

MEETING No. 9.—23RD AUGUST, 1875.

The Hon. Mr. MANTELL in the Chair.

Ordered that a telegram be sent to chairmen of local committees stating that fresh regulations will be issued as to wool and grain: that a letter be written to the chairman of the Wellington local committee that the Commissioners adopt their suggestions as to wool, and have modified the regulations as regards timber.

MEETING, No. 10.—28TH AUGUST, 1875.

The Hon. Mr. MANTELL in the Chair.

After various letters had been laid before the meeting the Commission adjourned.

MEETING No. 11.—1ST SEPTEMBER, 1875.

The Hon. Mr. MANTELL in the Chair.

Resolved that particulars be sent to the Nelson committee, as to the weight of coal, and the amount they were authorised to expend; that a circular be sent to the chairmen of local committees informing them that freight of exhibits will be paid by the Commission; that the Deputy-Superintendent of Taranaki be informed that the local committee is authorised to expend £100; that the chairman of the Canterbury committee be informed that the time for receiving goods cannot be extended; that the Wellington committee be informed that they are authorized to expend £200; ordered that letters be written to the chairman of the New Zealand Steam Shipping Company, and the Union Steam Ship Company, and to Messrs. Turnbull and Company, asking if they are prepared to reduce their freight for Exhibition goods.

MEETING No. 12.—8TH SEPTEMBER, 1875.

The Hon. Mr. MANTELL in the Chair.

Ordered that local committees be informed that Dr. Hector has been appointed agent by the Government; that the Westland committee be authorized to spend £50; that a letter of thanks be written to the agent for Messrs. McMeckan and Co., for reducing freight charges; that a letter be written to the New Zealand Steam Shipping Company, thanking them for offering to take goods free: that an answer be requested from the authorities in Otago to letters sent: that the chairman of the Marlborough committee be informed that special samples of wool will be received; that Sir Donald McLean be requested to cause a collection of Maori exhibits to be made for the Exhibition.

MEETING No. 13.—18TH SEPTEMBER, 1875.

The Hon. Mr. MANTELL in the Chair.

Ordered that the chairman of the Marlborough committee be informed that the sum of £50 is authorised to be spent by that committee; ordered that a letter of thanks be written to Messrs. Turnbull and Co., for offering to carry goods free; that Mr. Chapman be informed that the appointment of an agent does not come within the scope of the Commission; that Messrs. Rowley, Wilson and Co., be informed that the Commission receives specimens direct, if no local committee is appointed, and that a copy of regulations be sent to them; that Mr. Slesinger, of Dunedin, be informed that no patent medicines will be admitted to the Exhibition; that a letter of thanks be sent to Messrs. Levin and Company, agents for the Union Steam Ship Company, for offering to carry goods free; that the Superintendent of Otago be informed that no answer had been received to former communications, and to request him to appoint a local committee; that a similar letter be sent to the Superintendent of Hawke's Bay; that a circular be sent to local committees regarding the offer of the Union Steam Ship Company, and New Zealand Steam Shipping Company, to carry goods free; that a letter be written to the Colonial Secretary suggesting, that the San Francisco Mail Contractors, and American Railway Authorities, be asked to carry New Zealand exhibits free, and as to their delivery.

MEETING No. 14.—23RD SEPTEMBER, 1875.

The Hon. Mr. MANTELL in the Chair.

Ordered that in place of the letter ordered to be sent to the Colonial Secretary at last meeting, letters be written to the contractors for the San Francisco mail service asking what, if any, reduction in freight to San Francisco they are willing to make, and a similar letter to the railway authorities in America; also a letter to the Colonial Secretary enclosing the above, and asking that they may be forwarded; that, in place of the letter ordered to be sent to Mr. Chapman, he be informed that the Commission decline his offer.

MEETING No. 15.—25TH SEPTEMBER, 1875.

The Hon. Mr. MANTELL in the Chair.

Ordered that letters be written to the Sydney and Melbourne Commissioners asking what arrangements have been made for transmission of exhibits to America; that a similar letter to that written to Mr. Chapman be sent to Mr. Blackadder. The question of appointment of an agent discussed. Ordered that a letter be written authorizing the Canterbury committee to expend £250.

MEETING No. 16.—30TH SEPTEMBER, 1875.

The Hon. Mr. MANTELL in the Chair.

Resolved that the consideration of the appointment of an agent be further postponed until the