

Personal Paragraphs

AUCKLAND PROVINCE.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Horton, of Auckland, are visiting Rotorua.

Mr. and Mrs. Bevan (Dunedin) are visiting Rotorua at present.

Mrs. Ansenne (Penrose, Auckland) has been staying in Rotorua.

Mr. Henderson (Dunedin) is staying at Kia Ora House, Rotorua.

Mr. and Mrs. Walker (Wairarapa) have just paid Rotorua a visit.

Miss D. Gould (Oamaru) is staying in Gisborne with her aunt, Mrs. Nolan.

Dr. Parkes, who has been to New Plymouth on account of his mother's illness, returned to Auckland on Sunday.

Mr., Mrs., and Miss Begg, of Balclutha, are staying at the Bungalow, Rotorua.

Mr., Mrs., and Miss Kirkaldie, and Miss Finch (Wellington) have been visiting Rotorua.

Mr. Best, youngest son of Captain Best, was a passenger by the Victoria on Monday. He joins the Pacific at Sydney, and proceeds to London, and will probably be away several years.

Mr. Farner, mine manager at Thames, has received an important appointment as manager of one of the mines in the West Indies. He and Miss Farner will leave Thames this week.

Mr. Frodsham Watkinson, of the firm of Messrs Thos. Cook and Son, Auckland, went last week to Rotorua, in company with Mrs. Watkinson, to take up the position of manager of the Lake House Hotel.

Mr. E. A. Eva, late chief clerk for the Union Company at Auckland, left for the south by the Rarawa last week to take over the position of local traffic manager at Wellington. The manager (Mr. A. B. J. Irvine), on behalf of the staff, presented Mr. Eva with a travelling rug and straps, a silver shield on the rug being suitably inscribed.

Mr. Chambers, who came over from Sydney on Sunday, relieves Mr. Ceranty temporarily as wharf manager for the Huddart-Parker Company at Auckland. Mr. and Mrs. Ceranty left by the Zealandia on Tuesday for Dunedin. They proceed thence to Melbourne and Sydney. Mr. Chambers was purser of the Blingamite at the time she was wrecked.

Mr. Murdoch McLean announces that, in response to a requisition signed by £200 electors of Parnell, he will be a candidate for that constituency at the next general election, in the Opposition interest. He will take an early opportunity of addressing the electors at various centres. He also intimates the withdrawal of his candidature for Grey Lynn.

The Very Rev. Dean Foley, of the Temuka (Canterbury) Roman Catholic Church, is lying at the Mater Misericordiae hospital, in Auckland, very critically ill. He has been in the hospital for the past fortnight, and grave fears are entertained as to his condition. The Dean came up from Canterbury about eight months ago in the hope that the waters of Te Aroha and Rotorua would improve his crippled health, but instead of getting better he became steadily worse, and a fortnight ago he had to be removed to Auckland.

There was a large attendance of members and friends at the Edeuatale Presbyterian Church last week, when a farewell social was tendered to Rev. and Mrs. J. M. Fraser, on the eve of their departure for Waipu. The chair was occupied by the Rev. W. Gray Dixon, who in very suitable terms spoke of the capabilities and characteristics of both Mr. and Mrs. Fraser. During the evening Mrs. J. Dick, on behalf of the Ladies' Guild, presented Mrs. Fraser with a neat and artistic silver flower stand; and Mr. Fraser was the recipient of a handsome silver inkstand, presented by Mr. E. E. Chappell on behalf of the congregation.

One of the oldest officials of the Bank of New South Wales passed away at his residence, Silver-road, Epsom, Auckland, last week, in the person of Mr. Gilbert King. The deceased gentleman was about 60 years of age, and had been in the service of the bank for over 40

years. He had occupied the position of manager of several of the bank's branches in different parts of the colony, and was appointed to the management of the Auckland branch in 1892. He held this position for two years, after which he became inspector of the Queensland branches. The climate told on his health, and paralysis seizing him, he was compelled to retire from the service on a pension. Mr. King was a keen business man, possessing an intimate knowledge of banking and finance, and was extremely popular with his brother officers and clients. He leaves a widow, two daughters, and a married son in the Kaipara district.

