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reported coming from an infected port and suspected of being capable of introducing in Canada the plague or some other infectious disease or distemper dangerous to the public health."

#### PARIS EXHIBITION.

The gold and silver medals with the diplomas of each of these two classes of awards were received and distributed, but the bronze medals had not yet reached the Department from the British Commissioner when this report was closed.

I delayed the distribution for some time in the expectation of an early receipt of the remainder of these awards, and hoping to be able to have them presented to the successful exhibitors by a Royal hand, in accordance with the expressed wish of the successful competitors; this would have been highly prized by them, but the unexpected delays in the arrival of these medals as mentioned defeated the project.

#### DOMINION EXHIBITION.

In accordance with the wishes expressed by Parliament and by means of the grant given for that object, the Ontario Annual Exhibition for 1879, held in the City of Ottawa, was made to take the character of a Dominion Exhibition, at which, for the first time, the exhibits of the distant Province of Manitoba and the North-West Territories were shewn alongside of the exhibits of the older Provinces.

Forty-one gold, 180 silver, and 300 bronze medals, were delivered by me to the Managing Committee for distribution to the successful competitors. These medals were struck from the dies which were procured on the occasion of the Philadelphia Exhibition, known as the Dominion Medal. The cost of these was \$2,156.34. A sum of \$1,000 was expended by me towards the arrangement of the Manitoba and N. W. Territories Exhibits, and the sum of \$200 was allowed in helping the Department of Marine and Fisheries to prepare an Exhibit of our valuable Fisheries. The remainder of the grant was used for general purposes of the Exhibition. It is with pleasure I am able to state that the specimens shown at this Exhibition afforded a good opportunity of submitting the resources of the country to the distinguished visitors who honoured us by their presence.

#### SYDNEY, N.S.W. EXHIBITION.

Although your Government has not found itself in a position to take an active part in the Sydney, N.S.W. Exhibition organized for the present year, nevertheless, as it was of some importance that Canada should not be totally unconnected with these proceedings, three Honorary Commissioners, viz., Sir John Hay, President of the Legislative Council, Sydney, Robert L. Tooth, Esq., Sydney, and Roderick Wm. Cameron, Esq., of New York, Commissioner of the Sydney International Exhibition, were appointed by an Order in Council of 1st September last, with the expectation