

Sir Joseph Ward has definitely abandoned the St. Louis trip. Mr. Doune, secretary of the Tourist Department, will represent the colony there.

A purse of sovereigns has been presented to the Rev. W. J. Elliott, who, after some years work in Wellington, is going to the West Coast.

Mrs. and Miss Gills (London), who have been sightseeing in New Zealand, have left for Sydney on their return journey.

Mrs. and Miss Dillingham, wife and daughter of the Consul-General of the U.S.A., will be among the Sierra's passengers to America.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Kennedy and party, of Wellington, go to England via America by the Sierra, and are expected to call in at the St. Louis Exposition.

A dressing-case has been presented by the staff of Harcourt and Co. to Mr. Stanton Harcourt, who is shortly leaving for a trip Home, via Vancouver.

Mrs. Margoliouth, the Misses Margoliouth, and Mr. C. L. Margoliouth, of Milton Terrace, Napier, have left by the Ionic for a trip to England.

Miss N. Cowper, of Wanganui, has gone for a visit to Dannevirke. She is the guest of Mrs. E. Cowper and Mrs. Knight.

Mr. A. T. Bate has been elected acting-chairman of the Wellington Athletic Park Company, during the absence in England of Mr. H. P. Bell.

Mrs. and Miss Wright, of "Loloma," Cambridge, are staying in Auckland at present for the benefit of the former's health.

Miss M. Cousin, of Auckland, is at present staying with Mrs. Brooks, of the Bank of New Zealand, Cambridge, for a few weeks.

Miss Knight, of Auckland, is the guest of Mrs. Liffitt, in Wanganui.

Mr. D. Morrison, of Wanganui, spent Easter in Auckland.

Mrs. and the Misses Margoliouth (3) (Napier) spent a few days in Wellington prior to leaving by the Ionic for a trip Home.

Sir Donald and Lady Robertson (India) have been staying at Miss Malcolm's, Wellington, for a week or two before leaving for England by the Ionic.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Butterworth (Dunedin) passed through Wellington recently on their way to England. They travel by the Vancouver route.

Miss Ivy Jordan has won the ladies' championship of the Bay of Plenty Tennis Club, with Miss Cramer-Roberts as runner-up, and Mr. W. McKinnon has won the men's championship.

Mr. H. D. Bell (Wellington) goes to England by the next 'Frisco' mail steamer on legal business, which makes it necessary for him to appear at the Privy Council.

The young miner, T. Lindsay, who was killed at the Reefton mine fatality, was well-known in Waikato, where he worked for some time, and was popular. He was 26 years of age.

The death of Mr. G. H. Gane, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Gane, well-known in the Waikato, is announced. The young man (he was only 31) died at Kolomoa, N.W. Rhodesia, of malignant malaria.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. O'Deane, of Ash-cott, and Mr. H. H. Pharaayn, also of Hawke's Bay, returned to Wellington by the Moeraki after a 12 months' visit to England.

Mr. H. L. Saunders, of Perth (W.A.), who has been on an extended visit to Rotorua, returned on Monday, and intends staying in Auckland for a few weeks at the Central Hotel.

A splendid prismatic binocular glass has been presented by the staffs of the N.Z. "Times" Company, to Mr. Martin Kennedy, who is shortly going Home for a trip.

The friends of Mr. J. T. Steele, of Wellington, have presented him with a handsome oak case of table silver and cutlery, in honour of his approaching marriage.

Mrs. Glendinning, of Waihua, Waitoa, has gone to Lyttelton to see her son off by the Ionic. Mr. Vincent Glendinning is leaving for London to study for the medical profession.

Mr. John Roberts, C.M.G., of Dunedin, has been in Napier in connection with the transference of his Clive Grange property to Mr. J. G. Macfarlane, lately of Poverty Bay.

Mrs. C. Pharaayn (England) is staying at Caulfield House, Wellington before taking possession of "Searoft," Hobson street, which she will occupy during the absence in England of Mrs. W. Pharaayn.

The Rev. W. C. Oliver, who is leaving Wellington for Christchurch, was entertained by his parishioners at a farewell social, and presented with a purse of sovereigns.

An illuminated address has been presented by the Wellington Justices of the Peace to Mr. Ralph Levell, one of their number, who is shortly going to Melbourne.

A handsome office desk and chair have been presented by the staff and the students of the Wellington Technical School to Mr. A. D. Riley, who recently resigned the position of director.

