

The association and the federation co-operated with the *Dominion* in the production of a special supplement entitled "Manufacturing in New Zealand," consisting of forty-eight pages. This effort resulted in good publicity for articles of New Zealand manufacture.

The Canterbury Association held its fifty-seventh annual general meeting on the 5th November, when the membership of the association stood at 192. The Winter Show and Exhibition of Industries was held on the 8th August, when over fifty manufacturing firms were represented. In future it has been decided to devote even more attention to the good work of bringing the goods of Canterbury manufacturers under the notice of the buying public. The Canterbury Association has investigated various forms of publicity, which will be put into effect when opportunity occurs. A notable feature has been the delivering of radio talks from station 3YA by members, which is regarded as valuable propaganda for the stimulation of interest in New Zealand industries.

Each year the Dunedin Association sponsors a "Made in New Zealand Week," which aids materially the stimulation of a buyer's preference for New-Zealand-made goods. The effort held in May last compared more than favourably with those of previous years in regard to the number and standard of the displays. Contributing factors to the success of these displays were the special industrial supplements published by Dunedin newspapers and appropriate radio talks delivered from broadcasting-stations. In addition, striking street illuminations were provided by the Dunedin City Council.

The membership of the association has not varied to any extent from the figure at which it stood last year—namely, 150.

STATISTICS RELATING TO MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES.

The latest available statistics relating to the manufacturing industries of the Dominion are for the year ended 31st March, 1936.

Reference to improved industrial conditions generally was made in the previous annual report covering the 1934–35 year. It is pleasing to record that this improvement continued throughout the following year, as is evidenced in the 1935–36 figures. By comparison with the 1934–35 statistics those for 1935–36 reveal a distinct betterment in the position of the manufacturing industries. The figures indicate that the total number of factories operating were the highest number yet recorded, rising from 5,270 in 1934–35 to 5,536 in 1935–36. Similarly, the figures show that a new record high level for factory employment was attained during the 1935–36 year (86,588), which exceeded the previous high figure of 1929–30 (82,861) by 3,727. The improvement in conditions resulted in many factories working to capacity. This point is perhaps better illustrated by reference to the marked increase in overtime worked by many factory employees and the decrease which resulted in the hours of short time recorded. The statistics reveal that the hours of overtime increased from 2,121,279 in 1934–35 to 2,689,647 in 1935–36, which represents an advance of almost 27 per cent. in the total number of hours of overtime worked. On the other hand, the hours of short time recorded for the manufacturing industries decreased by nearly 9 per cent. or from 2,111,650 hours in 1934–35 to 1,924,697 hours in 1935–36.

The following table summarizes the principal statistics for the years ended 31st March, 1935 and 1936, and provides the basis of comparison in the figures for the two periods:—

			Year.		Index Numbers, 1935–36 (1934–35 = 100).
			1934–35.	1935–36.	
Establishments (number)	..	..	5,270	5,536	105
Persons engaged—					
Males (number)	..	..	59,874	65,197	109
Females (number)	..	..	19,484	21,391	110
Total (number)	..	..	79,358	86,588	109
Salaries and wages paid—			£	£	
To males	..	..	11,602,983	13,046,105	112
To females	..	..	1,641,390	1,798,262	110
Total	..	..	13,244,373	14,844,367	112
Motive power (horse-power)	..	..	721,223	733,167	102
Cost of material used	..	..	£	£	
Other expenses	..	..	52,084,741	59,940,393	115
Value of products	..	..	9,002,456	9,606,824	107
Added value	..	..	79,324,473	90,014,748	114
Value of—			£	£	
Land and buildings	..	..	27,239,732	30,074,355	110
Plant and machinery	..	..	£	£	
Land and buildings	..	..	23,159,573	23,985,510	103
Plant and machinery	..	..	44,108,877	43,453,369	99
Total	..	..	67,268,450	67,438,879	100