

*Cheese.*

The imposition of a duty of 4d. per pound by Queensland has to some extent limited the consumption of New Zealand cheese, but there can be no doubt that it is held in high esteem. A New Zealand exhibit in this class gained the highest award against all-comers. The chief local cheese-factory in Queensland is at Yangan, also a proprietary concern working on the Cheddar principle with an output of 250 tons annually. The progress of this factory is interesting, as it was conducted through its initial stage by a New Zealand expert.

*Agricultural Machinery.*

The New Zealand agricultural implements exhibits were a great credit to our colony and to the manufacturers. They included highly-finished makes for exhibition purposes of the latest patterns in chaff-cutters, ploughs, harrows, drills, windmills, pumps, &c., as well as the same machines finished for every-day work and use. Of these machines there are certain lines manufactured expressly for Queensland, notably: Disc harrows with arched steel yoke for cane and corn, drills fitted with attachment for lucerne-sowing, and chaff-cutters adapted for lucerne. It was very satisfactory, when meeting the heads of the Agricultural Department and representative settlers from Ipswich, Laidley, Bundaberg, Bunleigh, Warwick, Darling Downs, and other agricultural districts, to learn in what high esteem New Zealand farming implements were held. In fact, few other than New Zealand makes of machinery are at present in use, and on most farms are found drills, ploughs, &c., entirely of New Zealand make, they having been found more suitable than similar machines made by English, German, and American manufacturers.

*Woollen Goods.*

The New Zealand woollen goods far surpassed any others exhibited. A good trade is already being done, and capable of considerable extension. The existing duty is 25 per cent. *ad valorem*.

*Jams and Jellies.*

New Zealand made an excellent show in these lines; but the duty of 2s. per dozen pounds almost prohibits business.

*Tinned Meats, Game, and Table Delicacies.*

Large and varied exhibits were made by New Zealand in these lines. Although our manufactures, owing to the tariff, cannot compete with those of Queensland in canned beef and mutton, a large business in fancy lines with Brisbane resulted, and trade relations were started with several firms in Northern Queensland and in Western Australia.

*Fish, such as Canned Lobster (Crayfish), Whitebait, and Mullet.*

Some difficulty has already been experienced by importers in getting their orders executed in these lines, the demand being large and increasing.

*Preserved Vegetables.*

Those exhibited by New Zealand were highly thought of, and a good market can be developed.

*Ale, Stout, Cordials, and Mineral-waters.*

New Zealand beer maintained its high standard of excellence in Queensland against anything locally made, and was pronounced superior to English. New-Zealand-manufactured cordials and natural mineral waters, sent by a Dunedin manufacturer, made a most prominent feature in our court, and deservedly succeeded in gaining the highest award. Here, again, with direct steam-communication, a very large trade would be assured.

## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, QUEENSLAND.

The display by the Hon. A. J. Thynne, Minister for Agriculture, at the court was most comprehensive, and occupied 5,400 square feet of space, including tropical and sub-tropical products, samples of grain and seeds, coffee, rice, maize, sugar-cane, spices, casts of fruits, &c.

A collection of 425 specimens of polished and rough timbers was also exhibited at this Court.

## STOCK SHOW.

The annual show of the Queensland National Association of agricultural products, machinery, and stock made a very fitting finish; it took place on the grounds and during the last week of the Exhibition. The attendance was very large, estimated at nearly forty thousand people, the occasion being similar to our Canterbury Carnival, when all settlers foregather. The show of milking stock was fair; beef breeds, although few, were of excellent quality. In respect to sheep, with the exception of merinos, the show as a whole was not to compare to our Canterbury Agricultural and Pastoral standard. It, nevertheless, was excellent, and did much to brighten the closing hours of the Queensland International Exhibition of 1897.

## QUEENSLAND GOVERNMENT SUPPORT.

While the Queensland Government did not vote a sum of money direct in furtherance of the object of the promoters of the Exhibition, yet the large amount of space taken by the Government, and the magnificent displays made by its Mines and Agricultural Departments, proved a great attraction to visitors, and resulted in practical help to the Exhibition in a financial point of view. The catalogued exhibits in the Queensland mining courts numbered 2,033, and occupied 8,875 square feet of space. Such a display was highly creditable to Mr. R. L. Jack, the Government Geologist, and testified to the great annual mineral output of that colony, together with