

DUNEDIN WINTER SHOW

The Winter Show of the Otago A. and P. Society was opened at Dunedin on Tuesday afternoon of last week by the Prime Minister (Hon. T. Mackenzie). Considering the unfavorable weather there was a very good attendance. The Prime Minister delivered a very interesting and instructive address, in the course of which he dealt with the progress of the Dominion from an agricultural and pastoral point of view, and referred to what had been done by the Government in the way of encouraging settlement and improving and extending the knowledge of the tillers of the soil in various directions. In conclusion he congratulated the farmers upon being the main factors, by their industry and perseverance, in doing so much to bring about the satisfactory condition of the Dominion, both from a financial and agricultural point of view.

The entries this year totalled 1432, being just 300 over those of last year, the principal increase being in factory cheese, farmers' butter, fruit and honey, and roots. Taking the Show all round, it was declared by those competent to judge to be the best yet held, and the evidences of its growing popularity indicate that it has great possibilities in the near future. The varied exhibits shown by the Agricultural Department were most interesting, and were carefully inspected and noted by country visitors. The Government is and has been alive to the great future before New Zealand as an agricultural and pastoral country, and the work which is being done by its officers throughout the Dominion is of undoubted educational value to farmers.

The various trophies competed for at the Show were exhibited in Messrs. G. and T. Young's stand in the Brydone Hall. These in themselves made a very effective display, but in addition this well known firm of jewellers had a very valuable and comprehensive exhibit of the latest ideas in fashionable jewellery, chaste in design and most artistic in workmanship.

As usual, the Christchurch Meat Co. had a most attractive display of preserved meats in tins, sheep and ox tongues in tins and glass jars, and extracts of meats. This company has gained a well-deserved reputation both for the quality of its goods and for the superior manner in which they are put up. It is no wonder, therefore, they are growing in popularity.

Messrs. Scoullar and Chisholm have a reputation extending over many years as manufacturers of high-class and artistic furniture, and their exhibit on this occasion fully maintained the high standard of quality and design for which the goods of the firm are noted. The display included bedroom and dining-room suites, hall stands, etc., in fumed oak. Every article shown was made in the firm's factory, and the exhibit gave unmistakable testimony of the artistic taste and superior craftsmanship of our New Zealand artisans.

Messrs. Briscoe and Co. were to the fore with an exhibit of Marseilles roofing tiles, Wunderlich art metal ceilings, well-fire grates, vulcanite rubber roofing, cold water paint, and copper work. The Marseilles tiles and art metal ceilings were shown to advantage in the bungalow structure erected in the Brydone Hall. Our readers need not be told of the artistic effect produced by Marseilles tiles for roofing purposes, whilst art metal ceilings have come to be recognised as the right thing in every dwelling having any pretension to style. These ceilings are put up by the firm's own workmen, with the result that the work is done in an expert and artistic manner.

Mr. J. Ormiston White, the well known coach-builder, had a very attractive exhibit, which for design, finish, and material could not be excelled. The vehicles shown on this stand, besides being finished off in very superior style, had several features as regards tyres and springs, and the adjustment of the seat, which received much attention from visitors to the show.

The Zealandia Range has been recognised by householders as the most perfect of the kind on the market, and hence its popularity. It is economical in the use of fuel, is easy to keep clean and to manage, and has the advantage of an open fire arrangement, so that the kitchen can, if desired, be used as a comfortable living room. Messrs. Barningham are always improving on

their best models, and that for the current year has several features which are sure to be greatly appreciated by householders.

A very attractive exhibit was that of Messrs. Herbert, Haynes, and Co., who had a suite of three rooms fully furnished with examples of the firm's artistic manufactures. These rooms were furnished in perfect taste and harmony, and the effect was most pleasing. The furniture was in the styles most popular now in the Home countries, and the material and workmanship could not be excelled. It may be mentioned that the much admired and artistic decoration of the rooms was the work of Messrs. Smith and Smith.

The Victory Sewing Machine, Carpet Sweepers (English and American) and a very popular labor-saving washing machine were among the exhibits shown by the D.I.C. The Victory Sewing Machine has many features which make it very popular with the housewife, and its latest improvements cannot fail to make it still more so.

The Milburn Lime and Cement Co. had an exhibit of their well known cement, and also many articles manufactured from it. The display showed to what perfection local manufactures have been brought, and to what varied uses cement can be put. As a local concern the company deserves the generous support which a discriminating public accords its manufactures.

Messrs. G. Methven and Co. had an exhibit of their famous boilers. A Methven boiler has many features to recommend it. It lasts longer, because there is no brickwork to fall to pieces, and the frame is cast-iron right through; it heats quicker, because the heat is conserved better; it is more convenient; you can stand it where you like; and it is easy to work with, because of the extra facility it affords lifting the clothes in and out.

NEW CADILLAC ELIMINATES GREAT INCONVENIENCES.

The Cadillac Car has eliminated the two great inconveniences of motoring—the first, cranking the engine; the other, alighting from the car when darkness falls, no matter what the condition of the road or weather, to light the lamps. Doubtless one of the reasons that the operation of gasoline cars has been almost entirely restricted to men, is that it is usually a man's work to crank a motor by hand. Not only experience, but the exertion of much strength is required to overcome the compression and 'turn over' the engine. The other inconvenience is almost as serious and most discouraging when rain is falling or the wind blowing with such force that it is almost impossible to preserve a match flame long enough to light an ordinary lamp. Both are obviated entirely in the new season's Cadillac. A woman can start the car as easily as a man. The lamps in front, and rear, are lighted without an occupant of the car leaving his or her seat. To start the motor a button is pressed, and the clutch is disengaged by the foot pedal. This is all the operator does—the rest is automatic...

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