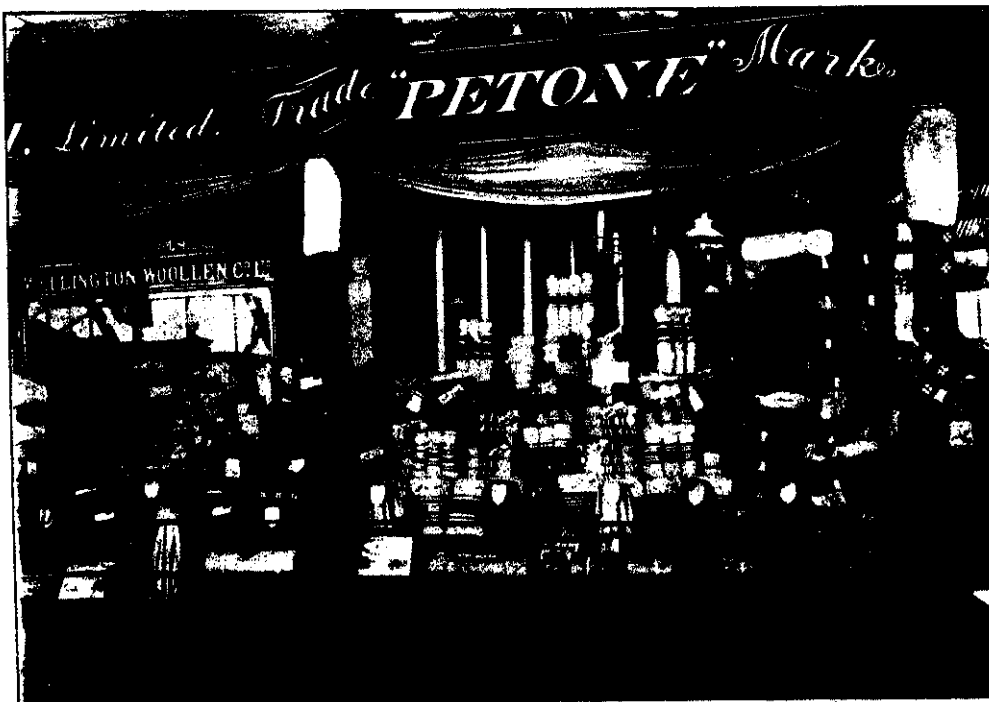


# THE AUCKLAND MINING AND INDUSTRIAL EXHIBITION.

Pictures of the Courts and Some of the Exhibits.



GENERAL VIEW.



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THE WELLINGTON WOOLLEN MANUFACTURING CO.'S EXHIBIT.

## THE WELLINGTON WOOLLEN COMPANY.

In No. 3 court is located a very valuable and handsome collection of woollen goods from the famed Wellington Woollen Manufacturing Company (Limited), and whose well known brand is that of 'Petone.' The exhibit occupies a space 70 feet long by 10 feet deep, the whole being enclosed in with a brass railing. This Wellington company has made great strides during the last four years, and it is now voted one of the leading industries of its kind in New Zealand. Mr. M. G. Heeles, a well known figure in the commercial world, is the general manager. At the mill, which is situated at Petone, every process in connection with the manufacture of woollen goods is undertaken, starting from the raw material to the finish. The factory of the company finds a place at Wellington, and the commercial offices are located at Jervois Quay. Despite the large space occupied by the exhibit, it is crowded in the various sections with up-to-date goods of the finest quality, with the get-up equal to anything imported. The first section is devoted to men's clothing, from which stands out three dressed figures. One bears Joseph's much-discussed tartan tweed coat worn at Lady Ranfurly's recent fancy dress ball at Wellington. On the back of the coat are the words worked in silk, 'Local Industries: Petone Woollen Mills.' On another figure is displayed a railway stationmaster's uniform. The Company, it may be remarked, manufacture all of the uniforms used on the Government and Manawatu lines. In the same section are shown lovely rugs in great variety, and an exhibition of tweed worn by the New Zealand Cycling Club's officials, besides covert coats and splendid samples of saddle and other tweeds. The next section of the exhibit comprises a large glass case, which contains all classes of hosiery, from the Salvation Army singlet to the cyclist's hose; also well made caps and many other articles. A large loom in the centre of the exhibit attracts great attention from visitors both day and night. It is worked at stated hours under the direction of Mr Darby. Since the opening of the Exhibition the loom has been engaged in the manufacture of a merino rug, which, we learn, will be tendered to Mr B. Kent, the president, as a memento of the Exhibition. In the next section further specimens of hosiery are profusely displayed, besides ladies' dress tweeds in fashionable shades, neat costume clothes, and men's tweeds of fine texture and many patterns. Then comes before the eye a magnificent collection of blankets, for which the Company gain kudos, not only in this colony, but in Australia too. Appropriate Maori names are attached to the different brands, which cannot be excelled for colour, weight and quality. Piles of flannels in rolls are also displayed in this fine exhibit, besides hundreds of other lines which the Company manufacture. Altogether the Wellington Woollen Company have reason to feel proud of the exhibit they have sent to the Exhibition.

The exhibit, which was finished under the superintendence of Mr M. G. Heeles, the general manager of the company, is now supervised by Mr H. H. Mirams, the company's Auckland Representative.

## MENNIE AND DEY'S EXHIBIT.

The novel and tempting exhibit of Messrs Mennie and Dey stands between those of the Great Northern