

Mr and Mrs Arthur Dodd, who have been on a holiday trip to Melbourne, and Sydney, returned to Auckland by the Manuka on Sunday last. They went on to their home at the Thames the same day.

Mrs Snell, of Huntley-avenue, Auckland, who has been paying an extended visit to relatives in England, arrived in Sydney by the Orontes, and came on from there in the Manuka, which reached Auckland on Sunday last.

Miss Eva Kissling, who has been residing in England for the past few years, has come out to visit her relatives in New Zealand. She arrived last week by the Turakina at Wellington, where she was met by her sister, Miss May Kissling, and they both came on to Auckland by the Tarawera.

At the Chief Post Office in Dunedin Mr. F. E. Morton was, on the occasion of his transfer to Auckland, presented with a travelling bag, pocket-book, and walking-stick, all suitably inscribed. Mr. Wilkin, the chief postmaster, in making the presentation on behalf of the staff, expressed regret at the loss of so popular an officer as Mr. Morton, and wished him success throughout his future career.

Mr H. R. Bush, secretary of the Paeroa Rugby Union, has been presented by that body with a handsome marble clock as a recognition of his valuable services to the cause of the game last season. The presentation was made by the chairman, Mr. W. Nicol, who eulogised the enthusiasm with which Mr Bush had discharged his duties.

Mr S. E. McCarthy, the Invercargill S.M., will be appointed to relieve District Judge Kettle during the latter's holiday. It is expected that Mr McCarthy, who went South a few days ago, will return immediately from Invercargill to take up his duties. The vacancy on the magisterial bench in Dunedin caused by the lamented death of Mr E. H. Carew has at last been filled by the appointment of Mr Widdowson, a Christchurch barrister, who, it is expected, will fill the position temporarily, if not permanently.

The Hon. Rhona Hanbury-Tracy, who arrived by the Zealandia last Sunday with the intention of spending some time in New Zealand, is a daughter of Lord Sudeley, the fourth baron of his line. Her father is rather a distinguished man, being a P.C. and V.R.S. He is a barrister at law, and was formerly a lieutenant of the Royal Navy, having served in the Baltic and China. He was for fourteen years a member of Parliament.

A private cable reports the death at Durban of Mr A. F. W. Hill, secretary and treasurer of the New Zealand Rugby Football Club, aged 23. He was formerly connected with Kitchener's Fighting Scouts, but remained in the Transvaal, where he occupied a responsible position in a mercantile establishment. His parents live in North-East Valley. Deceased went over to the Cape with a number of remounts from Dunedin.

Bishop Neligan returned on Monday from Coromandel, where he had been paying an episcopal visit. He conferred a number of candidates there, and also visited the Maori settlement of Mania, where he was received with enthusiasm. The Bishop was also present at a social tendered to the Rev. P. T. Fortune and his wife, who are going to Papakura. Addresses were delivered at the meeting by Revs. P. Thompson (Presbyterian), P. Lynch (Roman Catholic), D. H. Fawcett (Methodist), all emphasising the esteem in which Mr Fortune was held by all congregations. A marble clock was presented to the retiring vicar by his congregation and a purse of sovereigns was presented by his friends in the other denominations.

Another of the early settlers has passed away in the person of Mr. William Webster, of Hokianga. Mr. Webster arrived in New Zealand from Glasgow, Scotland, about 1838, and after residing in Wellington for some time, settled in the Hokianga district. About 40 years ago Mr. Webster walked from Auckland to Wellington, and he was probably the first man to go overland right through. He was present at the last reunion of old colonists in Auckland. Mr. John Webster, of Hokianga, and Mr. Alex. Webster are brothers of the deceased, who also leaves two sons and two daughters, the last-named being Mrs. Cardno and Mrs. J. McK. Geddes, of Auckland.

