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## A. G. WEBSTER & WOOLGROWERS Ltd.

In 1856 Alexander George Webster (1830-1914), who had arrived in Tasmania with his parents in 1839, took over the general merchant business of C.T. Smith and ran it for a few years in partnership with Mr Tabart until he acquired the sole interest. Later he took his sons Charles Ernest and Edwin Herbert into partnership as A. G. Webster & Sons. The business grew and in addition to general merchandise and trade in wool, grain and other produce the firm imported agricultural machinery and implements, windmills, pumps, boilers etc. and acted as agents for the Peninsular & Oriental Steam Navigation Company and the Sun Insurance Office of London. There were branches in launceston and Devonport and agents in most towns.

These records consist mainly of account ledgers and advertisements. The Royal Society of Tasmania holds some of A.G. Webster's business correspondence for 1877 (RS.113).

### ACCOUNTS

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- 2 Debtors' Ledgers 1886 - 1888  
2 (1) 1886 - 1887  
2 (2) 1888  
(extra large ledger vols. (48 cm. x 33 cm x 10 cm) leather bound)
- 3 Country Ledgers 1902 - 1909  
Clients' accounts  
3(1) No. 28 A Jan. 1902 - June 1904  
3(2) Special No. 31 1904 - 1909  
3(3) Devonport July 1902 - Feb. 1905  
(large ledger vols. (43 cm x 32 cm x 10 cm) leather bound)
- 1 General Journal 1897 - 1907  
Including totals of accounts from ledgers, profit and loss, property, rents, supplies, private accounts, horses, lorries.  
(folio acct. book)
- 4 General Journal 1907 - 1920  
(folio acct. book)
- 10 Company Journal 1910 - 1921  
Giving details of balance sheet and profit and loss accounts and copies of annual statements of account as presented to shareholders at annual meetings.  
Enclosed: letters relating to mortgages 1921, copies of statements, list of investments and property ND, rough notes.  
(folio acct. book)
- 5 Consignment Book Oct. 1888 - 1889  
Wool and other produce received for sale or delivered to sales, noting number of sacks etc. and cost.  
(ledger vol.)
- 7 Wool Sales 27 Jan. 1888 - 7 Feb. 1890  
Auction and private wool sales record book

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- 6 Stock Book July 1899 - Oct. 1903  
Lists of stores of woolpacks, binder twine, Belfast Co.manilla, flax, Cooper's dip, belting, fasteners, wire oil, manure salt, bonemeal etc., noting date "in" or "out" and sometimes where sent.  
(folio vol.)
- 8 Customer credit 1891 -1897  
Alphabetical register of credit evaluations of customer and potential customers.
- 9 Journal Analysis for various offices Dec. 1922 - Dec. 1933

## AWARD

- 15 British Empire Exhibition 1925  
Certificate awarded to A.G. Webster & Co. for exhibiting.

## CIRCULARS AND ADVERTISEMENTS

- 16 *Webster's Tasmanian Agriculturist & Machinery Gazette* Apr. 1888 - Mar. 1890  
Bound sets, indexed.  
(1) Apr. 1888 - Mar. 1889  
(2) Apr. 1889 - Mar. 1890
- 11 Circular Book 1887 - 1894
- 12 Advertisements c 1885 - 1892  
Scrapbook of advertisements of goods for sale by A.G. Webster & Woolgrowers.
- 13 R. Hornsby & Sons, Ltd, Engineers ND [?1890-1910]  
Photograph album of engines made by R. Hornsby & Sons Ltd., Engineers, Grantham, England, including: steam engines, straw elevators, thrashers, ploughs, turnip cutters, mowers (horse drawn), grain strippers, hedge cutter (horse drawn). Enclosed news cutting on oil engines in Adelaide.
- 14 A. G. Webster's Show stand ND  
Photograph of A. G. Webster's stand at Hobart Show.

## A.G. WEBSTER (PERSONAL)

- 17 Commonwealth Celebrations invitation May 1901  
Invitations to A.G. Webster, Consul for U.S.A., and Mrs Webster to attend Commonwealth Celebrations, Melbourne.
- 18 Photograph Album Dec. 1906  
Presented to A.G. Webster by his staff to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of being in business.