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ANOTHER TIMARU INDUSTRY.

MOTOR BODY BUILDING.

Messrs. Gledhill and Meikle, experts in motor body building, renovators and repairers of motor bodies, have commenced business in Cain's Terrace, Timaru. They have secured suitable roomy premises for hoisting the different departments, occupying as they do, Bockaerts' large original garage. The buildings have been divided into an office, motor stand, and workshops, and have been fitted up with the latest appliances for the trade; band saws, drilling machines, emery wheels, metal workers' and wood workers' tools, motor body fittings of all kinds, and an oxy-acetone welding plant. Both partners hail from Timaru, although they spent the last ten years in large centres obtaining efficiency in their art and acquaintance with the latest methods in the industry: Mr Gledhill, who is a metal working specialist, has had extensive experience in Wellington, Auckland and Dunedin. He was engaged for quite a time in Propert's magnificent motor body building business in Sydney, and completed his experience at the Belsize Motor works in the Old Land. Under his direction metal bodies will be given a jointless finish, every part of the metal used in the panels being oxy-acetone welded. Mr Meikle has also worked with some of the largest houses in New Zealand in his special line, which is woodwork, completed his experience in Sydney, and added to it later by a term with one of the largest woodworking firms for motor bodies in the Southern Hemisphere, situated Melbourne. The partners intend to give the highest satisfaction obtained by the trade in New Zealand, and will build bodies of latest design and pattern or to any specification from limousines to runabouts. Under their hands the Ford will become a car de luxe, and a moderate priced car, in appearance will be metamorphosed into a Rolls Royce. Their upholstering will be a special feature, and in the whole body, they aim at that stream-line body effect which gives finish to any motor car. In painting they will obtain that deep mirror lustre by which you can apparently see into the paint and which it may be added stands the wear and usage on account of the body and material put into it. Cars renovated at shortest notice, and everything executed personally by the partners at moderate charges.

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A FLOURISHING INDUSTRY.

GLEDHILL AND MEIKLE.

MOTOR CAR BODY BUILDERS.

Since commencing business in Timaru Some two years ago as motor car body builders, Messrs Gledhill and Meikle have found it necessary, through expansion of business, to remove to more up-to-date and spacious premises Hayes Street, near the Harbour Board's office. Highest grade workmanship, and complete satisfaction, have been the chief factors in building up their present enviable reputation, and everywhere the work they have turned out is admired, and will compare more than favourably with the imported article. In design the bodies, as built by the firm, constitute the last word in smartness of appearance, riding comfort, and good service, and embody all the latest fittings and appointments that go to make motoring a pleasure.

Apart from the body-building side of the business, they also do all kinds of upholstering, repairs, and recovering of hoods. As a further illustration of the progressiveness of the partners, they have obtained the agency of the Premier Weather Shield and Glare Vizer, which will fill a long-felt want and do away with the motorist's greatest bug-bear — sun glare, blinding headlights, glaring street lights, rain and sleet. The Premier Glare Vizer is lighter and neater than glass, weighs only 4½lbs, will not break, and the one standard size fits all cars. It is easily adjustable to any angle, and every car owner should have one fitted without delay, as the Premier Glare Vizer is not a luxury, but a necessity.

Another agency the firm have is the Marquette luggage carrier, which is an ideal carrier as it forms a safe roomy place on the running board for bags and luggage, which when strapped are held fast away from the body of the car. When not in use the Marquette can be folded down with the result that it is never in the way, is always ready for use and enhances the appearance of the car generally. Consult Messrs Gledhill and Meikle and have the many outstanding features of the Premier Weather Shield and Glare Vizor and Marquette Luggage Carrier explained to you. Address —Hayes Street, near Harbour Board office. Phone 1019.