Mr F. C. Ronalds, second engineer of the Monowai, has been awarded the gold medal of the Australasian Society of Marine Engineers as a recognition of his bravery in saving the lives of his comrades, who were suffocating in the fumes from a burst ammonia pipe. Mr Ronalds went in at the risk of his own life and saved them. Medals of the Royal Humane Society have also been presented to Mr John F. McNab, his daughter Ethel and his sons Allan and Albert, of Motueka (Nelson) for their bravery in helping to rescue two men from drowning at Rakaiia on October 22 last.

There were some large estates lodged for probate in the colony during the month. The largest was that of the late Andrew Reeves, of Gisborne, proved at £28,004. The estate of the late Robert Parrie, of New Plymouth, was certified at £18,209, that of John P. Dalrymple, of Wellington, at £17,404; William Evans, of Otago, £16,920; Robert B. Denniston, also of Otago at £12,342; and James Donald, of Wellington, £10,924. The principal other estates were: Auckland—James Wallace £4434, John Sanderson £2892, Margaret M. Kingsford £1283, George F. Millais £1208, John I. Knight £2015, Isaac J. Burgess £4237. Canterbury—Dugald McLaren £3102, James McLeod £2724, Jane Conell £2368. Otago—Donald Simpson £5874. Blenheim—James O'Dwyer £6294.

The Auckland Harbour Board has received information from the Admiralty that Mr Kite, the assistant director of works for the Admiralty, will arrive in Auckland this week. Mr Kite will inspect the Calliope Dock, and it is understood that this is part of an exhaustive inspection of the various ports of the Empire which the Admiralty has more or less under its control. It points to a great appreciation by the Admiralty of the necessity of attending closely to the outposts of the Imperial scheme of defence. Mr Kite is one of the most trusted servants in the administrative department of the Admiralty, and holds the second highest position in his department.

The many friends of Mr Albert J. Long, school teacher at Maramarua, will regret his early death, which has occurred at the age of 23. He had a fall from his horse on November 23, and although he was brought to Auckland and placed under the care of Drs. Knight and Hoberton, he had suffered such injuries that he could not recover, and he died on Monday. It was a sad ending to a bright life. He had been married but a year, his wife being the daughter of Mr and Mrs Spedding, of Madeira-road, Khyber Pass. Mr Long was under notice of transfer to a larger school in the North, and had been looking forward to his new duties with great pleasure.

The Tourist Department has been advised that Mr Charles J. Glidden, of Boston, Massachusetts, U.S.A., who is making a tour of the world in a motor car, is to leave Vancouver for Suva on December 8. From Fiji he will come on to Auckland, drive through the colony, and then proceed to Australia. Thence he goes to the Philippines and the Far East, and to Palestine, Egypt, Europe, and the United Kingdom. Mr Glidden claims to have been the first man to drive a motor car over the Arctic circle, a feat he accomplished in August last year. He has covered 20,063 miles since he began. The car is a Napier, and the speed varies from 15 miles an hour on the roads to 30 miles along railroad tracks—a method he is the first to adopt.

The secretary of the Auckland centre of the St. John Ambulance Association has received the result of the examination conducted by Dr. Pabst of the ladies to whom Dr. Scott gave the lectures on first aid at Ouchunga. Miss F. Roberts passed in first aid; Mrs. Robins, Miss Phipps and Miss M. Moody passed in first aid in the first class; Mrs. Davies and Miss G. Burden passed the medallion examination; and Misses A. L. and M. Gillman, C. Cunningham and L. and E. Fleming passed the medallion examination in the first class. Ten of the ladies to whom Dr. Pabst lectured last year were examined by Drs. Grant and Neil last week. Mrs Sheppard and Misses M. A. Cooke, M. Hicks and E. Kirk passed the medallion examination, and Misses J. Smith, M. MacLeod, O. Page, V. Plummer, E. Homer and R. Smith passed the medallion examination in the first class.