Mr. McNab, M.H.R., leaves shortly for Sydney to seek information from early New South Wales records for the book he contemplates publishing in regard to the early history of Southern New Zealand.

Mr. A. C. Knight, of Te Kau Bay, who has recently returned from England, has taken "Abberley," the property of Mr. Robert Allen, for a year (writes our Christchurch correspondent).

Mr. R. S. Hawkins, who recently retired from the position of Stipendiary Magistrate at Greytown, spent a few days in Wellington before leaving for South Africa by the Devon, to visit his son.

Mr. Joseph Evans, the well-known Northern gum-buyer, was recently presented with a dressing-case by the people of Holooura and Waihopo before he left the district on a visit to England.

Mr. F. W. Hare, of Whakapirau School, has been presented by the residents of Whakapirau with a set of solid silver serviette rings, and by the school children with a handsome silver ink-stand, as wedding gifts.

Mr. William Satchell has accepted by cable an offer from the proprietors of Macmillan's Magazine for a new long story of New Zealand life. Publication will begin on conclusion of the current serial. The same publishers will subsequently produce the work in book form.

Mr. Holmes, manager of the Wellington branch of the Union Bank, has obtained leave of absence, and is shortly going on a round-the-world trip. Mr. Gibson takes his place as manager pro tem.

A complimentary banquet was recently tendered by the residents of Johnsonville (Wellington), to Mr. W. Field (their member). The ladies of Johnsonville intend to entertain Mrs. Field at a social.

Mr. J. M. Johnston, secretary of the Manawatu Racing Club, and treasurer of the A.M.P. Association, was tendered a public farewell at Palmerston North recently on the occasion of his visit to England.

Mrs. and the Misses Joseph (Wellington) are back after an extensive tour of the South Island, which included visits to the Cold Lakes, Mt. Cook Hermitage, and the coaching trip via the Buller and Otira Gorges.

Writing from New York to Mr. G. Laursen, M.H.R., Mr. H. D. Bedford, M.H.R., states that he was accorded a private interview with President Roosevelt, who was very courteous, and seemed to possess a good knowledge of New Zealand legislation.

Dr. Walter Shand has joined the army of young doctors who have recently set up practice in Wellington, and after a short visit to his people in Dunedin, moves into his house in Vivian-street, where he will practise his profession.

Mr. H. F. Reece (Christchurch) and family have left for England, via Sydney. Mr. Reece is one of the directors of the British-New Zealand Meat and Produce Company, and goes to London to inaugurate the company's business there. He will probably be absent from the colony for several years.

Mr. Brownlee, sen., of Havelock, has postponed his contemplated trip to England on account of the damage done to his property by the recent flood. So many men would be thrown out of employment by his departure just now, that Mr. Brownlee feels it his duty to remain and set the sawmilling industry going again.

A marble tablet was recently unveiled by the Bishop of Melbourne in St. Paul's Cathedral to the memory of Cymbeline Huddart, son of the late Jas. Huddart, and formerly a midshipman on H.M.S. Doris. He was killed in action and buried at Graspan, Cape Colony, on November 25, 1899.

There is not a vestige of truth, no the Defence Department says, in the statement appearing in a Southern paper to the effect that Colonel Porter contemplated throwing up his position as Officer-Commanding the Canterbury Volunteer District.

Mr. Thomas Cullen, of the Lands Department, has been promoted to the responsible position of Receiver of Lands Revenue at New Plymouth. He has the reputation of being a very able young man. Mr. Cullen is an Onehunga boy, and has numerous friends and relatives here.

Dr. F. T. Bayntun's departure for England has been postponed for a while until he has further recovered from the severe fall he sustained some time ago. He tripped on the stairs of his house and hurt his neck rather seriously. He is now recuperating at Te Aroha, and his health is improving considerably.

The death is announced of Mr. Francis Greene, an old Auckland identity. The deceased was a well-known commercial traveller. For many years he was in the employ of Messrs. William McArthur and Co., Ltd., and was subsequently with Messrs. Trenwith Bros. The cause of death was paralysis.

Dr. E. E. Fooks, of Ngawaro (Bay of Plenty), a popular medico in the locality, died suddenly at the residence of Dr. Brown, in Tauranga, a few days ago. He had got wet through on the way down to Tauranga, and the chill he got proved suddenly fatal. He had lived in Tauranga many years, and was a member of the Foresters' order, being surgeon to the local court.

