

Mr Taylor, M.L.A. (Koolgardie) is on a visit to New Zealand for the benefit of his health, and is at present in Rotorua, and staying at Waiwera House.

Mr W. J. Culver, secretary of the N.Z. Liberal and Labour Federation, arrived in Auckland on Sunday. His wife accompanies him.

Mr J. W. Tibbo, M.A., principal of the Grammar School, returned to Auckland on Sunday from a trip to Hobart and the South Island.

Sir G. Maurice O'Rorke, M.L.C., who has been to Dunedin attending the University Senate, returned to Auckland on Sunday.

Mrs and the Misses Knox (England) are visiting the Hot Lakes District. They have gone from Rotorua to Wairakei and Taupo, but are returning to Rotorua.

Mr Geo. Thorne and the Misses Thorne (England) are visiting New Zealand, and at present are touring the Hot Lakes District, making Rotorua their headquarters for the time being.

Mr. Pursons, for some time past conductor of the Paeroa Mandolin, Guitar and Banjo Club, has been presented with a case of pipes by the secretary in recognition of his work in it.

The Rt. Rev. Dr. Cairns, Moderator of the Victorian Presbyterian Church, is visiting New Zealand with Mrs. Cairns, and intends to spend some time here. They are at present in Dunedin.

Mr Frank Kettle, accountant of the Christchurch Meat Company's Dunedin branch, has been appointed secretary of the Otago Dock Trust out of 35 applicants.

The Christchurch "Spectator" hears that Mr T. E. Taylor will take up his residence in Wellington shortly, having accepted the management of a business in the Empire City.

A Press Association telegram from Dunedin states that Mr. Grant, traffic superintendent of railways for the South Island, has been granted six months' leave. He will visit the Old Country.

Mr J. A. J. McLaren, manager of the New Zealand Portland Cement Company's works at Limestone Island, left Whangarei on Saturday on a visit to Christchurch.

Mrs. Miss and Miss Winnie Cotter, of Remuera, Auckland, leave Sydney for England by the Orient on March 21st. Mrs. and the Misses Richmond, Epsom, also go by the same steamer.

Among others leaving Auckland in March for the Motherland are Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Macmillan, of Remuera, and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bull, of Waingaro. They go by the Mootian, which leaves Sydney on 14th March.

Mrs R. Campbell has been visiting her daughter, Mrs H. H. Wallace, of "Itatani," Cambridge, and has now returned to Auckland, where she intends to take up her residence.

Mr W. F. Massey, M.H.R., Leader of the Opposition, is to be entertained at a garden party by his supporters on Saturday, February 17th, at the Helvetia (Ostrich Farm, Pukekohe).

The council of the Wellington Chamber of Commerce has elected Mr George Shirliffe president, and Mr W. C. Duthie vice-president, for the ensuing year.

Messrs F. Lawry and H. J. Greenslade, M.H.R.s, were passengers for Wellington by the Barawa on Sunday. Mr Greenslade proposes to return about Wednesday.

Mr Justice Williams left Dunedin last week for the North en route for England. He was seen off by a number of legal people in Dunedin, including Sir Robert Stout, C.J., and Mr Justice Cooper.

Dr. Sweet, of Whangarei, who recently disposed of his practice to Dr. Baxter, who arrived in the colony from England a few days ago, will leave New Zealand shortly on a lengthy tour through America and Europe.

Mr R. M. Houston, M.H.R. for Bay of Islands, whose health broke down just before the last election, is still laid up, and it is stated in the North that if he does not recover his health shortly he may resign his seat in Parliament.

Dr. Valentine, acting-Chief Health Officer for the colony, is at present in Auckland. He will remain here for some time dealing with health matters. Dr. Mason, the Chief Health Officer, is returning to New Zealand at the end of March.

The Right Rev. Monsignor O'Brien, D.D., who is the rector of St. John's University College, Sydney, arrived in Auckland on Sunday for a short holiday visit to New Zealand. He preached in St. Patrick's Cathedral in the evening.

Last week Mr Herries, M.H.R., was banqueted at Kaitiaki in honour of his election. About fifty were present. Mr G. Vesey Stewart, chairman, on behalf of the settlement, extended a hearty welcome to Mr. Herries. The usual toasts were honoured, and an enjoyable evening was spent.

Mr C. H. Poole, M.H.R. for City West, left Auckland on Monday by the Sydney steamer on a visit to the Commonwealth. He will spend about six weeks in the different States, and endeavour to absorb as much information on the state of affairs there as possible in the time.

Mr James Hendy, who is "in advance" of Edwin Geach's Chas. Holloway Dramatic Co.'s New Zealand tour, arrived in Auckland on Sunday by the Manuka from Sydney to make the necessary arrangements for their Auckland season, which commences next Tuesday (13th inst.) at the Opera House.

