

Mr. Wallnutt, chief of the Tourist Department, Rotorua, and Mrs. Wallnutt, spent a few days in Hamilton last week on their return journey from Auckland, where they had been spending a couple of weeks.

Miss Perkins, of Aratapu, has accepted an invitation from Mrs. Burch, of Mercury Bay, to take up her musical classes at the latter place, and a social gathering was recently held in their joint honour at Mercury Bay.

Dr. Collins, of Te Aroha, had the misfortune to break his leg below the knee recently. He tripped on a mat and fell violently with his legs crossed. Dr. Seville, of Morrinsville, set the limb, and the patient is doing well.

The Mayor of Auckland (Mr. A. M. Myers), Professor Thomas (chairman of the Professional Board of the Auckland University College), and Professor Brown (acting-chairman of the Grammar School Board) will be the guests of the Headmasters' Association at their annual dinner this week.

Mrs. Fitzgibbon, widow of the late J. J. Fitzgibbon, first postmaster at the Thames, and afterwards Chief Postmaster of Canterbury, died on July 29th, at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. J. S. Guthrie, Merivale, Christchurch, aged 80 years.

Mr. J. Foy, son of Mr. J. M. Foy, photographer, of Thames, was presented with a purse of sovereigns by his friends. The Rev. Monsignor O'Reilly made the presentation on the occasion of Mr. J. Foy's departure for Ireland to complete his education for the priesthood.

Miss Jessie Hetherington, youngest daughter of Mr. S. Hetherington, of the Thames, is the only lady student who has gained honours in the Cambridge University law trips, being in class 2, and being classed as having attained a position equal to between No. 8 and No. 9 of the masculine candidates.

Last week Mrs. Ryan, of Waitekauri Hotel, took her departure from the district. Mrs. Ryan, accompanied by the Misses Ryan, goes first to the Thames on a short visit to her relations, and then comes on to Auckland, where she intends to permanently reside. Mrs. Ryan was very much esteemed in Waitekauri.

The Rev. Father Furlong, who is to take over the R.C. parish at North Shore, arrived from Gisborne last week by the Talone, having been relieved at Gisborne by Father Duffy. Father Furlong was the recipient of a purse of sovereigns from the Gisborne branch of the Hibernian Society, who deeply regretted his departure, and hoped he would be happy and successful in his new charge.

After the conclusion of the general business at the annual meeting of the Auckland Rowing Club last week, the commodore, Mr. F. E. N. Crombie, on behalf of the members, presented Mr. Coleman, the club's popular president, with a handsomely framed photograph of last year's committee. The opportunity was also taken by the president to hand to Mr. Jowitt a marble clock on the occasion of his approaching marriage.

The Rev. Father Hays has decided to speak at Whangarei this week. His New Zealand campaign has closed, but he has received so many invitations to speak from Whangarei, including a petition from the Mayor, Councillors and citizens that he has decided to comply at the expense of his personal convenience. Father Hays remains in New Zealand a little while longer on the advice of his physician.

Miss Laura L. Hall, upon her leaving Taupiri School to take up duties at Ellerslie School, was presented by the pupils with a pretty gold brooch set with pearls. The presentation was made by Miss Lena Bailey, a sixth standard girl. In the evening Miss Hall was entertained at a farewell social by the residents. Mr. E. B. Cox, chairman of Taupiri School Committee, spoke of the satisfaction Miss Hall's work had given in the district, and wished her every success in her new work. Mr. Cox, the schoolmaster, responded on behalf of Miss Hall.

On Saturday last the employees of the L.O.B. Timber Co. had the pleasure of meeting Mr. S. H. Leyland (eldest son of Mr. W. B. Leyland, managing director) to congratulate him on his approaching marriage, and to present him with a valuable marble clock and silver tea and coffee service. Mr. J. J. O'Brien, also a managing director of the company, at the request of the employees, made the presentation, and availed himself of the opportunity to express his

great pleasure at the step Mr. Leyland was about to take, as he stood very high in his estimation, and to his knowledge had rendered very efficient service to the company. Mr. Leyland very heartily thanked those present, and also expressed his great pleasure with the very kindly feeling extended to him.

