



Work for nimble fingers.

a man is making silver tie-clips. At the other end of the room the rough shells are being put through the preliminary cleaning process. The silver comes in in its rough state, and is melted and put through the rolling mill at the centre.

The next room contains the leather-work shop, where all kinds of plain and fancy leatherwork are taught. Here are hides of various finishes and colours, and a host of manufactured articles, ranging from women's and childrens' slippers to week-end bags, and heavy embossed leather hand-bags.

Next door again is the boot-repair shop, where disabled men may learn the ancient trade of the cobbler. This is possibly the shortest course available—a quick learner can pass through in six months.

In another room three men are at work making strange looking contrivances of coiled rope. These are dust shields which fit into the bearing boxes of railway vehicles. The centre has a contract with New Zealand Railways for their supply.

Yet another room is full of crutches waiting their leather padding. These are made by the joinery department downstairs and are sent up to the leather-workers to be finished.

Two or three more rooms are empty as yet, for this is a growing organization and must have room to expand. It is hoped to start a watch making and repairing school in one room, and a printing class, complete with machinery and equipment, in another. A large

sunny room at the end of the building is fitted up as a cafeteria where trainees may have morning and afternoon tea and lunch. Opposite is another room which is to be a library and recreation room.

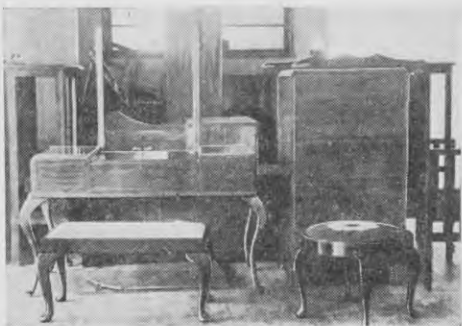
There are *eighty-odd* servicemen at present in training, working from 8 a.m. till 4.30 p.m. Most of these men will, on completion of training, leave to take up their place in industry. Some who are incapable of doing this will be supplied with home workshops where they can at least feel that they have something to do. The shops run by the League are its "show windows" and sell the products of such home workshops as well as those of the training centres.

The League is, as is obvious, a growing concern. It has at present branches in Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch, Dunedin, and Invercargill, and training centres are being proceeded with at Christchurch and Auckland. Other activities are undertaken at other centres such as a horticultural training plan, clog-manufacture, a mop-factory, and so on.

The objects of the League are summarized under two headings:—

First: Every man, however great his disability, shall be given the opportunity of achievement in some form and the satisfaction that comes from such achievement.

Second: To convert to economic usefulness the efforts of the disabled men, by the production of useful and saleable products.



Some of the finished products.