



CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CHRISTCHURCH

THE KAIAPOI WOOLLEN MANUFACTURING Co., LTD.—The business carried on by this Company ranks as one of the most important textile industries of the Australasian States. It comprises large mills at Kaiapoi, three Clothing Factories in Christchurch, large warehouse premises and offices in Christchurch, and branch warehouses in Wellington, Auckland and Dunedin. Tourists and visitors to the Colony are always made welcome to inspect the works and warehouses, and information regarding the numerous manufactures of the Company is very willingly afforded.

The large warehouse of the Kaiapoi Woollen Co. is situated in Cashel Street, Christchurch, not far from the offices of the Union S.S. Co. Here the visitor may see the largest stock of ready-made clothing in the Colony, made almost exclusively from cloths and tweeds made in their own mills. The stock is, of course, a wholesale one, from which all the clothiers, storekeepers and traders of New Zealand draw a large portion of their supplies. Large stocks of rugs, blankets, flannels, shirtings, tweeds, hosiery, etc., are displayed in great variety in the various departments. Spacious offices, large storerooms and capacious packing rooms all bespeak a large and flourishing business.

A pleasant drive of 12 miles along the great North Road, or a half hour's ride in the train, brings the visitor to the pretty little town of Kaiapoi on the North branch of the Waimakariri River. Close by the town are the large Woollen Mills situated on the bank of the River Cam, a tributary of the Waimakariri River. Admission to the mill is gained by ticket only, which must be obtained by application to the Head Office in Christchurch. On entrance, one is conducted over the entire mills and shown every process by which the raw and uninviting-looking wool is slowly but surely manufactured into snowy blankets, cosy rugs, and exquisite tweeds and coatings. He is shown the magnificent engine-house, with its 600 h.p. engine, and also the large electric lighting installation by which the mills, which are running night and day, are brilliantly illuminated. Every department of the industry is thoroughly organised and all the machinery of the latest and best description. The various departments which one passes through, such as the wool scouring, dyeing, teasing, carding, spinning, weaving, burling, milling, finishing, hosiery knitting,

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