A presentation of a purse of sovereigns was made to Mr. F. Geison, assistant engineer to the Public Works Department, on March 30, by the Public Works employees and settlers round Ahuroa. Mr. Geison has been in charge of the Helensville northwards railway construction works for the last six years, and has been retired.

A very pleasant little incident took place at the head office of the New Zealand Accident Insurance Company last week, when Mr. N. Waddell, on behalf of the staff, presented Mr. E. B. Gillfillan, who is about to be married, with a set of handsomely-mounted pipes, cigar-holder, etc. Mr. Gillfillan in a few well-chosen words suitably responded.

We are glad to know that letters received by the last Sydney mail from Dr. Goldie show that his sojourn in the Blue Mountains has been so beneficial that he was able to make arrangements for the continuation of his trip Home. He was to leave Sydney by the Mongolia yesterday en route for England.

The Right Hon. R. J. Seddon received the following cablegram from the Prime Minister of the Commonwealth:—"I regret to say that the Press reports are correct. Mr. Kingston is seriously ill, but was reported a little better yesterday." Mr. Kingston and Mr. Seddon have a mutual admiration for each other, and are very good friends. Mr. Kingston's admiration for Mr. Seddon is unbounded.

Mr. W. J. Hookey, of the Auckland Gas Company, accompanied by his wife, left on Monday for Sydney to catch the China for Europe via Suez. They expect to be away about six months. After an absence of 10 years Mr. Hookey is visiting relations and renewing old friendships, and at the same time will post himself up in the latest improvements in gas engineering.

Miss Flossie Quin, an Auckland girl who is studying music at the convent of the Sisters of Mercy in Bendigo (Vic.), had the honour given her of a special

public commendation by Bishop Reville at a concert recently. The Bishop said that he had heard the song ("The Dear Little Shamrock") sung in Erin often enough, but never with such effect and expression as Miss Quin had given to it. Miss Quin had, he was pleased to observe, an exceptional musical talent.

The position of general manager in New Zealand for the Liverpool, London and Globe Insurance Company has been conferred on Mr. Charles Cooper, who for twenty years has been connected with the insurance department of Levin and Co., Wellington. Mr. Cooper has been an officer of the Wellington Navals for many years, and will be much missed in athletic circles. He has already left for Christchurch to take up his new duties.

A paragraph in this column concerning certain New Zealanders, who were on the old H.M.A. Worcester with Admiral Togo, has caused a good deal of interest in Auckland. Mr. E. S. Stretton writes us from Helensville to say that he was on board the Worcester at the same time. He mentions Captain Worrall, of the Union Steamship Co., as also being a cadet of the same year in the training-ship.

Mr. W. Birch, of Marton, and his nephew, Mr. Caccia Birch, of Erewhion station, Hawke's Bay, had an unpleasant accident recently. They were driving to Taueru when they met a loaded waggon just at the Devil's Elbow. Their horses swerved, with the result that their vehicle and its occupants were precipitated over the edge, and fell for a distance of about 25ft. Marvellously to relate, however, neither Mr. Birch nor his nephew received the slightest injury. The horses also were unharmed.

The Napier Boys' High School has had another year of remarkable successes in the public examinations, securing 20 passes. The total number of passes during the last three years alone is 60. The successful pupils at the recent examinations were: Medical preliminary—Simcox, Sandel, Whyte; matriculation—Hewitt and Glendinning; senior civil service (partial)—Nikolaïson and Rundle; junior civil service—Rundle, Lewis, Hewitt, Carver, Goulding, Cottrell, Wilkie, Dolbie, Marbrook, McRae, Schiering, Israel, and Swan; the first four being in the first 100 for the colony.

The annual meeting of the Whakatu (Hawke's Bay) Golf Club was held at Hastings on March 20, when the following officers were elected:—Presidents, Messrs T. Crosse and C. Ellison; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. H. A. Brathwaite; general committee, Messrs J. Beatson, R. Brathwaite, C. D. Kennedy, C. L. Mackersey, J. H. McNiven, and E. H. Williams; ground committee, Messrs Cox, H. A. Brathwaite, and T. Crosse; handicappers, Messrs Beatson, Crosse and the secretary; sub-committee, Messrs Beatson, Crosse and Kennedy; finance committee, Messrs R. and H. Brathwaite.

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