

LEADERS OF COMMERCE IN THE DOMINION.



MR. P. VIRTUE.

Burkett, photo.

Mr. Peter Virtue, manager and secretary of the Northern Roller Milling Company, Ltd., was born at Maryborough, Victoria. He commenced his business career at Hokitika, in the firm of James Chesney and Co., afterwards going to Timaru. Later Mr. Peter Virtue joined the staff of the Bank of New Zealand, being employed in various important and responsible charges. For sixteen years he was manager of the bank standing concerns, leaving in 1908 to take up his present position. The present company was formed in New Zealand in 1909, and since that date he has been its manager. He has a large private estate, and has two well-known mills in Auckland, and have since built a large private residence, situated adjoining the Quay-street mill.



WATKINSON, photo.

MR. H. GIBBONS.

Mr. Herbert Gibbons is a well-known business man of Wanganui. He was born at Launceston, Tasmania, in 1853, and came to Dunedin in 1882. He has taken an active interest in public affairs, and was secretary and organizer of the Coronation Festivities, and the visit of the Imperial Troops to Wanganui. Previous to residing in Wanganui, Mr. Gibbons held various public positions in Paton. He is Managing Director of the Wanganui Brewery Co., Ltd., Chairman of Directors of the A. and L. Scoffer Flaxmilling Co., Makereu, and of J. B. Clarkson and Co., and a director in the firm of Scott, Niven and Co., both firms of Palmerston North. Mr. Gibbons has large interests in timber and land, and is a shareholder in a number of local companies.