

Mr and Mrs W. Bidwill, 'Pihautea,' are the guests of Mr and Mrs Arthur Pearce, in Wellington, for the spring races, this week.

Mr Richard Cameron, manager of the Auckland Savings Bank, had a wonderful escape from shipwreck. He, with his wife, had taken their passage on the ill-fated Mohagan, but owing to a severe attack of influenza, Mrs Cameron was unable to travel at the time the Mohagan sailed. This steamer was wrecked off the Cornwall Coast, and one hundred lives were lost. Mr and Mrs Cameron left London by the s.s. Marquette. They intend to visit their sons in San Francisco, en route for Auckland.

Mr Blow, the Under-Secretary of the Public Works Department, left Wellington on Tuesday last for Auckland, in order to arrange the valuable collection of woods which are being exhibited in the Auckland Exhibition by his Department.

Mrs Captain Worsp, Auckland, is at present on a visit to her daughter, Mrs W. Thornton, of 'Maungakawa,' Cambridge.

Mrs H. Glasgow and her little girl have returned to Christchurch from Nelson.

His Excellency the Governor, accompanied by Lady Ranfurly and a large party, intend leaving Wellington about the beginning of January on a tour from Blenheim to Christchurch, via Nelson, and the Buller and Oira Gorges.

The Rev. A. H. Sedgwick, Vicar of Picton, and Mrs Sedgwick, are expected back from Nelson this week.

The Misses Horton (2), of Blenheim, are staying with Mrs Greenfield, Nelson.

Mr R. C. Kirk, of Petone, was on Saturday last returned, unopposed, as Mayor of Petone, for the ninth time, the past six years of office having been consecutive.

Mr and Mrs James Embling, from Opawa, Christchurch, have removed to Blighs Road, Papanui.

Mr P. Mules returned to his home in Nelson last week from the Dunedin University.

Mr Joseph Maxwell, of Wellington, left London by the Orient s.s. Orient for Australia, on the 7th of October.

Sir Robert Stout is to deliver a lecture in the Education Board's office, Wellington, under the auspices of the Wellington Provincial Association, on the question 'Why Have Manufacturers,' on Monday next.

Mr J. Glasgow, of the Christchurch University, is spending the first part of his vacation with his brother in Nelson.

Mr J. D. Connolly, United States Consul in New Zealand, left for San Francisco by the R.M.S. Alameda on Saturday. It is said he hopes to open up a first rate trade between New Zealand and the States.

Major Maddocks, the staff officer of the Commandant of the Forces, is undergoing his examination for a captaincy in the Imperial Army, in Wellington this week. Lieut.-Colonel Newall and Major Messenger officiating as supervisors.

The popular accountant of the Bank of New Zealand, Auckland, Mr Buckleton, with his wife and family, are holiday-making in the Waikato.

The Rev. A. H. and Mrs Sedgwick, of Picton, are spending a week in Nelson.

The Bishop of Wellington and Mrs Wallis, accompanied by her parents and sisters, Colonel, Mrs, and Miss Williams, left for a tour up the Waanganui River this week, proceeding by special conveyances on to Tokaanu, Wairakei and Rotorua, and before returning the party hope to achieve the ascent of Mount Tarawera.

Mr and Mrs Clark, of Christchurch, are in Wellington, staying with Mrs Grace.

Miss Large, the soprano singer at the Exhibition concerts, arrived in Auckland from Napier early last week.

Mr R. J. Blair, the popular Mayor of Wellington, is at present absent from the 'Empire City,' visiting his farm on the Forty-mile Bush.

Mr Edward Pearce, the late President of the Wellington Racing Club, is to be entertained by the stewards of the Club at luncheon on the first day of the Wellington spring meeting.

Mrs W. H. Shaw, of Fendalton, Christchurch, who has resided at New Brighton for the last few years, has rented a house in Normans Road, Papanui, and is removing there with her family this week.

Captain Chapple, and his son-in-law, Mr Harvey, of Picton, have gone up North to the Hot Lakes, for the benefit of the former gentleman, who has been in delicate health for some time.

