

Enclosure in No. 3.

AWARD OF PRIZES.—Crystal Palace International Exhibition of Wool, Woollen Manufactures, and Allied Industries, 1881.

THE Gold Medal of the Worshipful Company of Drapers has been awarded to—

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3. The New Zealand Government: For the best specimen of washed cross-bred wool.

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Classes VI., VII., and VIII.: Raw wools, yarns, hair, and skins.

Silver Medals.

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New Zealand Government: For exhibit by T. Tanner, superior Lincoln-bred ewe fleeces in grease. For exhibit by D. Gollan, superior unwashed merino ewe fleece. No. 23: Fleece, washed, combing merino. No. 30: Fleece unwashed, cross-bred. No. 28: For exhibit by Dalgety, Ducroz, and Co.

Bronze Medals.

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New Zealand Government: For Exhibit No. 7, by Hon. W. S. Peter, Canterbury, of superior unwashed merino ewe and wether fleece. For Exhibit No. 11. For Exhibit No. 37: Scoured crossbred. For Exhibit No. 44, by Sir C. Clifford and Sir F. A. Weld, of scoured merino.

Highly Commended.

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New Zealand Government: For Exhibit No. 15.

No. 4.

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

SIR,— 7, Westminster Chambers, London, S.W., 22nd September, 1881.

Adverting to the last paragraph of my letter of the 6th instant, relating to the Crystal Palace Wool Exhibition, I have the honor to state that the Palace Company have expressed a wish that I would consent to let your wool remain till the end of October, on the ground that if I removed it now other exhibitors would follow the example, and the Exhibition be stripped. Under these circumstances, I have thought it as well to comply with their wish, and I have no reason to think we shall suffer in price by waiting to sell the wool at the November series.

The medals are not yet ready for delivery, but I expect there will not be much delay.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary, Wellington.

I have, &c.,
F. D. BELL.

No. 5.

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

SIR,— 7, Westminster Chambers, London, S.W., 2nd November, 1881.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 9th September, relating to the Wool Exhibition, and to thank you for your approval of the efforts made by Mr. Kennaway and myself to make it a success. I shall have great pleasure in sending the letter you enclosed to me for Mr. Burgess.

The cases are being packed for sending out as you desired, and I am having them packed with blankets, which will be useful for the hospitals. Blankets are the best things to put up with the cases, as giving the greatest protection to the glass, which is valuable. Arrangements have been made for selling the wool during the coming series, and I expect to wind up the account by the end of the month.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary, Wellington.

I have, &c.,
F. D. BELL.

No. 6.

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

(Memorandum.)

7, Westminster Chambers, London, 28th December, 1881.

REFERRING to my previous communications respecting the International Wool Exhibition at the Crystal Palace, I herewith forward a statement showing that the net expenditure incurred by me in the matter, after allowing for the glass cases which are now being packed for transmission to the colony, amounts to £197 6s. 4d. You will observe, however, that £45 13s. 1d. of this amount is the difference between the amount I paid for the wool which was purchased for exhibition and that which I received for the same wool when sold again. This difference is accounted for partly by there having been a slight fall in the price of wool, and partly by the disadvantage arising from having to sell wools of various qualities in single bales. I may mention here that I have not yet received the prize-medals, but I understand they are to be presented some time next month.

F. D. BELL.