

weathered his ninety-fourth birthday last June, brought his adventurous life's voyage to a close this week. The Grand Old Man of the Navy was a universal favourite, and his death has called forth the warmest expressions of affection and regret on every hand. Upon Admiral Koppell's remarkable career I need not dwell, for his celebrity was world-wide. To him the King and Queen have lost one of their most valued friends. Only the other day a London illustrated paper published an interesting photograph which showed the gallant old sailor arm-in-arm with her Majesty the Queen on board the Royal yacht. The King, the Queen and the German Emperor all sent wreaths for the funeral on Thursday, and accompanying the Queen's was the touching inscription, written in her own hand: "In loving memory of my beloved little Admiral, the best and bravest of men. From Alexandra. Rest in peace."

Mr Seddon is now the record Premier of the Southern Hemisphere having passed the ten years and six months of Sir John Forrest's reign in Western Australia. But, as the "Westminster Gazette" points out, he will have to remain at the head of affairs in New Zealand for another seven years in order to lower the record of the Northern Hemisphere in this connection. The late Sir John Macdonald was Prime Minister of Canada for the unprecedented period of seventeen years. The present Liberal Premier, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, also seems set for a long innings.

The Colonial Secretary of State has quite an accumulation of prizes in the form of colonial governorships to bestow just now, and the filling of the vacancies is being looked forward to with unusual interest. That of New Zealand is an important and coveted office, with abundance of Government House accommodation, £5000 salary and £2000 a year of an allowance for hospitality. Mauritius, a pleasant colony for a Governor, is worth £5000 a year; and Tasmania £5000, with easy work and a bracing and pleasant climate. The Singapore post carries a salary of £5000, but the work calls for an expert and diplomatic administrator. British North Borneo has pay in dollars to the odd tune of 14,000; while British Honduras, with another class of dollar, finds its Governor 8748 a year. It is not often (says the "Westminster Gazette") that a Colonial Secretary has such a heavy and varied batch of governorships in his patronage at one time, and Mr Lyttelton will no doubt be glad when he has arranged them all.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS

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BIRTHS.

- ALLAN.—Feb. 15, the wife of Joseph Allan, Hopehill, of triplets (three sons).
- ALLEN.—Feb. 22, at 71 Arthur-st., Dunedin, the wife of James Auld, a son.
- BURD.—Feb. 22, at the Manse, Milburn, the wife of the Rev. G. Budd, a daughter (still born).
- DOUGLAS.—On the 22nd February, 1904, at her residence, 27 Donald McLean, Wellington, the wife of G. N. Douglas of a son.
- ELLIS.—Feb. 10, at Belfast, the wife of G. A. Ellis, a daughter.
- EMERSON.—Feb. 10, at Invercargill, the wife of Ralph Emerson, a daughter.
- HURST.—Feb. 20, at Lillooet, Waiwatu, the wife of R. B. Hurst, a daughter.
- LAURENSEN.—Feb. 22, at Lyttelton, the wife of Geo. Laursen, a son.
- LIBEAU.—Feb. 1, at Newstead, Waikato, the wife of R. Libeau, a daughter.
- LINTON.—Feb. 22, at Dunedin, the wife of Robert Linton, a son.
- RUSSELL.—Feb. 15, at Arrowtown, the wife of William Russell, a son.
- SAMSON.—Feb. 22, at Grover, North-East Valley, the wife of J. M. Samson, a son.

MARRIAGES.

- BERNDTSON-NEILSON.—Feb. 19, 1904, at Christchurch, Francis Edward, second son late Bernhard Brewer Berndtson, to Amy, eldest daughter of the late Hon. W. H. Karso, Southland.
- CLARKE-STAPLES.—Feb. 15, 1904, at Wellington, Stanley Clarke, third son of Henry George Clarke, Christchurch, to Maude Ethel Staples, youngest daughter of John Staples, Wellington.
- COOKE DAVIS.—At Christchurch, R. J. Cooke, son of the late R. J. Cooke, to Jean Frances, daughter of J. Davis, Christchurch.
- GLENNIE-McDONALD.—Wed., Feb. 24, 1904, at Dunedin, Charles David, son of J. A. Lennie, to Annie Taylor, daughter of A. McDonald.
- LOYD TRAYERS.—Feb. 10, at Wellington, Gibson-Smith, James William, eldest son of the late Oliver Charles Lloyd, of Lancaster, Tasmania, to Eva Zealandia, only daughter of R. F. Travers, Esq., of Haiku-yaki, Wellington.
- NEES-RIDLEY.—Feb. 17, at the residence of the bride's parents, Wellington, Berthold Hermann, fourth son of William Nees, to Emily Helena Victoria Ridley, M.B., Ch.B., eldest daughter of William Ridley.
- SLOWEY-LALIX.—At the Pro-Cathedral, Christchurch, by the Rev. Father O'Connell, S.M., Thomas Francis Westport, to Mary, eldest daughter of the late John Lalley, Esq.