At Graham's Hibernian Hotel, Onehunga, last week, Mr. J. S. Reid, wharf station-master at Onehunga, was entertained by railway employees and a large number of residents. Mr. E. J. Miller, chief clerk at Onehunga, occupied the chair, and in proposing the toast of the evening, referred to the many sterling qualities of their guest, specially emphasising the good feeling which existed between them during his term of office at Onehunga. He (the chairman) had pleasure on behalf of the subscribers in presenting Mr. Reid with a silver-mounted umbrella, which was suitably inscribed. Messrs Saunders (Union Co.), and J. Shadbright (Northern Co.) testified to Mr. Reid's business tact and the good feeling which had existed during his term. The work of the shipping companies had been facilitated by Mr. Reid's knowledge of shipping work, and they deeply regretted his removal from the responsible position he had held. Messrs G. A. Brown, W. Stewart and J. Graham also referred to Mr. Reid's sterling qualities. On rising to reply the guest was loudly applauded. He said he could only thank them in a few words for their expression of good will. It had assisted as had been said, he had only done a duty, which was always pleasant when associated with a lot of business men, and he had little doubt that his successor, Mr. W. M. Cole, would be equally courteous and obliging in the shipping work of the port. A vocal and instrumental programme was gone through, and an enjoyable evening terminated with "Auld Lang Syne." Mr. Reid left last week for the Thames, where he takes charge.

WELLINGTON PROVINCE.

Sir Wm. Russell is expected to be back in Wellington by August 15.

The Rev. F. Wilson (Foxton) was in Palmerston North last week.

Mr. Hoby (Wellington) is visiting Mr. R. N. Keeling (Palmerston North).

Mrs. Colth (Pahiatua) is on a visit to Palmerston North.

Miss Wells, of Cambridge, is the guest of Miss Dodgshun, in Wanganui.

Mr. N. Fitzherbert, of Wanganui, has left for a visit to Australia.

Mr. Morley, of England, is the guest of Mrs. Dodgshun, in Wanganui.

Mr. C. Wray, of Wanganui, is visiting friends in Napier.

Mr. and Mrs. Miles, who have been in Wellington, have gone on to Nelson.

Mr. and Mrs. Trask have returned to Nelson after a stay in Wellington.

Mr. C. B. Hoadley (Napier) has been visiting Wellington.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Straug (Manawatu) were in Wellington lately for a visit.

Miss Kathleen Hoadley has returned to Napier after some weeks in Wellington.

Mrs. and Miss Crosby have gone back to Christchurch after a week or two in Wellington.

The Rev. A. Hansell, Karori (Wellington) has returned from a short visit to Christchurch.

Sir Robert Stout, the Chief Justice, has been indisposed since his return to Wellington.

Mrs. Montgomerie (Wanganui) is staying with her daughter, Mrs. J. Tripe, at Waikanae.

Mrs. Mattier (Levin) has been visiting her sister, Mrs. A. Guy (Palmerston North).

Miss Rawson (New Plymouth) has been spending a short holiday with friends in Wanganui.

Mrs. J. A. Taggart and Miss Reed, who have been on a visit to England for over a year, returned to Palmerston North last week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Barnicot (Wanganui) leave this week for a trip to Sydney for the benefit of the former's health.

Mr. H. F. Christie, of St. John's Hill (Wanganui) leaves New Zealand early this month for a trip to England. He goes home through Canada.

Mr. and Mrs. Vurley (Manawatu) have gone to England for a trip. They are travelling by way of Australia and the Red Sea.

Mr. and Mrs. Cowen (Hawera) left Wellington on Saturday last by the Wairarapa for Sydney, en route to England.

Mr. Justice Haselden and Mrs. Haselden (Christchurch) were in Wellington lately for a few days before going on to Taranaki.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Barron are back in Wellington, after an absence of over a year. While away they visited England, Europe, the United States, and Canada.

Miss L. James (Wellington) is going to Hawke's Bay for the golf meeting. She is the present lady champion of the Wellington Club.

Miss Alice Moorhouse is revisiting Wellington after an absence of some years in Australia. At present she is staying with her sister, Mrs. Ferguson, at Newtown.

Miss Mackenzie (Dunedin) is in Wellington for part of the session. She is staying with Mrs. Menzies, Taranaki Quay.

Mrs. Whitehouse (Liverpool) has arrived in Wellington, and intends to spend a year or so in the colony. She is a sister of Dr. Isabel Watson-Crosby, whom she has come out to see.

Miss Kate Walmstey, eldest daughter of Mr. D. Walmstey, Deputy Commissioner of Taxes, Wellington, left by the Ventura last week to join her sister and brother in San Francisco.

Miss U. Fitzgerald, who has been staying with Mr. and Mrs. D. Riddford, at Marton, for the hunting season, has returned to Wellington, en route for Christchurch, where she means to pay a round of visits.

Dr. Agnes Bennett (Wellington) has succeeded to the position of hon. physician to the Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Women, in place of Dr. Isabel Watson, who resigned on account of her marriage.

Mrs. Willoughby Kenny, of Auckland (who is recovering from a severe illness), and her sister, Mrs. A. L. Wilson, of Wellington, are visiting New Plymouth. They are the guests of Mrs. J. H. Hampton.