WELLINGTON PROVINCE.

Miss K. Hoadley (Napier) has returned from her visit to Wellington.

Mrs. J. H. McHardy has been spending a few days in Napier.

Mrs. Palmer (Wellington) is the guest of Mrs. Dean, of Napier.

Mr. Norman Fitzherbert (Wanganui) has gone to Sydney for a visit.

Mr. P. S. Maclean (Napier) has been making a short stay in Wellington.

Miss S. Wilson (Wellington) is spending some weeks in Napier.

Mrs. (Egghorn, of Wanganui, has returned from her visit to Blenheim.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Empson, of Wanganui, are at present in Christchurch.

Mr. Houston and Mr. Wray, of Wanganui, are on a visit to Auckland.

Miss Hoggard (Wellington) is paying a visit to Nelson.

Mrs. A. Strang (Manawatu) is paying a visit to Wellington.

Miss Willis has returned to Rangitikei after a stay of some weeks in Wellington.

Miss McBeth, of Christchurch, who has been visiting relations and friends in Wanganui, has returned to her home.

Major Johnston is back in Wellington after two or three weeks in Auckland and the North.

Mrs. McLeod, of Wellington, is staying in Wanganui with her sister, Miss Cameron.

Mrs. Wigram (Christchurch) is the guest of the Hon. Mrs. Arkwright, Wellington.

Miss Gleeson is spending a few days with Mrs. Von Daelson, Hospital Hill, Napier.

Mrs. D. Riddiford (Rangitikei) has been in Wellington lately for a few days.

Colonel Gorton (Bulbs) was in Wellington lately for a golf match, Manawatu v. Wellington.

Mr. Lionel Abraham (Palmerston North) has been spending a few days in Wellington.

Miss Irvine (Wellington) is staying with her sister, Mrs. R. Millton, Palmerston North.

Mrs. Ronald Macdonald (Christchurch) is in Wellington, staying with Mrs. Longman.

Mrs. E. W. Hitchings (Palmerston North) is visiting Mrs. V. T. Hitchings, at Levin.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Johnston (Wellington) have gone to Sydney for two or three weeks.

Mrs. and Miss Crosby (Christchurch) are in Wellington for a week or so in order to be present at the marriage of Dr. Arthur Crosby, Medical Superintendent at Mount View, Wellington, to Dr. Isabel Watson.

Dr. Agnes Lloyd Bennett has arrived in Wellington to take up the medical practice of Dr. Isabel Watson, who is shortly to be married to Dr. Crosby. Dr. Agnes Bennett went through the course at Edinburgh, and took her degree in 1899 at that University.

Mr. C. A. Fitzroy (Hawke's Bay) went to Wellington for the annual conference of the Acclimatisation Societies. He has been energetic in helping on the work of the societies for a long period, and last year occupied the position of president of the New Zealand Association.

Miss Portal and Miss Fanshawe (Sydney), who have been the guests of His Excellency the Governor and Lady Plunket at Government House, Wellington, have gone North en route to the Hot Lakes, writes our Wellington correspondent.

Mr. Justice Denniston and Mr. A. Denniston were in Wellington a few days ago on their return from Canada. The trip, which was undertaken for the benefit of the Judge's health, has been very satisfactory indeed, and his many friends in Wellington are delighted to have him back looking so well.

Mr. George Robertson, of Wellington, has just been appointed representative in New Zealand of the coming International Exhibition, which is to be held next year in Milan, Italy. Mr. Robertson is an excellent linguist. For some years he has been a regular correspondent of "L'Independence, Belge," an European paper of note.

