

If there was one thing more than another which attracted general observation, I should say it was the group of articulated moas (*Dinornis*) sent by Dr. Haast, and set up by Professor von Hochstetter. At the close of the Exhibition, according to instructions, I delivered these birds to the last-named gentleman. Great interest was also shown in Mr. Brogden's cases of birds and Mr. Thorne's display of *Phormium tenax* and its manufactures.

Towards the end of the Exhibition the application for samples for museum and trade purposes were innumerable, and nearly all the time that my very limited staff had at its disposal was occupied in attending to these inquiries. Complete series of samples of various kinds were made up and given to the Minister of Agriculture and Commerce in Vienna, the Director of the Queen's Gardens, the Royal Society of Switzerland, the Agricultural Society of Berlin, the Royal Museum of Tunis, the Imperial Museum of Cracow, the Royal Museum of Lisbon, the Imperial Douane Museum of Russia, the Forestry School of Vienna, the Ackerton Ministerium, the Institute of Commerce at Antwerp, the Imperial Mineralogical Museum at Vienna, the Geological Institute at Vienna, the Geographical Society, the Hamburg Museum, besides innumerable small samples to school inspectors, directors, and private individuals.

The exhibits which were allowed to be sold were disposed of where possible; but I would remark that the exhibitors generally put far too high a price on their goods, forgetting that they were competing with all the world, and that the number of buyers was very limited. But I think that, on the whole, the prices obtained were quite as good as could be expected.

In conclusion, I may well congratulate the Colony on by far the most successful display that has ever been made in Europe, much exceeding that of Paris in 1867; and I am certain that a very great step has been taken towards placing Australia and New Zealand in a position of high repute in the commercial and scientific world of Austria and Germany.

I have, &c.,

G. PHILLIPS BEVAN,

Agent for the Australian Colonies at Vienna.

The Agent-General for New Zealand.

Enclosure 2 in No. 4.

THE AGENT-GENERAL to Mr. BEVAN.

7, Westminster Chambers, Victoria Street, Westminster, S.W.,

18th December, 1873.

SIR,—

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your interesting report of 3rd instant, containing an account of your proceedings in connection with the New Zealand Court at the Vienna Exhibition.

In compliance with your suggestion, conveyed in your private letter of the same date, I shall have much pleasure in joining with the other Australasian Colonies (to the extent of £5), in granting a bonus to your assistant, Mr. Leopold, as a reward for his diligence and activity in that capacity.

In conclusion I beg, on behalf of the Government of New Zealand, and likewise in the name of my co-Commissioner, Sir Charles Clifford, to convey to you an expression of our entire approval of the manner in which you have carried out our instructions, and our sense of the zeal and ability with which you have discharged your duties as Agent for the Colony at the Vienna Exhibition.

I have, &c.,

I. E. FEATHERSTON,

Agent-General for New Zealand, and one of the
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Enclosure 3 in No. 4.

THE AGENT-GENERAL to Mr. BEVAN.

7, Westminster Chambers, Victoria Street, Westminster, S.W.,

17th October, 1873.

SIR,—

I have the honor to forward herewith, for your instruction and guidance, printed lists of the exhibits in the New Zealand Court, with written directions as to the disposal of the various articles.

The exhibits marked "To be returned" are to be forwarded to this office at the close of the Exhibition. Those intended for Auckland, Wellington, and Canterbury must be separately packed ready for shipment to those ports. I shall feel obliged by your furnishing me with a written statement of the contents of each of these cases.

The cabinets from Auckland, marked £100, may be sold for £80; but if not disposed of at that figure, must be carefully packed for transmission to New Zealand. Such of Mr. Kohn's jewellery as you may not have found purchasers for at the prices named, at the close of the Exhibition must be returned to Auckland.