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grants are still alive, having long passed the ordinary allotted span of human life. From the first they assimilated themselves readily to the colonial style of life, and their descendants, though still cherishing in their hearts a love of their mother country, are as British as the English settlers themselves. Akaroa Harbour is undoubtedly the finest natural seaport south of the line, and in it the whole British navy could ride to its cables in deep water. The town itself has not grown much of late years, but it possesses some very comfortable hotels, and boating and driving excursions can easily be arranged at the shortest notice. Banks' Peninsula, of which Akaroa is the business and commercial centre, is famed for its cheese, its sheep and wool, and for the seed of the cocksfoot grass, which in good years yields a better return per acre than wheat, when the cost of tillage for the latter is taken into consideration. The grass is there already, and all the Peninsula farmer has to do is to keep his stock for the time being off the land which he proposes to reserve for seed. Banks' Peninsula grows everything in profusion with the sole exception of bankrupts, and it does not produce many of these as its conditions of life are too unfavourable for crops of this class. Akaroa is a fine place for a "spell," and an ideal one for a honeymoon. As the climate is somewhat relaxing, people there do not rip and tear at their daily work, but are wont to quietly contemplate a job before tackling it. No tourist will regret having visited Banks' Peninsula, and those who have time to spend a few days in visiting the various bays, &c., will find themselves amply repaid for their exertions.