Miss W. Ellis, of New Plymouth, is paying a visit to Auckland.

The Rev. J. A. Asher, of Gore, has received a call to S. Paul's, Napier.

Mr Frank Thomson, who has been on a trip down South, has returned to New Plymouth.

Mr A. W. Bennett has gone to Dunedin on a business visit.

Mr C. MacDiarmid, and Mr W. Beckett, who have been on a short visit to Auckland, returned to New Plymouth last week.

Mr A. G. Fell, president of the Picton Rowing Club, was presented lately with an enlarged photograph of this year's champion four: Frederick Smith, McCormick, and Seymour. The presentation was made by Mr George Smith, captain of the club.

A large number of distinguished visitors have arrived during the last few days for the opening of the Auckland Exhibition. The Minister of Justice, unfortunately, is delayed in Wellington owing to the illness of his wife. The Under-Secretary for Public Works, Mr Blow, was in Auckland on Wednesday, in order to personally superintend the arrangement of New Zealand woods in the Exhibition, sent by the Works Department.

Mr Kerr, Crown Prosecutor, returned to New Plymouth after his short visit to the Taupo District.

Miss Rennell, of the Wellington Hospital, is on a visit to her parents' residence in New Plymouth.

Miss Alice Corrick (Christchurch), who has been several months in Melbourne and Sydney, returns in a few days. Her singing is said to have greatly improved, so a treat is in store for us, as she takes the solos in the next Musical Union concert, to take place early in December.

Mrs Marchant, of Timaru, is to visit her mother, Mrs Tom King, of New Plymouth, as the latter is seriously ill.

Mrs Sidney Nathan gave a musical 'At Home' on Tuesday afternoon, 29th inst.

Mrs Henry Mace, of New Plymouth, is visiting Auckland.

Mrs F. A. Twiname, jun., who has for long been a member of S. Paul's Choir, Auckland, was presented the other evening by her conferees in this sacred vocal service, with a beautiful diamond bracelet as a souvenir of her many services to S. Paul's Church, and their appreciation by the other choir members. Canon Nelson made the presentation. A pleasant social evening was spent on the occasion.

Mr Russel Dymock (Blenheim) spent a few days in Picton during his holidays.

Mr and Mrs Shannon, of Wellington, spent a few days in New Plymouth on their way to Auckland.

Miss W. Hunter-Brown has returned to Nelson after a long visit to friends in the North Island.

Mr and Mrs Wilfred Rennell, of New Plymouth, have gone to pay a visit to their daughter, Mrs Harry Bayly, from there they will leave for Auckland, where they intend to make their home.

Mrs F. Wilding (Christchurch), with her eldest daughter and the baby, go to England by the next trip of the Gothic, and will be absent about seven months.

Mr and Mrs Masefield, 'Manaroa,' Pelorus Sound, are in Picton just now, Mr Masefield, who has been unwell, requiring medical attention and change.

Mrs N. Alfred Nathan, of 'Wickford,' Princes-street, Auckland, gives a large 'At Home' on Wednesday, November 30th. Dancing begins at nine o'clock.

Mr R. Laery, of Wellington, has been in Picton for a change.

Mr Robt. McDougall is having built for their future residence one of the finest houses on Papanui Road. It is situated on part of the 'Springfield' Estate (late Mr J. T. Matson's), and will be ready for occupation early in the New Year.

Mrs F. Downes (Dunedin) has been spending a week in Picton with her nieces, the Misses Greensill, 'Brooklyn.'

Great regret was felt at the sudden death of Mrs Noble Campbell, of Gisborne, which took place recently, and much sympathy is felt for her husband and relatives. She was a daughter of Mr and Mrs McLernon, of Napier, and only married a short time. The funeral took place two days after and was largely attended by many friends from Hawke's Bay as well as by those residing in Gisborne. There was a profusion of lovely flowers, and exquisite wreaths were sent from various parts of New Zealand.

