

As it is possible that the various Colonial Governments participating in the Exhibition may desire, as its outcome, that a permanent Colonial Museum should be formed in London, it has been suggested that there are strong reasons for showing the adaptability of the products of the Dominion generally in as practical a manner as possible; hence it would be desirable that the Raw Product should be displayed in connection with the Manufactured Article.

I have decided that commemorative medals should be given to all those taking part in the Exhibition, and I trust to have the assistance of specialists of known repute who will commence to make, at the opening of the Exhibition, exhaustive reports on the resources of the various colonies. These reports, issued at an early stage, will take the place of the jury system at previous exhibitions.

Before closing this letter I should wish briefly to refer to special features which I have in view for the general advantage of the exhibiting Governments.

This would seem to be a fitting occasion for the collection of all books and documents having relation to the Colonies and India; a library, therefore, I trust, will be formed by the various Governments concerned, which it will doubtless be found possible to supplement with contributions from this country.

Special arrangements will be provided for the practical illustration, by one special kitchen, of all the Colonial Frozen Meat Industries, and of the Colonial Preserved Meats, Fish and Vegetables, should you be able to announce that the various producers, through your Government, are prepared to furnish the necessary supply. This department will be carried out by the Royal Commission itself, in order that the due participation of the various interests concerned may be maintained.

There will also be a Colonial Fruit and Vegetable Market, which it is hoped that each Government will make arrangements to supply by monthly shipments. This department will also be under the control of the Royal Commission.

I have also made arrangements for a limited space to be set apart for the exhibition of living animals from the colonies.

In assuming the control of these various departments, the Royal Commission wishes to afford to the actual producers all the advantages of a fair display in the Exhibition. The Importers will, no doubt, hereafter benefit, but at the present time the interests of the Producers, as Exhibitors, are of the first consideration to me; and here I may mention that in these departments, as well as generally throughout the Exhibition, I have decided that only *bona fide* colonists can, through their respective Governments, participate in the Exhibition; it will not, therefore, be possible for the Royal Commission to entertain any applications upon any pretence whatever from Colonial Importers or Agents in this country.

I send to you this letter in duplicate, and I trust that you will have the kindness to communicate its substance by telegram to your Government, and forward my despatch by the earliest mail. I may add, for your information, that a further copy has been sent to the Colonial Office, with a request that the Earl of Derby will forward the same to Her Majesty's representative, the Governor General of the Dominion.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Signed) ALBERT EDWARD, P.

The eminently business-like character of this letter, the wisdom of its suggestions, and the perception it displays of the best means of attaining the objects set forth must be eminently gratifying to all over whom its author must one day rule, in whose interests he shows so much concern, and whose welfare he has proved himself so competent to advance. To Canadians it is especially satisfactory, not only from the great space it assigns to the Dominion, but also from the statement that that