

Leven, rainbow, brown, and fontinalis varieties, ranging in weight from 10 lb. to 23 lb. The feathered game of the Dominion was represented by specimens of paradise, spoonbill, and brown ducks, pukeko, pheasant, and widgeon.

A notable feature of the exhibit, and one greatly admired, was the oil and water-colour paintings by artists such as Christmas, Perrett, Howorth, and Heyesen; and the collection of photographic enlargements were typical of the agricultural, pastoral, and industrial aspects of the Dominion, as well as the scenic.

On the occasion of the visit of their Majesties the King and Queen to the New Zealand Pavilion, on the 20th May, when they were accompanied by the President of the French Republic, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, H.R.H. Princess Victoria, and a distinguished party, both the King and President displayed great interest in the New Zealand exhibits, and expressed admiration for the display of sporting and other specimens made by the Department.

A "grand prix" was awarded to this Department's exhibit of deer, wild goat, and boar heads, game, bird-skins, &c., and a "diploma of honour" to the exhibit of natural mineral waters and mineral mud from Government spas and sanatoria.

A large quantity of literature illustrative of New Zealand, from the point of view both of the tourist and of the prospective settler, was distributed to visitors, and served to further advertise the attractions of the Dominion.

At the Imperial International Exhibition, which opened on the 20th May, 1909, this Department is even better represented than at the Franco-British Exhibition, as, in addition to showing all the exhibits used in connection with the latter, a further large number of sporting trophies has been forwarded from New Zealand, so that a most comprehensive, typical, and interesting display is made. The distribution of literature concerning the Dominion has again been arranged for, and ample supplies have been forwarded for this purpose.

At a very moderate outlay, an exhibit of a Maori whare, &c., was made at both the Federal Bazaar and the Women's Political League Fete, at St. Kilda, Melbourne, and the New Zealand Government Agent attended both functions, and distributed suitable literature.

SPORT.

The number of oversea visitors in search of angling, deer-stalking, and shooting has been well maintained. This refers more particularly to anglers, who each year arrive in increasing numbers. The sport which is now afforded by the number and size of the trout in our lakes and streams has become well known abroad, and I look to angling attractions with confidence as a means of largely increasing our tourist traffic.

I append hereto a schedule showing the big game imported and distributed by this Department since it came into operation:—

Year.	Number and Description of Game.	From.	Where liberated.
1901	4 red deer ...	Wairarapa herds ...	Lake Waikaremoana.
"	3 " ...	" ...	Stewart Island.
1903	7 " ...	Presented by Miss Audrey Chirnside, Werribee Park, Victoria	Tuhua, West Coast.
"	8 " ...	Ditto ...	Lake Wakatipu.
1904	6 thar ...	Presented by the Duke of Bedford, England	Mount Cook.
1905	6 Japanese deer ...	Ditto ...	Kaimanawa Ranges, near Taupo.
"	5 blacktail deer ...	Purchased in the United States ...	Tarawera, Hawke's Bay.
"	10 elk ...	Presented by President Roosevelt, United States	Fiordland National Park.
"	8 " ...	Purchased in the United States ...	"
"	19 Virginian deer ...	" ...	18 in Stewart Island, 1 in Nelson.
1906	8 red deer ...	Presented by Miss Audrey Chirnside, Werribee Park, Victoria	Lake Kanieri, West Coast.
"	4 " ...	Ditto ...	Tuhua, West Coast.
"	5 " ...	Wairarapa herds ...	Tongariro National Park.
1907	9 " ...	Presented by G. W. Chirnside, Werribee Park, Victoria	Lake Rotoiti, Rotorua.
"	8 chamois ...	Presented by H.I.M. the Emperor of Austria	Mount Cook.
"	2 sambur ...	Purchased in Noumea ...	Galatea, Rotorua District.
"	6 axis ...	Purchased in England ...	5 liberated at Mount Tongariro; 1, which was blind, presented to Wellington Zoo.
1908	4 red deer ...	Presented by Mr. Lucas, Warnham Court, England	Paraparaumu Deer Park.
1909	3 " ...	Paraparamu Deer Park ...	Seaforth, Mackenzie River, Dusky Sound.
"	6 axis deer ...	Purchased in England (1 died) ...	Ditto.
"	3 bharal sheep ...	"	Mount Cook District, Southern Alps.