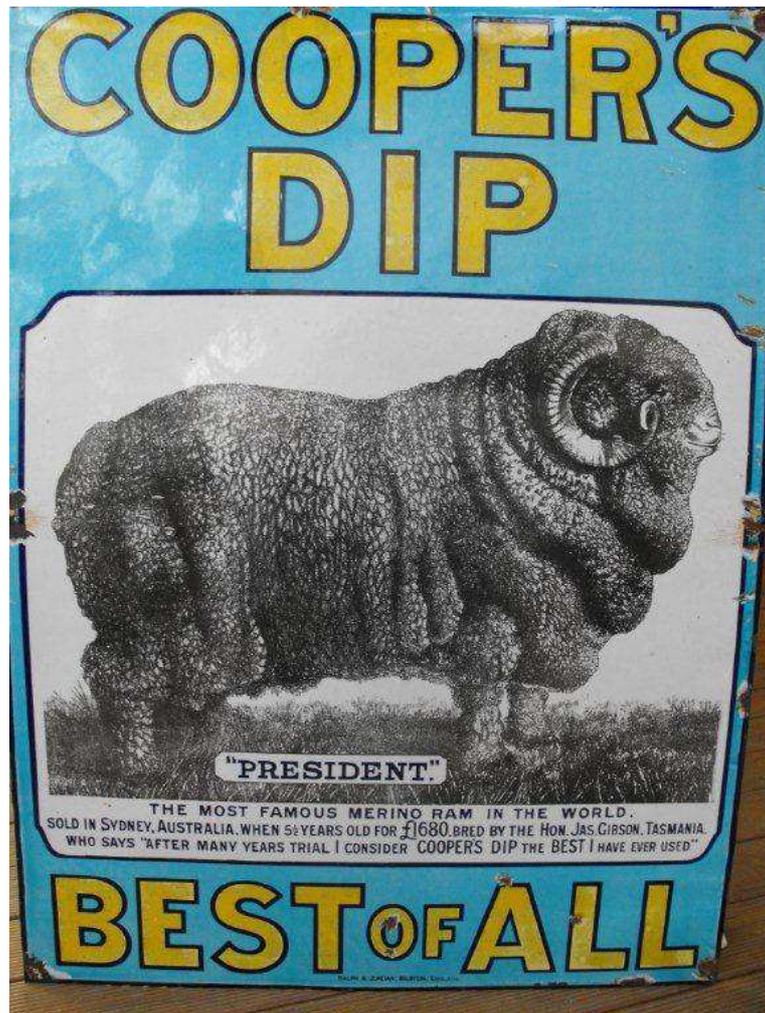


'PRESIDENT'



"I'm sure you will be interested in the attached photo of an antique enamel sign I have purchased @ auction last week (made by Ralph & Jordan from Bilston England– dimensions 78cm x 56 cm.)" Vincent Read.

Mrs Vera Taylor of Winton Merino Stud, Campbell Town Tasmania provided the following information about 'President' to go with this collector's item and we record this historical information with gratitude.

"Mr Thomas Muirhead was studmaster at Bellevue, Epping Forest Tasmania for most of his life and looked after the stud after Hon James Gibson's death in 1906 until it's dispersal in 1928. When asked about the sheep bred at Bellevue he commented, *"They all produced splendid stock but there was nothing like old President in my time"*.

President was lambled in 1890 on the property Pituncarty (between Kenilworth and Winton) in Tasmania. James Gibson had leased the property from his mother-in-law Mrs Buist. It is said he was an unplanned lamb. His sire was Golden Horn 11 which had been left out with the ewes resulting in an out of season lamb.

Mr Muirhead described him:

"He was indeed a wonderful sheep in all respects; a prolific stock getter and he never produced a second class lamb. Besides leaving his mark at Bellvue he was of great value to Winton. Ewes were sent to him and the noted Primus (Sydney champion in 1896) and Sir Allan rams were among his progeny."

President was sold in Sydney at auction for 1600 guineas. He was later bought by Mr Lawrence of Billop, Cressy Tasmania. After the ram died he was stuffed and exhibited at the Queen Victoria Museum in Launceston for many years. Some other sires from President are Vice President; Patron (sold as a 7 year old to South Africa for 1000 guineas) - Patron cut a fleece of 37lbs; Camden and Jason (plainer bodied sheep)."