Miss M. Simcox (Otago) is shortly leaving for a visit to England, where she will join her sister (Miss E. Simcox), who went home last year. They will most probably be back in New Zealand shortly after Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Dumean are back in Wellington, after a very pleasant trip to the South Sea Islands. They have been away nearly two months, during which they spent some time in Fiji. They returned by way of Australia, and made a short stay in Sydney. Dr. and Mrs. Lindo Ferguson (Dunedin) travelled with them.

Captain MacKellar, who has come out to New Zealand in command of the Tongarino, has been for many years in the service of the New Zealand Shipping Co. He is a son of Mr. Dugald MacKellar, of Kilmorie, Wellington.

Miss May Lingard returned to Wellington by the Tongarino. For the last two or three years she has been in England studying art. She was grounded at the Wellington Technical School, and for some time held a position on the teaching staff, but resigned in order to set up a studio of her own. While in England she paid frequent visits to the Continent in the intervals of her work, which has much improved. An exhibition of her works will probably soon be held. Miss Lingard broke the journey out by a stay at Capetown.

The many friends of Mr. E. T. Morshead, who was for so many years connected with the staff of the General Post Office, are delighted to hear of his good fortune. He has just succeeded to a baronetcy, and comes into possession of large family estates in Cornwall and Berkshire. On his retirement from the public service Mr. Morshead removed from Wellington to New Plymouth, where he has many old friends and associations. One of his hobbies is music, and while in Wellington he did much to further its cause. His eldest son is married and living in Feilding, Manawatu. One daughter, who is married to Mr. Percy Bunnell, is residing in Wellington. The title was created in 1784, and the last holder was Sir Warwick Morshead, a brother of the present baronet. The family seats are Tregoddick and Bilsland, in Cornwall, and Forest Lodge and Bracknell, in Berkshire.

SOUTH ISLAND.

Mrs. Wigram (Christchurch) is spending a few weeks in Wellington.

Mr. and Mrs. Wigley (Christchurch) are in Wellington for a holiday.

Miss Fella has returned to Wellington after spending a pleasant holiday in Westport.

Mr. Cumming has resigned the position of town clerk of Westport, after 23 years' service.

Mrs. Ramal Macdonald, who has been visiting her friends in Wellington, has returned to Christchurch.

Miss Maling (Christchurch) is paying a visit to Mrs. Cathbert Gresson, in Timaru.

Miss Wynn-Williams (Christchurch) is at Waikari, with Mr. and Mrs. C. Williams.

Misses Hocken and Neil (Dunedin) have returned home, after spending some time in Christchurch.

Miss Muriel Anderson is staying in the country with Mrs. Lewin, writes our Christchurch correspondent.

Miss Murray-Aynsley (Christchurch) is visiting Mrs. Dumean Cameron (Methven).

Mrs. F. Lance (Christchurch) is leaving on a short visit to England by the Rimutaka.

Mrs. Westmacott is the guest of Mrs. Michael Campbell, Avonside, writes our Christchurch correspondent.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Elworthy have returned to Christchurch from Australia.

Mrs. and Miss Sinclair, who have been spending several weeks in Wellington, have returned to Dunedin.

Mrs. and Miss Robinson (Nelson) are staying with Mrs. Mathias, in Cashel-street, Christchurch.

Mrs. J. J. Kinsey (Christchurch) has gone to visit her daughter, Mrs. Moor (Dunedin), who has been ill, but is now convalescent.

Mrs. Boyle has returned to Christchurch from Wellington, where she was the guest of General and Mrs. Babington.

The first tournament of the Westport Golf Links has been won by Mr. Wilson in the men's class, and among the ladies Mrs. Jackson has been the successful competitor.

The following visitors have been staying at Okoroite Thermal Springs Hotel recently: Dr. Campbell (Ireland), Messrs. W. E. Watkin, T. M. Willink, Porter (England), D. Downs (Feilding), J. B. Thompson, Langmuir, Edgcomb (Hamilton), J. Hall, Avinger (Rotorua), J. McKenzie (Commissioner Crown Lands), Mrs. McCulloch, Master McCulloch, Miss Sanderson, Miss Sanderson (Auckland).

Under date of London, July 7, our London correspondent writes:

Major D'Arcy Chaytor, of Blenheim, arrived with two of his sisters on June 9th, by the Corinthia, and expects to return about October. Major Chaytor is home on private business, but will have some time for visiting friends here, and possibly for a short trip on the Continent.

Mr. A. C. Fookes, of New Plymouth, accompanied by Miss Grace Fookes, is now revisiting England after an absence of 44 years, and having visited relatives in Oxford, Eastbourne, Yorkshire, Lancashire, and elsewhere, they are now seeing some of the sights of London. Afterwards they intend to visit the Continent. They purpose reaching New Zealand on their return voyage via Suez, about November.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Ballinger, of Wellington, are returning by the Orient liner Ormuz, which leaves London on July 28. Mr. G. Weston will be a passenger by the same vessel.

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