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MONUMENTAL WORKS



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BELFAST FREEZING WORKS.—These Works are the property of the Canterbury Frozen Meat and Dairy Produce Export Company Ltd., and are situated at Belfast near the Main North Road and Railway, about seven miles from Christchurch; they are the most important Freezing Works in the Colony, and a visit to them will give visitors from abroad a practical illustration of the vast proportions to which the Frozen Meat Trade has expanded. The Belfast Works can be reached either by railway or road, the latter being the most popular, the time taken being 40 minutes, and the drive through St. Albans, Papanui and Styx is a very pleasant one.

Belfast was the second Freezing Factory to be started in New Zealand; the Canterbury Frozen Meat Company was inaugurated as the result of a meeting of stockowners held in Christchurch on the 11th December, 1881. This meeting was called by circular signed by Messrs. John Grigg of Longbeach, John Macfarlane of Coldstream, and John Tinline of Amuri, and by the 15th March, 1882, a sufficient number of shares had been subscribed to register it under the Companies Act, the nominal Capital being £20,000 in 2,000 shares of £10 each, of which about 1,200 shares were then taken up. The work of obtaining site and erection of buildings and plant was at once proceeded with, and the Works were completed and opened on the 16th February, 1883; the premises then consisted of engine and boiler house, containing three small boilers, and one Haslam Refrigerator, slaughter-house for six men, cooling-room, capable of hanging 400 carcasses of Mutton, and freezing and storerooms with a capacity for 9,000 carcasses in all. The first shipment of 6,198 carcasses was made per "British King," which left Lyttelton on the 8th April in the same year, and which was the first steamer of the New Zealand Shipping Company's direct line of steamships to trade between England and New Zealand.

Since that time the work of the Company has been steadily progressive, and alterations and improvements are continually being made, until to-day they comprise, slaughter-house for 63 men, cooling-room for 10,000 carcasses, beef slaughter-house for 25 head per day, a chilling-room, freezing-rooms with a holding capacity of 15,000 carcasses, and frozen stores capable of holding 90,000 carcasses. That these figures are not imaginary is shown by the fact that on one occasion, when shipping was deficient, the Company had over

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