

GROUP VIII.—*Wood Industry.*

Graham, Robert (Maori Carvings)	..	..	..	..	Honorable mention.
Seuffert, Auckland	..	..	..	..	Honorable mention.

GROUP XXVI.—*Education, Teaching, and Instruction.*

Buller, Dr. W. Lawry	..	..	..	..	Honorable mention.
Lindsay, Dr. W. Lauder	..	..	..	..	Honorable mention.

Enclosure 2 in No. 9.

EXTRACT of a LETTER from Mr. KIRCHNER to the AGENT-GENERAL for NEW ZEALAND.

14th January, 1874.

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It would have been better if your collection could have been arranged by Professor von Hochstetter. Your catalogue, however, made up for any slight confusion; the other Colonies had no catalogues, and, consequently, many exhibits of importance were overlooked. New Zealand had the advantage of Professor von Hochstetter's friendly offices; he appeared very frequently with the Crown Prince of Austria in your exhibition, when he drew great crowds together, who listened with much interest to the glowing description of New Zealand which he gave from his personal experience.

As my attention was mostly devoted to Queensland, I was only able to give, now and then, information about your Colony to some casual inquirers. It seemed to me that your wheat commanded more attention. Numbers of agriculturists were eager to procure samples, so that Mr. Bevan had to put a price on the same, and sold it at 6d. per small wineglassful. By some very intelligent farmers and millers your wheat was preferred to that from South Australia; they considered it would yield more flour and less bran, &c.; the colour of the flour might be slightly darker, but that would be no objection in Germany. The millers who looked at your samples of flour thought that the quality of it would be greatly improved by a slight admixture of the flour of Dinkel—a grain not much known in England (the dictionary gives as English name "Spelt"); it is much used in Germany with wheat-flour, improving the colour and making it cake more (I shall be glad to send you some seed for trial).

Some of the above farmers asked me if beetroot was grown for sugar in your Colony; they thought the land that could produce such wheat eminently adapted for beetroot, which is now considered the most profitable crop in Germany for good land, although the home-grown beetroot sugar is subject to the same duty as the imported cane sugar. Madder-root also was mentioned as a likely and profitable crop for your land and climate.

Your flax caused much attention; and I requested Mr. Bevan to distribute some amongst manufacturers and spinners who were desirous to make a trial of its adaptability to various purposes. Samples of your bark were given to the Imperial School of Chemistry, who will analyze and report thereon.

Your tweed was found superior to the Victorian manufacture, and was purchased at prices which ought to pay the manufacturer.

Lastly, the maps and geological surveys were much admired, and caused no small surprise at the advance of science in your remote Colony.

I have still to mention a subject of some interest respecting New Zealand wheat. The year before last I procured for a friend, a large farmer at Mecklenburg, some samples of Australasian and other seed wheat. It was sown in patches of ground separately, adjoining each other, and all came up well; but the May frosts last year destroyed the Australian and Californian wheat, but did no damage to the New Zealand crop.

No. 10.

The Hon. the COLONIAL SECRETARY to the AGENT-GENERAL.

SIR,—

Colonial Secretary's Office, Wellington, 26th May, 1874.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 5th of March, in which you enclose a revised list of awards made by the Jurors of the International Exhibition at Vienna, in respect of articles sent from New Zealand; and an extract of a letter to yourself from Mr. Kirchner, of Darmstadt, who attended as Agent for the Queensland Section.

2. I have caused the list of awards to be published in the *Gazette*, for the information of exhibitors and of the public generally, as suggested in your letter.

3. I have communicated the very interesting information afforded by Mr. Kirchner's letter to the press; and the whole will be laid before Parliament with other papers relating to the Exhibition.

I have, &c.,

DANIEL POLLEN.

The Agent-General for New Zealand, London.