

and engaged in boot manufacture in its various forms; built a sawmill at Little River, and cleared the land. Altogether I have cleared in New Zealand upwards of 5,000 acres of bush land and made a lot of blades of grass grow where none grew before; owned sheep and cattle; and my connection with the Little River Mill brought me into touch with cocksfoot in the first instance.

This was a wonderful project 50 years ago. The late William Wilson was the first man to introduce the seed to the Peninsula, and it became a wonderful industry. I was one of the first shippers of cocksfoot to England, and to the Continent, and I remember selling a considerable parcel by cable one day for Denmark.

They wrote to say it turned out splendidly. They asked for "Akaroa" cocksfoot, and this seed with its brand, became the standard for the world. They wrote to say it had been distributed throughout Denmark, and to clients as far as Iceland. During the last three years we have been importing cocksfoot from Denmark - probably the product of the very seed we sent them forty years ago.

Except for one man, I am the only surviving member of the first Board of Directors of the Kaipoi Woollen Mfg. Co., although I have not been connected with the Company for many years. I am the sole survivor of the first Board of Directors of the Christchurch Trassway Co. (first horse, and afterwards steam) - every other soul has passed away - Directors, Engineers, Managers and