DEATHS.

- ALLEN.—On Feb. 16, Hopehill, the infant son (one of triplets), of Miss Joseph Allan.
- BRODRICK.—At Invercargill, on Feb. 23, Thomas Brodrick, aged 85 years.
- BROWN.—On Feb. 21, 1904, at Wellington, Teresa (Rockie), youngest daughter of T. H. and L. Brown, aged 11 years and 6 months.
- CORSON.—On Feb. 21, at Tokomairiro, George Corson, farmer, aged 60 years.
- DAWSON.—On February 23, 1904, at his late residence, Arborfield, Ellerslie, Tharleton Dawson, Lieut.-Colonel (late) of the Royal Irish Regiment (late 18th Royal Irish), dearly beloved husband of Marie Louise Dawson; aged 60. Deeply regretted.
- Mrs Dawson and Sons desire to express their heartfelt thanks to the kind friends, who by letters, telegrams, cards, and beautiful floral emblems, showed their sympathy with them in their late sad bereavement.
- DEAPPER.—On Feb. 22, at 124 Manchester-st., Christchurch, John Deapper, of 30 years, Kent, England, in his 70th year.
- DUCK.—On Feb. 8, at Drybread, Otago, Henry Duck; aged 65 years.
- HATCHARD.—On Feb. 22, at the Hospital, Wellington, Gladys May Elizabeth Hatchard, aged 4 years and 6 months.
- HARBOR.—On Feb. 19, at Dunedin, John, third son of Henry and Sarah Harbour; aged 31 years. Deeply regretted.
- JOHNSTON.—On Feb. 22, at her residence, Forbury-terrace, St. Clair, Mary, wife of Thomas Johnston; aged 74 years.
- JOHNSTON.—On Feb. 20, at Dunedin, Henry, father of late Annie Johnston; aged 68 years.
- MITCHELL.—On Feb. 18, at Oamaru, James Mitchell; aged 45 years.
- MONKMAN.—On Feb. 3, 1904, at Carell-street, Dunedin, Robert Boyle, third son of the late H. B. Monkman; aged 39 years.
- PENKETT.—At his residence, St. Kilda, James, beloved husband of Margaret Penkett, brother of John and Elizabeth Penkett, also Mrs Collins, Kensington and 43, R.I.P.
- SINCLAIR.—On Feb. 21, at his residence, Cavendish Rise, Robert Sinclair; aged 50 years.

- THOMSON.—On Feb. 22, at Waiwari, Alex. Thomson; aged 20.
- THOMPSON.—On Feb. 19, at 20th Dunedin, John Millington, son of Thomas and Isabella Thompson.
- WHEELER.—On Feb. 19, at Christchurch, Jasper Wheeler; aged 51 years.

OBITUARY.

LIEUT. COLONEL DAWSON.

One of the best-known of old Auckland identities was removed last week in the person of Lieut.-Colonel Dawson, who died at his late residence Ellerslie, after a brief illness. In military, sporting, and social circles the late Colonel was equally well-known and highly-respected, and his death will leave a decided gap, which it will be impossible to fill. The professional career of the deceased gentleman, of whom a picture is given on page 32, was prolonged and distinguished. He entered the service as Ensign in 1859, and was ordered with his regiment, the then 18th Royal Irish, to New Zealand in 1863, and received his Commission as Lieutenant in October of that year. He served with the 18th in New Zealand, and commanded a company throughout the Waikato and Waingani Campaigns from August, 1863, to May, 1866, and commanded Woodall's Redoubt during the West Coast Campaign from February, 1866, to March, 1866, being engaged in the following operations:—Expedition to Papatara, relief of the Maunaki Stockade, occupation of Meremere. He also commanded the Pokeno Patrol when attacked by the enemy on the morning of September 2, 1863 (mentioned in despatches), and received a special medal. He returned to England with his regiment (the last regiment stationed in the Australian colonies) in 1870; was gazetted Captain in 1871, and five years later was appointed adjutant to the Kilkenny Fusiliers, which appointment he held until 1881, when he returned to his regiment and was gazetted Major. He shortly afterwards retired under the warrant of 1881 with the rank of Lieut.-Colonel, having served for 23 years, being still eligible for service up to the age of 60 years. Lieut.-Colonel Dawson returned to Auckland in 1881, and took up his residence at "Arborfield," Ellerslie, where he took a great interest in parochial matters, being for many years a member and chairman of the Mount Wellington Road Board. He was a keen sportsman, and for some years acted as Master of the Pakuranga Hunt Club; he was also, up to recent years, a member of the Auckland Racing Club, and the Auckland Polo Club, for both of which clubs he occupied for some years the honoured post of president. Colonel Dawson was appointed a J.P. in 1887. Lieut.-Colonel Dawson was the third son of Mr George Pelsont Dawson, of Osbald Hall, York, and of Arborfield, Berks, barrister at law, Deputy-Lieutenant and J.P. for the East and West Riding of Yorkshire, and J.P. for Berkshire. He leaves a widow, daughter of the late Christopher Greenway, and two sons to mourn their loss.

