

Dunedin Winter Show

The Dunedin Winter Show was opened in the Agricultural Hall on Wednesday of last week under the most favorable circumstances. The weather was all that could be desired, and the number of country visitors was quite up to the average. The exhibits totalled 900, but while there was an increase in some directions, the exhibits of cattle and sheep showed a decided drop from previous years. The opening ceremony was performed by Mr. James Hazlett (president).

In the section devoted to manufactures Messrs. Scoular and Chisholm had a fine display of high-class furniture, quaint in style and most artistic in design. Among the exhibits in this bay was a solid oak bedroom suite, relieved by the most modern art carving. There were also shown easy chairs, settees, rugs, mats, and curtains, all of which were much admired.

Messrs. Charles Begg and Co. showed specimens of the Apollo and Apollette piano players, for which they are sole agents in this Colony. These are very interesting instruments, and when connected with a piano the most difficult music can be played with the utmost facility. It is only by seeing this done, that one can form anything like a clear conception of how artistically and accurately the work is done.

That long-established firm of watchmakers and jewellers, Messrs. G. and T. Young, had, as usual, a very fine and comprehensive exhibit, consisting of trophies, diamond, ruby, and sapphire rings, and other personal ornaments; silver and plated goods in the latest designs etc. Altogether it was a very valuable and artistic collection, and well maintained the reputation of this well-known firm.

Messrs. R. B. Denniston showed a Gardiner oil engine, bone cutters, oil feeders, patent belting, lubricators, etc.

Messrs. Forrester, Dow, and Co. had an exhibit of Wertheim sewing machines, perambulators, and go-carts.

A candidate for the favor of the housewife was shown by Messrs. Mollison in the shape of the Belvidere sewing machine.

Messrs. Laidlaw and Gray had a display of some of their leading lines such as wooden mantelpieces (their own make), grates, sewing machines (Gritzner), Carrara paint, pianos, etc.

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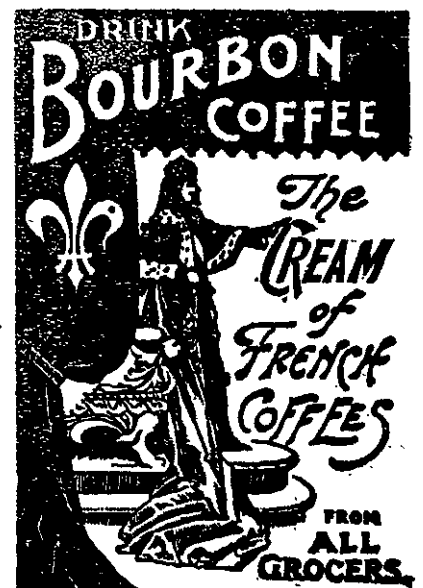
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