



## How Parts are Assembled in the Factory

### A KORERO Report

In *Korero* No. 11 we published some pictures of a prefabricated house being erected at Lower Hutt. This story tells you about the work that is done on the parts of those houses before they reach the site on which they are to be erected.

EVERYONE has seen pictures of assembly lines, with rows of cars or trucks moving slowly along, growing as they move, until the finished product rolls off the end, ready to drive away. Have you ever seen a line of houses coming down an assembly line? Perhaps not, but here in New Zealand you can see something which comes very close to it.

When you look at an assembly line, what you don't see is the organization that makes it possible, the network of smaller workshops making all the component parts that come in to be assembled. One shop turns out carburettors, another wheels, others pistons, radiators, nuts, and bolts, and so on, and the products of each flow into the assembly line as rivulets flow into a stream. This prin-