Major Alexander, C.M.G., in a letter to a friend in Auckland, says he is out of harness for a while, and is rather liking it, but he feels that he will have to get into harness once more very soon as inactivity does not suit him. He has been down in Dover for some time staying with his sister. Lord and Lady Ranfurly and the family were fairly well when he wrote, but Lady Ranfurly had had a very bad illness some time previously. The Earl and Lady Eileen had held an afternoon exhibition of Maori curios, and it had been noticed in the "Times" as very interesting. The Major says that the whole family were wishing themselves back in the colony, and he himself would not be sorry to be back in Maoriland. The Earl was entertained at a huge banquet by the people of Ulster on November 4. Since the Major wrote this letter he has had the order of C.M.G. conferred on him.

Our Wellington correspondent wires: "To all appearances the Government has made a wise choice in its appointments of Mr McIntosh Bell as Director of Geological Survey, in succession to Sir James Hector. The Minister for Mines, who was anxious to obtain the services of the best qualified man for the position, enlisted the services of Professor McLaurin, of Victoria College, and Mr A. McKay, geologist of the Mines Department, with a view of obtaining their expert knowledge as to the fitness of the several applicants. After dealing exhaustively with the credentials of the candidates, the list was narrowed down to three for final review by Cabinet, which had little hesitation in conferring the appointment upon Mr Bell, whose high scholastic and scientific attainments were unimpeachable and endorsed by leading scientists of Canada and elsewhere. It may be mentioned that in the spring of 1901 Mr Bell was offered the position of geologist to the British Antarctic Expedition, but he chose to accept that of geological expert to the Lake Superior Power Company. Mr Bell's geological work has been for the most part in a new country, and he is chiefly interested in those phases of science which more fully meet with the needs of an undeveloped country's economic and practical geology. He has published valuable reports on the Canadian Lake regions, which have not long since passed through the printer's hands. The applicants in final running with Mr Bell are in the Old Country."

BIRTHS MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS

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BIRTHS.

- BARR.—On November 24th, at the Savoye Bank, Devonport, the wife of J. Muir Barr, of a daughter.
BAECHMANN.—On November 25th, 1904, at White House, Dunedin-st., Posenby, the wife of Frederick Baechmann, a son.
COUGHIAN.—On November 26th, at Eccles Avenue, Auckland, to Mr and Mrs R. J. Coughlan, a son.
CROTTY.—On 27th inst., at Crumner Rd., Grey Lynn, the wife of W. E. Crotty of a son.
DYE.—On November 22nd, at Auckland, to Mr and Mrs G. Dye, a daughter.
HUNTER.—On November 26th, the wife of Joseph Hunter, Havelock-st., of a daughter.
JUGOVICH.—On November 14, at Posenby, the wife of Karlo Jugovich of a daughter.
MONTGOMERY.—At her sister's residence, Ardmore-st., Posenby, the wife of Jasper Montgomery of twins (boy and girl).
SELLWOOD.—On November 21, at River View, Mercer, the wife of William Sellwood of a son.
TONG.—On November 20, at Nurse Cameron's, Church-st., Posenby, to Mr and Mrs Percy Tong, a son.

MARRIAGES.

- BLANCHARD—ANDREWS.—On October 20th, at Christchurch, Arthur, youngest son of E. P. Blanchard, surveyor, of Christchurch, to Nettie Margaret daughter of C. F. Andrews, commission agent, of Auckland.
HEATY—HAILEY.—On November 8, at the residence of the bride's mother, May Beatrice, the second daughter of late Edward J. Heaty, of Bladstone, Kent, England, to Samuel Henry Heaty, son of Mr Heaty, of Thames, late of Wanganui.—Keutish papers please copy.

- LAUDER—JOHNSON.—On 26th October, at Epiphany Church, Newton, by the Rev. E. Lusk, Thomas J., third son of T. Lauder, to Florence, youngest daughter of S. and the late E. Johnson, both of this city.
SMITH—IRVINE.—On the 12th October, 1904, at St. James' Church, Wellington, by the Rev. W. S. Baird, David, youngest son of William Smith of Lawrence, Otago, to Alice, eldest daughter of Andrew Irvine, Wright-street, Wellington.

