

OUR present Government does not believe in mere figureheads, either **MR. T. E. DONNE** of the titled or common garden variety, for responsible positions.

Department—in such a manner as to raise him to his present position, is an excellent record. It has also given him an intimate knowledge of the land he lives in and its

requirements. He recognises that we have some of the grandest scenery in the world, but have practically not yet begun to advertise it, and he is quite right. In this respect we have been throwing away as much as would build many of the railways required in the country. Mr. Donne is as keen an all-round sportsman as he is a business man. Deer-stalking is perhaps his favourite pursuit, but he is equally proficient with a rod in his hand, or steering a raw youngster across rough country. He is also a close student, has a fine library, and takes a special interest in New Zealand literature. Keen at sport, but never letting it interfere with work, and one who combines the *fortiter in re* with *suaviter in modo* in a marked degree, it would be difficult to find in the length and breadth



Sarony,

MR. T. E. DONNE.

Auckland.

That is one of the reasons of the progressive enterprise of our young colony. Hitherto, however, our tourist traffic has been sadly neglected, and our industries nearly as much so. Recognising this, a man possessing the requisite organising abilities and the necessary energy and forcefulness of character to take special charge of these branches has been sought for. The result is that Mr. T. E. Donne, late Traffic Manager of the Auckland Railways, has been appointed Secretary of Commerce and Industries, and placed in charge of the Government Tourist and Health Resorts. Twenty-six years spent in the public service—nearly twenty-five in the Railway

of New Zealand a more suitable man to fill the new appointment, or one more alert to take advantage of every point in the interest of the departments allotted to him.

MR. J. HIGHT, M.A.,] who has just been appointed lecturer on Political Economy and Constitutional History at the Canterbury College, and to an important literary post at Christchurch, is generally recognised as the most brilliant Modern Languages scholar our University has yet produced. Mr. Hight received his University

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