

steamer lines; and the product of the Millerton Mine is also shown. Photographs showing various workings, and some of the scenes near the mines, and a map of the Westport harbour are shown. One picture shows H.M.S. 'Calliope' steaming out of Apia Harbour in the memorable hurricane of nine years ago, on which occasion she owed her escape solely to Coalbrookdale coal. Another picture is a photograph showing the barque 'Cynosure' leaving Westport with a cargo of coal for Valparaiso, and there is a photo showing the water front and a number of barques and steamers busily loading coal.

The Company have recently opened an agency in Auckland under the management of Mr W. Ronson, whose untiring energy and perseverance may be counted on to extend the Company's business in the North.

**MESSRS A. YATES AND CO'S EXHIBIT.**

Our country cousins will find much of interest in Messrs Yates and Company's exhibit of farm and garden seeds and requisites. In the middle of the space allotted to them the firm has erected a glass-fronted case in the upper portion of which are fixed samples of various grasses. These certainly bear eloquent testimony to the quality of Yates' seeds. Below these are about thirty varieties of the sweet pea, a flower which grows to perfection in our climate. On the end of the case is a pigeon-holed box containing dozens of different kinds of grass, produce and flower seeds, while the lower portion is occupied by garden implements of every description. On the right-hand side of the stall sacks and bags of machine-cleaned grass, clover, fescue and turnip seeds are on view. The other side of the section is devoted to ferns, shrubs, etc., while a small aquarium containing gold and silver fish has also been placed here.

It should be mentioned that at the opening of the Exhibition Messrs Yates and Company had on view a very fine display of sweet peas, one of the finest in the colony, comprising over thirty varieties, and including every shade of colour. The sweet pea has become a very popular and favourite flower of late, and the firm is giving special attention to its cultivation. There was also on view some fine specimens of mignonette in pots, which had been grown from Yates' seeds at their seed trial grounds, Mangere. It is their intention to show from week to week samples of flowers and other things grown from their seeds. As illustrating the complete system adopted for testing seeds before sending them out, samples showing the



percentage of growth will be on exhibit at their stand in the Exhibition. These samples will be all original tests taken from their trial case at their warehouse, Queen-street, thus showing the care exercised in sending out nothing but seed of good germinating quality. A book is kept containing a record of the growth of all seeds sold by the firm since it started business in Auckland, and it may be inspected by the public at the firm's warehouse.

**FOX BROS.' EXHIBITS.**

Messrs Fox Bros., the famous makers of serge, have a fine exhibit. Promenaders are attracted to the bay by the figure of a diminutive Jack Tar, arrayed in a suit of Fox's serge, who rolls his eyes in the most comical fashion. There are few things in the whole range of the Exhibition which arrest the attention so successfully as the little sailor. The walls of the

bay have been draped with the various ladies' plain, fancy and plaid costume materials manufactured by Fox Bros., the colours being tastefully arranged so as to present a striking effect. Displayed in the front are further samples of ladies' costume materials of fine workmanship as well as specimens of Fox's renowned serges. In a glass case in the immediate front are displayed samples of English and colonial wools as well as the various dyes used to produce the pretty effects shown in the manufactured articles exhibited. On one side of the sailor is a natural-looking figure of a girl dressed in a nice costume, and on the other side is that of a boy, also dressed in Fox's goods. Behind in a semi-circle are four adult figures. One is attired as a lady in brown, with green facings, and behind is that of a man in tourist costume. On the other side a man is shown dressed in a nice, well-made suit of Fox's serge, and near to him is a woman in a very neat walking costume of blue, with

white facings and front. The pose and general appearance of the figures are natural and the whole exhibit is calculated to display to the best effect the various manufactures of Messrs Fox Bros. The New Zealand agent for these goods is Mr William Rainger, of Auckland, who is to be complimented on the admirable taste with which he has displayed his exhibit.

**WILSON'S LIME AND CEMENT.**

One of our most important Auckland industries is well represented in a section at the extreme end of No. 4 Court, near the annexe court. This is the manufacture of hydraulic lime and Portland cement by Messrs J. Wilson and Co. at Mahurangi. The exhibits are contained in a room 12 x 12 feet, constructed of laths and the exhibitors' cement. In the centre of the ceiling is a beautifully finished ornamental cornice in cement work, while on one of the walls is an artistic reproduction in cement of the British royal arms. Specimens of the raw material and the finished article, and the various stages through which the lime passes before it is converted into concrete, are shown, and every information is given concerning this industry. Slabs of concrete and cement, burnt clay, and a large piece of solid concrete which has been under the water for eight years are shown. No less than 3,000 tons have been used for the Napier breakwater works during the last 18 months, with results highly creditable to the manufacturers. Wilson's hydraulic lime is also well-known and extensively used throughout the colony.

**McLEOD BROS.**

A display of special interest to the mothers of Auckland is the beautiful exhibit of perambulators in basket work shown by McLeod Bros. of Upper Queen-street and Karangahape Road. Some of the perambulators shown are most artistic and beautiful in design, the basket work in some of the specimens shown arching over gracefully at front and back, and a pretty little sunshade hanging just over where baby reclines. The baby carriages require to be seen to be appreciated, and we are sure that every Auckland baby who sees one won't be happy till he gets it.

When the parcel post system was introduced McLeod Bros. obtained the contract for supplying the Government with postal baskets against the competition of the whole of the trade throughout the colony. They have ever since continued to supply the Postal Department with baskets. McLeod Bros. obtained first prize for excellence in manufacture of perambulators and go-carts at the Auck-



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