THE HON. HENARE TOMOANA, M.L.C.

The death of the Hon. Henare Tomoana, M.L.C., took place on the 20th inst., from bronchitis, at the age of 71. It is difficult at this distance of time to recall the sensation that was produced by the depositions of Te Kooti in 1869, but the late Henare Tomoana was one of the most prominent figures amongst the friendly natives at that time. He distinguished himself in the fighting near Gisborne, and also in the encounter at Te Poreua on the south-western side of the Tongururu range. On that occasion the officers of the Government forces under Colonel McDonnell included Major Kemp, Captain St. George, Sub-Inspectors Scannell and Northeroft, Henare Tomoana, and the well-known chief Renata Kawepo. In 1879 Tomoana went into the New Zealand Parliament, and sat in the House of Representatives till 1884. In 1887 he was called to the Legislative Council, and has been one of the leading representatives of the Waipatu pah. The deceased was accorded a military funeral, which was largely attended, and took place on Sunday afternoon.

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ENGAGEMENTS.

The engagement is announced of Mr. Sydney E. Greville-Smith, editor of the "Sporting Review," Auckland, to Miss Ida Brookfield, daughter of Mr Frederick Brookfield, of Onehunga. The engagement is announced of Mr. Duncan Gunning, South Africa, son of Mr. Cumming, Chief Postmaster, Auckland, to Miss Muriel Martin, second daughter of Mr. R. Martin, of Onehunga.

Society Gossip

AUCKLAND.

Dear Bee, March 1. Mrs Dillingham gave a most enjoyable afternoon tea at her pretty house in Gladstone road last Tuesday. The tea was principally for girls, and was given partly as a farewell to Miss Riche, who is returning to her home in Sydney, and partly to enable Mrs Dillingham to say good-bye to some of her friends, as she intends leaving on a visit to the States shortly. The verandahs were awned-in and furnished with carpets and comfortable easy chairs, and a large American flag hung from the balcony. It was the anniversary of George Washington's birthday, so during the afternoon Miss Rogers sang the National Anthem, as well as several other songs. Miss Muriel Moss Davis also sang; Mrs Leo Myers and Miss Riche adding to the enjoyment of the afternoon by giving one or two capital recitations. A dainty afternoon tea was provided, including the most delicious American ice creams, the table being prettily decorated with the American stars and stripes and lovely pink and heliotrope asters. Mrs Dillingham received us in a tasteful mourning costume of black voile, with jetted lace yolk and silk strappings; Miss Julia Dillingham wore a pretty white shirred silk frock with white sash; Mrs McConnell was in a holland skirt, pretty white blouse inserted with lace, black hat; Mrs Leo Myers, champagne tinted skirt, with wide insertions of twice-coloured lace, dainty white blouse, smart black hat finished with fan-shaped osprey in front; Miss Riche, pretty cream voile skirt and white silk and insertion blouse, sash of deep rose-coloured chiffon, picturesque cream and green straw hat; Miss Phillips, black voile skirt banded with cream applique insertion, white blouse and chine ribbon sash, burnt straw hat trimmed with black; Miss Brown, champagne-coloured grass lawn costume profusely trimmed with insertion of same shade, large hat wreathed with pink roses and chiffon choux and strings; Miss Brown, dainty pink and cream floral delaine gown with gauged founce, pretty hat to match; Miss Cotter, pretty royal blue envasa coatee and skirt with narrow pipings of blue and white checked silk cream vest, crimson waist-belt, and smart crimson Bretonne hat with little choux of same shade; Miss Lena Moss wore a navy blue linen coat and skirt piped with white, white muslin and insertion blouse, hat trimmed with morio green; Miss Gill, pretty old rose voile coatee and skirt inset with wide cream insertion, cream vest, black picture hat; Miss E. Young, black voile skirt, dainty light blouse, country girl hat; Miss —, Heywood, dark corseflower blue figured costume with cream lace applications and cream yoke, black upturned hat; Miss Goldie, cream tucked voile skirt, dainty chiffon and silk blouse, burnt straw hat with black and green

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