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THE following letter from the Agent-General relative to the representation of the Colony of New Zealand at the International Exhibition, which is to be held in Vienna, in 1873, is published for general information.

The Government recognizing that this Exhibition will afford an excellent opportunity for disseminating accurate information respecting the resources of the Colony, and the advantages it offers as a field for immigration, desire to afford every facility for the collection and transmission of specimens of such articles as are available for export and for the employment of a large population.

As articles for exhibition should be shipped not later than 15th January next, persons wishing to exhibit are invited to communicate with the Under Secretary without delay.

All expense of transmission and exhibition of approved articles will be defrayed by Government; but, as experience has proved that in exhibitions of this kind the best effect is produced by a few well-displayed objects of considerable size, and as the space allotted to the Colony in the Exhibition Building will be limited, a careful selection will have to be made, so that the representation may be complete.

The Collectors of Customs at the various ports of the Colony have been instructed to receive exhibits, and to forward them to the port from which they will be shipped to the Agent-General, who will be instructed to undertake their proper arrangement in the Exhibition.

As it is understood that a Competitive Exhibition of Staple Articles of Produce will be held in Christchurch, opening on the 15th December, advantage will be taken of it to select the best exhibits of the following articles for transmission to Vienna, so that persons desirous of having such articles forwarded should, in the first instance, send them to the Christchurch show:—

- Wool and woollen goods.
- Phormium fibre and cordage.
- Paper pulp.

- Grain, whole and ground.
- Grass seed.
- Malt.
- Hops.
- Preserved fruits and jam.
- Preserved meat and fish.
- Salt beef, ham, and bacon.
- Butter and cheese.
- Tallow and soap.
- Hides, leather, and glue.
- Tobacco.

The articles will be arranged for exhibition under the following classes:—

- I. Minerals, such as—  
Metals and metallic ores.  
Coals, rock oil, &c.
- II. Raw Produce, such as—  
Grain, grass seed, and hops.  
Wool, hides.  
Phormium fibre, timbers.  
Gum, whale oil, and bone.  
Shells for inlaying, &c.
- III. Manufactures—  
Mats and cordage, doors and sashes.  
Malt, flour, and meal.  
Preserved meats, fish, and fruits.  
Salt beef and pork.  
Soap, wines and spirits.  
Leather, glue, and tallow.  
Tobacco and cigars, &c.
- IV. Maps, plans, photographs.

Ethnological and natural history collections.  
Wool intended for exhibition should be, if possible, in whole fleeces, and the following information supplied:—

- By whom shown—as owner or breeder.
- Breed of animal.
- Age.
- Sex.
- Where bred.
- By whom.
- If imported—Date of importation.
- Whence from.
- Age when imported.

Date of this shearing.  
 Date of previous shearing.  
 When washed, and how, previous to this shearing.  
 If ever diseased.  
 When dipped, and the materials used for dipping.  
 Weight of fleece.  
 Length of staple.  
 If stapled—varieties of wool into which it is classed, with their respective weights.  
 Price—average realized for previous clips of same flock.  
 Where sold and how.

Instructions will be issued at an early date relative to the form in which other articles are to be sent in for exhibition.

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7, Westminster Chambers, Victoria Street,  
 SIB,— Westminster, S. W., 27th June, 1873.

I have the honor to bring under the notice of the Government the subject of the approaching International Exhibition at Vienna, which promises to be on a very magnificent scale.

During my recent visit to the Continent, the vital importance of our Colony being properly represented on this occasion was urged upon my attention at Hamburgh, at Berlin, at Frankfort, and other commercial centres.

The value to New Zealand of such an advertisement cannot, I think, be overrated.

The Colony has never yet had an opportunity of adequately exhibiting its natural and industrial resources; and I would therefore press upon the Government the importance of seizing the present one, the more so as there seems now no hope of our getting any space allotted us in the Exhibition now taking place here.

As, however, the Vienna Exhibition opens in June, 1873, there is no time to be lost; and I would suggest

that immediate steps be taken in the Colony to insure the success of the undertaking.

It is very desirable that the pastoral and agricultural capabilities of the Colony should be exemplified by a good series of wools, tins of preserved meats, and everything in the way of pulse and grain, wheat, barley, oats, &c.

The natural productions of the country should be also fully represented, especially the *Phormium* and other indigenous fibres, together with everything calculated to show their adaptability for rope, cordage, textile fabrics, and paper.

Exhibits of every kind illustrative of the industrial pursuits of the Colony, such as hides, tallow, cheese, butter, woollen manufactures, &c., would all be interesting and instructive from a colonial point of view.

It will be desirable also to exhibit a carefully-arranged collection of minerals, rocks, and soils, in illustration of the immense physical resources of the country that still await development.

Specimens of coal from various parts of the Colony with full information as to the extent and position of the fields, and samples (both rough and polished) of the various kinds of useful and ornamental native woods, would be sure to attract much attention on the Continent; and, altogether, an exhibition of the kind I have indicated would be calculated to bring the Colony into favourable notice, and to give a fresh impetus to our trade and commerce.

As the Government will be able to command the valuable advice and assistance of such men as Dr. Hector and Dr. Haast in the Colony, I feel that it is unnecessary for me to do more at present than to suggest in this general way what is necessary to be done.

I have, &c.,

I. E. FEATHERSTON,  
 Agent-General.

The Hon. W. Gisborne,  
 Colonial Secretary.