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taking orders from traders in all parts. Their customers include not only boot and shoe vendors, but saddlers and harness makers, coach builders, and other traders. Owing to the enormous extension of the business of the firm, which has more than doubled within the present decade, a branch of the warehouse has been established in Queen Street, Auckland, from which, as a centre, the Auckland Provincial District is worked under the management of Mr. J. J. Hobbs. The stock kept by this firm, which is of the value of some £30,000, is drawn from the best markets of the Old World. Complete facilities exist for purchasing the latest styles and qualities of goods in every class, through the expert buyers employed at the firm's London office. A large business is done in indenting, whereby customers have the opportunity of becoming importers; the whole of the facilities enjoyed by the firm in the matter of buying being thus placed at their disposal. The firm are also exporters of Colonial leathers.

WARNER'S NEW HOTEL, CHRISTCHURCH, NEW ZEALAND .- An up to-date Hostelry. Extract from the "Lyttelton Times," October 26th, 1901 :---It will be remembered that nearly two years ago the front of Warner's Hotel was destroyed by fire, and for a considerable time the buildings presented a very unsightly appearance. Now, however, matters have been altered, and, Phoenix-like, a handsome and substantial brick building has arisen to take the place of the old wooden structure, and the hotel is now an ornament to Cathedral Square, as well as a very fine addition to the buildings of the city. Mr. Percy Herman, who, with Mrs. Herman, has had considerable experience in conducting first-class hotels in the North Island, having secured a long lease of the hotel, gave instructions to Mr. J. C. Maddison to prepare plans for an up-to-date hostelry, and these have now been carried out in a manner which makes the old-fashioned "Warner's" Hotel one of the most complete and comfortable in the colony. The proprietor, although well known in the North Island, was but little known here, although an old Christchurch boy, until lately, but from the manner in which he has catered for several important functions which have been held at Warner's during the the past few months, it is evident that he is the right man in the right place, and in his efforts he has been ably seconded by Mrs.

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