

with theatrical management in New Zealand for over six years, and has at the present time four Vaudeville Companies running continuously; namely at the City Hall, Auckland, the Theatre Royal, Wellington, the Alhambra Theatre, Dunedin, and the Opera House, Christchurch. Mr. Dix has established a record for a continuous "Show" in New Zealand, his Auckland business having been running successfully since the 1st April, 1899. Mr. Dix is also owner of the Princess Theatre, Auckland, the largest and best appointed theatre in New Zealand. The fact that the proprietor of the Gaiety Companies engages only the best and most refined artists obtainable in London, America, and Australia, accounts for the large amount of support he receives from theatre-goers in New Zealand. Mr. Dix is a man of great enterprise, tact, and ability, and being surrounded with an excellent staff of managers, he is enabled to conduct his large theatrical business on sound up-to-date lines.

DOULTON AND CO., LONDON, S.E.—Are Potters to his Majesty King Edward VII., and cannot be beaten in the world for the manufacture of Lambeth and Burslem art wares. They made the art wares of the Birkbeck Bank, London, the largest ceramic building in the world, and manufacture all kinds of sanitary ware, electrical fittings, coal and gas stoves and mantel-pieces, and general household furnishings. Their sole representative for Australasia is Mr. John Shorter, whose address is Box 469, G.P.O., Sydney, Australia.

DRESDEN PIANO CO., THE, DUNEDIN.—Are the largest firm in New Zealand for the supply of musical instruments of every description from Pianos and organs downwards. They are agents for Broadwood and Sons, Erard, Collard and Collard and others, and are sole agents in New Zealand for the Pianola, the Æolian, and the new Monarch Gramophone, and Dunedin, Wellington, Nelson, Timaru, and 56 New Zealand sub-agencies.

ELLESMERE ARMS HOTEL, TAI TAPU (twelve miles from Christchurch), JOHN MCKENZIE, PROPRIETOR.—This comfortable old hostelry is on the main road to Little River, and is a comfortable halting place on the road to Lincoln. The liquors sold are first-class; the road from Christchurch to Tai Tapu is one of the best in the province. The best of stabling is always available, and the wines, ales, and spirits sold are of the best brands only.

BALLANTYNES ARE GENUINE LADIES' TAILORS.

EMPIRE HOTEL, LYTTELTON, E. F. King, Proprietor.—This popular hostelry is situated in London Street, and visitors can rely upon getting the best of attention and accommodation. The walk from the wharf is not a long one. Try it for yourselves.

FAWCETT, W. H., HANMER PLAINS.—Keeps a small but comfortable boarding house closely adjacent to the hot springs. Every home comfort and attention provided.

FISHER, H. AND SON, 257 HIGH STREET, TRIANGLE, CHRISTCHURCH. Gilders, picture frame manufacturers, and proprietors of the Christchurch Fine Art Gallery, have always a large variety of oil paintings and water colour drawings of New Zealand scenery by the best local and travelling artists on hand. The success attained by this firm is, in itself, a guarantee of the quality of their goods and workmanship.

FLETCHER, GEORGE AND SON, TAILORS, COLOMBO STREET, CHRISTCHURCH.—Are the oldest established firm in the city. Their work is always first-class and reliable, and their stocks are second to none. They have the latest London experience at their command, and will always be found up-to-date.

FLETCHER, HUMPHREYS AND CO., CATHEDRAL SQUARE.—Keep the best brands of wines, liquors, and general grocery merchandise in Canterbury. Their Golden Apple Cider is without a rival, and connoisseurs in whisky and tea know well the quality of the articles stocked by this enterprising firm.

FOWLD'S WHISKY.—Recommends itself. Have you tried it? If you haven't, it's time you did. It will do you good every time, and if it fails to do that, try it on your mate and see how it suits him.

FOX, T. G., OF THE MARINE HOTEL, SUMNER.—Keeps a first-class hostelry, and the gardens attached to the hotel are the prettiest that can be seen in Christchurch or suburbs. Sheltered by the overhanging cliffs, geraniums bloom here all the year round. The refreshments are the best to be obtained, and the charges are strictly moderate.

GILBY'S COMMERCIAL COLLEGE, SITUATED NEAR CATHEDRAL SQUARE, CHRISTCHURCH.—Has grown from small beginnings until it has achieved the distinction of being the largest institution of its kind in New Zealand. Its curriculum includes not only every branch of Commercial Training, but also ancient and modern languages preparation for University Civil Service, Teachers', Accountants', and

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