

coal (Westport Company); phosphate rock (Ewing Company); stuffed trout; framed photographs (scenery, agricultural, meat-freezing, dairying, mining, &c.); oil paintings (Butler and Sherriff); literature; iron-ore and ironsand; Preserved Meats Trophies—dummy tins (Gear Company, and Christchurch Meat Company to arrive).

It has been decided to add to and renew at intervals exhibits of cereals and other samples liable to deterioration, and by doing so add to the value of this advertisement of the country's products.

New Zealand was well represented at the Indian and Colonial Exhibition, held in the Crystal Palace, London, in 1905, both by the Government and by private firms and manufacturers. The awards received are as follows:—

Grand Prizes.—New Zealand Government: Completeness and excellence of general exhibits, trophy representing New Zealand dairy industry, butter, cheese, fleece wool, grain in sheaf, hops. Christchurch Meat Company (Limited): Frozen meat, &c., slipe wool. G. G. Stead and Co.: Grain, peas. J. T. Griffin: Peas. Mosgiel Woollen Factory Company (Limited): Woollen goods.

Gold Medals.—New Zealand Government: Hemp, timbers, photographs, sport exhibits, agricultural and other publications. G. G. Stead and Co.: Grass-seed, clovers, vegetable-seeds, forestry seeds. J. and T. Meek: Flour, oatmeal, bran. J. T. Griffin: Barley, clover. Christchurch Meat Company: Preserved meats, &c., tallow, oleo, oils, &c. Gear Meat Company (Limited): Slipe wool, tallow. Dalgety and Co. (Limited): Scoured merino wool. Wellington Woollen Company: Woollen goods. Underwood Milk-supply Company (Limited): Condensed milk. E. Mitchelson and Co.: Kauri-gum. Donaghy and Co. (Limited): Rope, cordage, binding-twine. Auckland Veneer and Timber Company (Limited): Door and veneer, ornamental cabinet. Frank Hyams (Limited): Greenstone jewellery. May-Oatway Syndicate (Limited): "Safety" combined house-bell and fire-alarm. Michaelis, Hallenstein, and Farquar: Leather. Westport Coal Company: Coal. Ewing Phosphate Company: Phosphates.

Silver Medals.—Gear Meat Company (Limited): Preserved meats, &c. S. Kirkpatrick and Co.: Preserved fruits, jams, &c. J. T. Griffin: Beans. New Zealand Canning Company: Tinned fish. G. E. Butler: Oil paintings.

Bronze Medal.—Thomson and Co.: Mineral waters.

Liverpool Exhibition.

Owing to the success that attended the Colonial Products Exhibition held in Liverpool last year, another was held in St. George's Hall, in the same city, from the 30th January to the 8th February in the current year. In order to arrange a representative New Zealand exhibit, fresh stocks were sent from the colony to supplement those taken from the New Zealand Permanent Court at the Crystal Palace, London. Neither Canada nor the Australian States accepted the opportunity to exhibit; and whilst this fact is to be regretted, there is no doubt that New Zealand secured a big advertisement by having more attention paid to its stand than it would otherwise have had if the Exhibition had been thoroughly representative.

The New Zealand Government received gold-medal certificates for its exhibit of butter, cheese, wool, grain, hemp, hops, timbers and veneers, flour, oatmeal, farm-seeds and clovers, leather, and a collection of minerals. In addition to these certificates (reproductions of which will be found in the appendix), manufacturers of this country also had similar awards granted them, and have expressed their thanks to the Department for the assistance afforded them in further advertising their manufactures.

The Produce Commissioner had charge of New Zealand interests, and he reports as follows:—

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Liverpool Colonial Products Exhibition, 1906.

Although not so representative as last year, the recent Colonial Products Exhibition at Liverpool possessed many valuable and interesting features, and may be generally reported upon as a success. The attendance of the public was good, being about double that of the previous Exhibition. The Colonial Governments represented were New Zealand, Newfoundland, British East Africa, and Gambia. Semi-official exhibits were made of Jamaica, Grenada, and other West Indian produce. The British Cotton-growing Association, in conjunction with the Imperial Institute, made an extensive and comprehensive exhibit. Among various trade displays a splendid show of West Indian fruit took the lead. Other features were a collection of colonial flags and a large number of models of steamers of various lines trading to the colonies. The principal side attraction directly connected with the Exhibition consisted of a choir of coloured vocalists specially brought over from Jamaica, which proved a great draw. The Exhibition was officially opened by Lord Derby, and reopening ceremonies were performed by the High Commissioner for New Zealand, Lord Brassey, and various leading men in the shipping and commercial world of the district.

The New Zealand Section took a decided first place in the Exhibition, as regards size, comprehensiveness, and general attractiveness. The larger part of the portable carved stand used at the Crystal Palace was employed. The best of the exhibits at the permanent New Zealand Court at the Crystal Palace were drawn on for the occasion, and these, supplemented by goods received specially from the colony, made up a very complete and well-balanced exposition of New Zealand's resources, industry, and wealth.