

The Committee having considered the Order of the House, referring back the report on olive-culture to them, on the motion of Captain Colbeck, *Resolved*, That the Committee has taken further evidence, which has confirmed it in the opinion expressed in the report already presented to the House.

Captain Colbeck's motion, notice of which was given at last meeting, was next considered.

On the motion of Captain Colbeck, *Resolved*, That this Committee recommend the selection from, and printing in pamphlet form, the papers read before the South Australian Chamber of Manufactures, the letter of the Commissioner of Agriculture, United States, and such other information as has been obtained in evidence, especially that of Sir George Grey on the subject of the cultivation of the olive, and manufacture of olive-oil, also, the cultivation of sorghum, and manufacture of sorghum-sugar; the methods adopted in the drying and preservation of fruit, and also any practical suggestions for the cultivation of tobacco; and that the proposed Department of Science and Industries be charged with this duty.

This being all the business, the Committee adjourned till to-morrow, the 24th instant, at 11 a.m.

### WEDNESDAY, 24TH AUGUST, 1881.

As the House was still sitting at 11 o'clock, the Committee notified for that hour did not meet.

### FRIDAY, 26TH AUGUST, 1881.

The Committee met pursuant to notice.

*Present*: Captain Colbeck, Mr. Lundon, Mr. Macandrew, and Mr. Murray (Chairman).

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Mr. Swanson, M.H.R. made a statement, which was recorded.

The Committee proceeded to consider the advisability of having the letters which had been brought before them printed, and, on the motion of Mr. Macandrew, *Resolved*, That the following letters only should be printed: From Mr. A. Vollbracht, on the matter of tobacco; and from Mr. Kirkpatrick, on the matter of jams and preserves.

On the motion of Mr. Macandrew, *Resolved*, That, in the opinion of the Committee, the manufacture of farina in New Zealand holds out great advantages to agricultural enterprise, and only requires a commencement to become an extensive and important industry. With this view it is expedient that a bonus should be offered of such amount, and on such terms and conditions, as the Government may deem most likely to secure the object arrived at.

On the motion of Captain Colbeck, *Resolved*, That all evidence selected by the Committee be printed.

The Committee then adjourned till Monday, the 29th instant, at 11 o'clock a.m.

### MONDAY, 29TH AUGUST, 1881.

The Committee met pursuant to notice.

*Present*: Captain Colbeck, Mr. Lundon, Mr. Murray (Chairman), and Mr. Wright.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

On the motion of Mr. Wright, *Resolved*, That the Chairman be instructed to write to Dr. Hector, to ascertain how far he is prepared to assist the Committee in carrying out the objects they have in view in the establishment of the proposed Department of Science and Industries, and, if he is not prepared willingly to carry out the recommendation of the Committee, as contained in Mr. Ballance's resolution, if he will state his reasons for declining.

On the motion of Mr. Wright, *Resolved*, That a bonus of 1s. per gallon should be offered for all rape- or linseed-oil manufactured before the 31st December, 1887, by machinery permanently established in the colony, from linseed or rape-seed grown in the colony. The bonus to be payable from time to time to any persons producing quantities of 1,000 gallons and upwards. That when bonuses have been paid upon an aggregate of 100,000 gallons no further bonuses should be paid.

On the motion of Captain Colbeck, *Resolved*, That, in addition to the recommendations made with reference to changes in the tariff, the following changes be made: To remit duty on nitric acid and alum; to impose duty of 1d. per lb. on bacon and hams; to remit duty upon borax.

The Chairman was directed to draw up a final report, whereupon

The Committee adjourned till the following day at 11 o'clock.

### TUESDAY, 30TH AUGUST, 1881.

The Committee met pursuant to notice.

*Present*: Mr. Ballance, Mr. Hutchison, Mr. Lundon, Mr. Macandrew, and Mr. Murray (Chairman).

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The Committee proceeded to consider the final report, which, being amended, on the motion of Mr. Ballance, it was *Resolved*, That the report be adopted.

The Committee then adjourned.

### MONDAY, 5TH SEPTEMBER, 1881.

The Committee met pursuant to notice.

*Present*: Captain Colbeck, Mr. Lundon, Mr. Macandrew, Mr. Murray (Chairman), and Mr. Wright.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The report was reconsidered, and the following additions were agreed to: "That a bonus of £10