New Plymouth, 14th April, 1880.

Mr. J. C. Forsyth, Waitepeka, 15th April, 1880.—Forwarding newspaper extracts on local industries.

The Mayor of Auckland, 19th April, 1880.—Forwarding letters as follows: Charles Woolgar, on colonial ovens; G. D. Burke, on bellows-making materials; H. Waite, on tinsmiths' materials; C. C. Fleming, on bootmaking materials; E. Dutton, on cork manufacture; Atkinson and Co., on kauri-gum varnish; A. K. and F. Goodacre, on boot and shoe trade; F. B. Graham, on silkworm cultivation.

Mr. Charles Parkinson, Wanganui, 22nd April, 1880.—Enclosing letters to *Wanganui Chronicle*.

Mr. J. H. Barnicoat, County Chairman, Waimea, Nelson, 23rd April, 1880.—Forwarding copy of report of Commissioners appointed in 1872 to inquire into the best means of furthering the industrial interests of that province.

City Council Office, Christchurch, 27th April, 1880.—Forwarding replies in response to circular, as follows: Austin and Kirk, W. Neighbours, Kempthorne and Co., Hallenstein Bros., A. T. White, Scott Bros., W. Moor and Son, J. Wilson and Co.

Mr. William Bateman, Christchurch, 28th April, 1880.—Forwarding two pamphlets, "The Evil Results of Protection," and "The Agriculturist."

Mr. Charles Montrose, Auckland, 14th May, 1880.—A pamphlet on technological education.

Mr. Allan McLeod, Dunedin, 18th May, 1880.—Forwarding two German prospectuses of technological schools in Germany.

LIST AND PRECIS OF PAPERS FORMING THE EVIDENCE ATTACHED TO THE REPORT.

AGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES.

1. Mr. Edward Pilbrow, Temuka, March, 1880.—Suggestions with a view to multiplying the limited number of payable crops by alternating with linseed and other oil-producing seeds.
2. Mr. P. T. Adams, Christchurch, 11th March, 1880.—Recommending that the Government should offer a bonus for the encouragement of the industry of bulbs, tuberous roots, and flower-seeds culture.
3. Mr. James Laird, Wanganui, 31st March, 1880.—Evidence on the cultivation of the sugar-beet.
4. Mr. Henry Budden, Nelson, 2nd April, 1880.—Evidence as to the advantage of the cultivation of fruit for preserving, and recommending the establishment of a fruit-preserving factory, and that the industry should be encouraged by the imposition of a duty on imported fruits, and the remission of duty on sugar, sheet-tin, and solder.
5. Mr. Samuel Carter, Motueka, 6th April, 1880.—Evidence on the cultivation of fruit-trees and fruit-preserving. Requires £1,500 to expand the industry, and asks for the remission of duty on sugar, sheet-tin, and solder.
6. Gisborne County Council, 4th April, 1880.—Suggesting that a bonus should be offered for the discovery of petroleum and coal, and for the growth of hops and tobacco.
7. Mr. Robert Pharazyn, Wanganui, 8th April, 1880.—Forwarding minutes of a meeting of the Agricultural and Pastoral Association, and stating that any attempts to foster local industries by protection would be injurious.
8. Hobson County Council, Paparoa, 9th April, 1880.—On the existing industries in the county, showing how all are depressed, and some in a state of collapse, from the want of roads and means of transit.
9. Rodney County Council, Warkworth, 16th April, 1880.—From want of capital few undertakings have been embarked in. Wine-making is carried on to some extent; but the makers request that the existing restrictions may be removed, so that they can sell their wine in quantities of less than two gallons. Coal, other minerals, and lime are to be found in the district.