Lord Ranfurly, after attending the Manawatu Agricultural and Pastoral Show, went on to Danevirke, where his visit had long been looked forward to, and where he was accorded a hearty welcome. All over the town flags were flying and everything had quite a festive air. He arrived in Danevirke on the evening of Thursday, November 17th, and the next day there was a grand demonstration in his honour. At the Recreation Ground an address of welcome was read, and His Excellency made a short speech in reply; then followed a welcome from the Maoris and an address in response from Lord Ranfurly, interpreted to them by Mr Downes. Afterwards His Excellency was driven about Danevirke and shown the beauties of the town, and later a banquet was held at the Masonic Hotel.

The Rev. Charles Murray, who has left the South Wairarapa Presbyterian Church for Feilding, was presented with a purse of sovereigns and an address prior to his departure.

Sir M. O'Rourke left Auckland for Adelaide on Monday to meet his family, who are due in South Australia on the 14th of next month.

Mr and Mrs Keith Ramsay are expected in New Zealand in a few days.

Many New Zealanders will regret to hear of the death of Mrs Rhoda Carleton Coote, widow of the late Major Henry Coote, M.L.C., of Matahiwi, who departed this life at her residence, 'Burton Fins,' Petworth, after a brief illness.

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NEW ZEALANDERS ABROAD.

Mr J. E. Chaytor, of Marlborough, is a New Zealander who does good by stealth, and I am glad to be able to give him the opportunity of blushing to find it fame. He is taking the opportunity of a trip Home to present 30 of his sheep to Dr. Barnado's home. This is not the first instance of Mr Chaytor's practical generosity.

Mr Harry Hobbs has been singing successfully this week at the smokers of the London Australasian Clubs and Pickwick Club. He has been made an honorary member of the Savage Club and attended its first Saturday night of the winter season when Lal Brough took the chair and there was no guest of the evening, the invitation to de Rougemont having been cancelled.

Mrs Marcell is returning to Christchurch this week after a delightful trip.

Mrs and Miss Mellish, of Christchurch, have taken a flat in Chelsea Gardens. Miss Mellish has taken up cooking as a profession and was much in evidence at the Earl's court Exhibition at a scientific display of culinary operations.

Mr W. A. Schwartz, who came over recently by the North German Lloyd, is busily engaged at the Mile End Road picking up the latest wrinkles in the cycle trade.

Mr Victor Harman, of Christchurch, is over on a pleasure trip for a few months. He journeyed over in the Ionic, and after staying with Surgeon-General De Renzy at Ealing has gone to visit relations in Ireland. He expects to return early next year.

Dr. L. A. Hawkes is to be one of the lecturers at the Portman Rooms, Baker-street, in the course of lectures on medical relief arranged by the Joint Committee of the Women's University Settlement, Southwark, the National Women Workers and the Charity Organisation Society. He will lecture on the 'Dispensary.'

Mr Duncan Cameron, of Ashburton, who came Home by the Gothic with his wife and daughters in July last, and after spending a few weeks in the Metropolis went North to visit friends in Yorkshire and Scotland, returned to London last week and for the time being is in residence at the Hotel Metropole. After a very pleasant Highland tour Mr and Mrs Duncan made their way South, paying brief visits to Birmingham, Cheltenham, where their daughters are at college, and thence going to Somerset, Devon, Cornwall, and Hampshire, whence they came on to London. They were favoured with brilliantly fine weather almost throughout their wanderings and consequently enjoyed themselves greatly. Mr Cameron intends to remain in town until November 23rd, when he and Mrs Cameron embark for Port Said by the P. and O. steamer Shannon. They spend a week in Cairo and then continue their homeward voyage in the Himalaya as far as Melbourne. They intend to spend a few days in the Victorian capital and in Sydney, before crossing to the colony, which Mr Cameron hopes to reach before harvesting operations are in full swing. The Misses Cameron remain in England for a couple of years to complete their education.

The Ceylon Government has adopted the Imperial penny post. New Zealanders are anxious to follow suit.

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