GOLDEN WEDDING.

HORSBROFT—FRASER.—On the 25th November, 1870, at St. Andrew's Church, of England, Cambridge, Waikato, by the Rev. W. R. Rule, William, Charles Henry, only son of Charles Horscroft, of Uckfield, Sussex, England, to Mary Ann Georgina, eldest daughter of the late William John Nugget Fraser, Lieutenant Colonel of the 5th Royal Buffs and Light Infantry Regiment of Middlesex, England; also, great grand daughter of Lord Lovet, of Brantford Castle, Beauvy, Invernesshire, Scotland.

DEATHS.

- BUDD.—On 23rd inst., Winifred Mary (Freda), daughter of Rev. E. C. and M. Budd; aged 14 years.
BARBOUR.—On November 23rd, 1904, at the Auckland Hospital, David Barbour; aged 31 years.
COOPER.—On Wednesday, 23rd, at South Norwood, London, Louis Victor, beloved husband of Leonard Cooper, and son-in-law of Moss de Jongh, Grey Lynn. (By cable).
CROPP.—On November 26th, at his parents' residence, Victoria-st., Onehunga, Michael Albert, infant son of Alfred and Agatha Cropp.
DIAMOND.—On November 25th, 1904, at the Auckland Hospital, Thomas Diamond; aged 98 years.
DOUGLAS.—On November 27th, 1904, at Brighton-road, Parnell, Robert Richard, late of Fiji, dearly beloved husband of Lucy Ethel Douglas, and eldest son of the late Captain Douglas of the 4th West Yorks; aged 34 years. Deeply regretted.
FALLS.—On November 22nd, at his late residence, Whareora, near Whangarei, James, second son of the late Henry Falls, near Aghnacloy, County Tyrone, Ireland; aged 75 years.
HOLDEN.—On November 25, 1904, at the Auckland Hospital, Alfred James Holden; aged 77 years.
JACKSON.—On November 27th, at his parents' residence, Glasgow Terrace, Andrew, the eldest and dearly beloved son of David and Mary C. Jackson.
LONG.—On Monday morning, 28th inst., at Auckland, Albert J. Long, the son of Henry Long, of Hikurangi, and the beloved husband of Abie M. Long (nee Spedding), at the age of 25 years.
LUSK.—At her late residence, Oaklanda road, Mount Eden, on 21st November, Jessie Hart Lusk, eldest daughter of the late H. B. Lusk; aged 75.

- MEATYARD.—On November 27th, at the residence of Mr John Bilkey, Fairview, Pukekohe, Helen, eldest of the late H. E. Meatyard, of Devonport; aged 73 years. English papers please copy.
MARSHALL.—Gordon Elliott Ernest Marshall, the beloved son of Ernest and Sarah Marshall, Posenby Rd., from pneumonia; age 6 years.
NIXON.—On November 24th, at her parents' residence, Norfolk-st., Posenby, Mary, the dearly beloved 3rd daughter of Gerard and Margaret Nixon.
PIRRI.—On November 26th, at his residence, Victoria-st., George, the dearly beloved husband of Isabella Pirri, age 81; late of Kirkcubright, Scotland.
SCOTT.—On November 24th, at Stauwell-st., Parnell, Marjory Isabel, the beloved child of James and Annie Scott; aged 13 months.
VOGLIS.—On 27th November, at the District Hospital, George Voglis, of Greenco; aged 27 years.
WEBSTER.—On November 23rd, at Te Mata, Hokiangs, William Webster, aged 88 years.
WHITE.—On November 26th, 1904, at her residence, St. Francis De Sales-st., Posenby, Catherine, the beloved wife of John White, and eldest daughter of James Conolly, of Mt. Albert; aged 44 years. R.I.P.

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