The Hon. T. W. Hislop (Mayor of Wellington), who presided at the preliminary meeting of those anxious to form an Automobile Association in Wellington, is keenly interested in the movement. He was one of the earliest motorists in the capital city, and, undeterred by many misadventures, which were common to all pioneers, has become an expert. Since his accession to the Mayoralty of Wellington he has purchased a large new car.

SOUTH ISLAND.

Mr. George Gillow has returned to Christchurch from Westport.

Miss Barker (South Canterbury) is the guest of Mrs. Boyle (Riccarton).

Mrs. R. Curtis (Ashburton) is visiting friends in Christchurch.

Mrs. St. J. Buckley (Oamaru) has been staying in Christchurch for a short time.

Mrs. Newman (Timaru) is in Christchurch, staying with her mother, Mrs. Garrick (Merivale).

Mrs. and Miss Murchison (Christchurch) have returned to their country residence (Lake Coleridge).

Mrs. Bealey (Hororata) has been staying with Mrs. Denniston, Armagh-street, Christchurch.

Mrs. and Miss Crosby (Christchurch) were in Wellington last week, to be present at Dr. A. Crosby's marriage.

Captain and Mrs. Ewan have returned to Westport from a holiday trip to Sydney.

Dr. Bradshaw (Christchurch) has recovered from his recent illness, and resumed his duties last week.

Mr. F. Perry (Napier) is at present the guest of Mr. and Mrs. George Rhodes at "Elmwood," Papanui-road.

Major U. V. Richards, formerly a resident of Christchurch, but now living in England, has, through the death of General Richards, become heir to £15,000.

Mr. and Mrs. George Rhodes have taken up their residence at "Elmwood," Papanui-road, for Grand National week, writes our Christchurch correspondent.

His Excellency the Governor, Lady Plunket, and the Hon. Kathleen Plunket will be the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Rhodes (Christchurch) during Grand National week.

Mr. E. V. Palmer (Buruham) has returned from his trip to the North Island. It is said that he has purchased a property in Gisborne, writes our Christchurch correspondent.

Mrs. M. Lewin is spending a few days in Christchurch with her relatives. Her daughter, Mrs. Thornton, will be leaving directly for Reefton, where her husband has decided to settle.

Inspector Gillies (Christchurch) has so far recovered from the effects of the accident that he met with on the opening day of the electric car system that he has resumed work, although he is still lame.

Mrs. M. Bethel ("Pahau Pastures") came to town last week to meet her father, Mr. Beetham (Wairarapa), who has gone to stay in the country with her for a few weeks, writes our Christchurch correspondent.

Mr. J. Daupier-Crosby has recovered from his recent illness, and has gone on a trip to the Fiji Islands, accompanied by Mrs. A. Macfarlane and his youngest brother, writes our Christchurch correspondent.

A New Game.

A game which affords lots of fun, suitable for a number of guests on a winter evening, is called the tree game. This consists of questions, which are given out on slips of paper, without the answers, and the one who gets the greatest number of correct answers is the winner of the game. The following are a few of the questions and answers:

1. What is the most leafy tree? - Plane.
2. Which tree suggests thoughts of the ocean? - Birch.
3. What tree would we prefer on a very cold day? - Fir.
4. What tree contains a domestic animal? - Mahogany.
5. What tree might very properly wear a glove? - A palm.
6. What tree is a proponent? - Yew.
7. Which tree is a late teller? - Peach.
8. What tree is an honest? - Locust.
9. What tree is the dandy among trees? - Spruce.
10. Which tree is an invalid? - Pine.
11. What tree is never bare-footed? - Hazelwood.
12. Which tree can best remember numbers? - Date.
13. Which tree has passed through fire? - Ash.
14. Which is the most ancient tree? - Elder.

Mrs. Goodwin: "I heard that your father was dangerously ill."
 Effie Fay: "Yes, ma'am, he was."
 Mrs. Goodwin: "I am sorry to hear that. Is he now out of danger?"
 Effie Fay: "Yes, ma'am, he is; the doctor has stopped coming!"

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