

ours that swarm in every Maori "kainga." According to the native account the "kuri-Maori" was not unlike the dingo of Australia.

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SALE OF ANIMALS AT THE ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS, ANTWERP.

It will interest many of the readers of *The Field* to hear that the sale of the surplus animals at the Zoological Gardens at Antwerp will take place on Sept. 3 and 4. The collection to be disposed of includes many of the rarer species of mammals and birds. In the former figures a young Indian rhinoceros, several species of antelopes, mouflons, and a male markhor (which offers a chance for anyone desirous of increasing the size of our Welsh goats). The birds afford an opportunity for anyone willing to try the experiment of ostrich farming in the northern hemisphere; but perhaps the most interesting specimens are the several species of rare and new pheasants, such as the Reeves or bar-tailed species, the sale of which offers a good opportunity to any game preservers wishing to acclimatise this most magnificent of game birds. Of the splendid Amherst pheasant, some pure, and several hybrid specimens are for sale. These latter are bred between the Amherst and the golden pheasant, and are perfectly fertile with either parent, the cross-bred birds being of extraordinary beauty.

The list includes many tragopans, bred in the gardens, and a very considerable number of rarer waterfowl, such as black-necked swans, &c. For the complete list we would refer our readers to our front page, in which they will find an enumeration of the more important animals. We cannot but congratulate M. Vekemans on the deserved success which attends his efforts at rearing the more valuable and scarcer of the Phasianidae—a success which results from his treating the birds in a far more natural manner than is followed in any of our own public vivaria.

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