

enlargements and alterations which only emanate from satisfied patrons. Some who started with a modest single manual are now the proud possessors of fine pneumatic two and three-manual organs. I had the pleasure of trying some new thumb pistons, which I found a great advance—no noise, but very fast and sure in their action. In the coupling of manual to manual, sub and super octaves were a revelation to me so simple yet absolutely reliable. Then again in the case work and pipe decoration the firm have adopted some very unique designs, the work of which speaks well for those responsible for it, in work, design and colour. In my inspection I was pleased to note the quality and finish of the woodwork. Mr. Hobday seems to have passed over all our New Zealand timbers, and in their place, oregon, californian pine, oak, mahogany and ash are used, even the tube trays are oregon. Then in the

The firm guarantees their organs for five years, one has only to follow the work to see that in all human probability the guarantee will never be required. I was taken to one of seventeen years' standing, and was very pleased to hear that this organ had given entire satisfaction. Anyone interested in organs can visit the factory and get a cordial reception, and I would advise those interested to do so and thereby support an industry that is a credit to the Dominion.

A few organs built by the firm:—Wellington—Basilica, R.C. Church, St. Gerard's R.C. Church, St. Mary's R.C. Church, St. Joseph's R.C. Church, Kent Terrace Presbyterian Church, St. Thomas Church of England, Wesleyan Church Wellington South. Blenheim—Church of Nativity, Wesleyan Church, Presbyterian Church. Greymouth—Roman Catholic Church, Presbyterian Church. Hokitika—



Interior of Mr. A. A. Hobday's Organ Factory, Wellington, showing Instruments in course of erection

water engine I found all brass and gunmetal, with its own feeders connecting up to main bellows, and then to auxiliary bellows. All players will know what a steady wind means to an instrument, and one can easily compare it with the old way of connecting engines on to handles, etc. In the pneumatic department I found a great advance in both attack and repetition, and was allowed to see and handle the various parts, every instrument being an improvement on the last. The exquisite softness and pliability of the leather was most pleasing to me, and I soon ceased to wonder that the firm's success in this respect, only the best French leather being used. It was also very pleasing to find that everything is British, and made by British workmen only our old friends in France are called on and that is for leather.

The pipe work too is of a good quality both wood and metal have good proportions one of the points this firm excel in. Good diapason work—nothing mean or shoddy, even the large pedal opens are full length timber cleanly cut off with tuners attached. No patching up is allowed and all pipes are full length.

Church of England, Wesleyan Church. Nelson—Presbyterian Church, Roman Catholic Church. Timaru—Sacred Heart R.C. Church, Presbyterian Church. Taihape—Church of England. Lower Hutt, Wellington—Presbyterian Church. Hastings—Roman Catholic Church. Masterton—St. Matthew's. Wanganui—Presbyterian Church. Roslyn, Dunedin—Presbyterian Church, etc., etc., and seven building.

List of organs overhauled, rebuilt, enlarged, etc. Wellington—St. Mark's. Christchurch—Christchurch Cathedral, St. Michael's. Dunedin—St. Paul's Cathedral, St. Joseph's. Wellington—St. John's Presbyterian Church, St. Peter's Church of England, Wesley Church, St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Congregational Church, Baptist Church, St. Paul's Cathedral (rebuilt 1906), St. Paul's Cathedral (enlarged and put under Tubular 1912), St. Paul's Cathedral (pedal organ enlarged 1914), Presbyterian church, Kent Terrace, (enlarged 1914), St. Mary's, R.C.. Palmerston North—Church of England. Carterton—Church of England. Dannevirke—Church of England. Napier—Catholic Church. Hutt—Wesleyan Church, etc., etc.