Mr A. Grant, traffic superintendent of railways at Dunedin, has been granted six months' leave, and will pay a visit to the Old Country. The Minister of Railways has stated that this will lead to a readjustment of the railway managers, and a decision will be come to this week as to the necessary changes.

Mr D. A. Budge, whose recent visit to Auckland will be remembered well by those who take an interest in the work of the Y.M.C.A., has consented to undertake, the supervision of the Y.M.C.A. work in Australia for a year, and Mr Pierce, of Washington, has been engaged to act as general secretary for Victoria.

Amongst Auckland visitors at Waiwera House, Rotorua, last week, were Mr J. H. Moore, Miss Dudley, Miss Horton and Miss Coates, Mrs Newman and party of four, Mr and Mrs J. B. Young and two sons, Mr A. Clark, Mrs Faulder, and the Misses Faulder, Mr Mrs Arch. Clark and Miss Clark, Mr Andrew Young, Mr and Mrs E. Martelli.

Mr and Mrs Harold Beauchamp, of Wellington, have booked passages to England by the Athenic, which is to sail from Wellington on March 1 next. They will return to the colony with their three eldest daughters, who have been studying at Queen's College and the Royal Academy for Music for several years past.

The Rev. David Bruce, D.D., who arrived in Auckland on Sunday, and was welcomed back at a social at St. Andrew's, will be well remembered as the first minister of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, being engaged in Scotland

for that purpose. He received the degree of D.D. from St. Andrew's University during his career in Australia.

Mr John McWhae, of Melbourne, who has been staying in Wellington as the guest of the Hon. C. H. Mills, to whom he is related by marriage, arrived in Auckland by the Mokoia on Sunday. The present is Mr McWhae's first visit to New Zealand, and he is very enthusiastic in his praises of the beauty of the Marlborough Sounds and of the great resources of this country.

Lieutenant-Colonel G. M. Fitzpatrick, Royal Engineers, D.A.Q.M.G., in the department of the chief of the general staff, who is on a visit to the Commonwealth and New Zealand, in the interests of the Intelligence Department, arrived at Sydney last week from Queensland. He was to stay there a week, during which he would visit the fortifications and military depots.

Mr E. W. Alison, M.H.R. for Waitemata, was entertained at dinner at the Esplanade Hotel last week by a number of his supporters, Mr F. E. Jackson being in the chair. After the dinner the health of the guest was proposed by the chairman, who handed to Mr Alison a framed photograph of himself. Mr Alison, who was received with great applause, made a reply in which he traversed the results of the last campaign.

Miss E. McClatchey, who has been connected with the "Auckland Star" for many years past, for a considerable portion of that time in the responsible position of chief proof reader, having resigned her position in order to undertake the professional teaching of music in Waihi, the staff of the "Star" gathered on Saturday to bid her farewell and to make her a presentation. A canopy of British flags was erected on the linotype platform for the occasion, with the mottoes "Farewell" and "Kia Ora" on its walls, and within this the presents were set out. They included a very handsome toilet set of silver-mounted brushes, etc., a fine silver manicure set, and other little tokens of the office. Complimentary speeches on the value of Miss McClatchey's work in the office were given by Messrs. T. W. Leys (editor), A. S. Reid (sub-editor), E. W. G. Rathbone (editor "Graphic"), W. Wright (printer), W. Mitchell (accountant), and D. MacFarlane (linotype staff), and Mr E. Aldridge replied for Miss McClatchey. Mr Leys, on behalf of the proprietors, presented to Miss McClatchey an envelope containing a cheque, which was to indicate their appreciation of her work.

HAWKE'S BAY PROVINCE.

Miss Proce (Feilding) is staying in Napier for a few days.

Miss Thompson (Christchurch) is visiting Napier.

Mr and Mrs Banner (Melbourne) are staying at the Masonic Hotel, Napier.

Miss Madge Rhodes (Wairarapa) is the guest of Mrs Kinross White, Napier.

Miss Brandon, Wellington, is visiting Mrs Dewes, Sea View terrace, Napier.

Mrs Sainsbury has returned to Gisborne after having spent a few days in Napier.

Miss Ruby Wellwood has returned to Hastings after having been in the Wairarapa for some weeks.

The Misses Burke have returned to their home in Napier after having spent some weeks in the Wairarapa.

Napier and Mrs Adair Blythe, who left Napier last year for the Old Country, have now returned to Napier after an enjoyable holiday.

TARANAKI PROVINCE.

Mr and Mrs Harry Bayly left New Plymouth on Thursday for a trip Home, via Sydney.

Captain Sniker, of the mission yacht Southern Cross, has been paying New Plymouth a visit.

Miss Bee Evans, of New Plymouth, is shortly leaving for Wellington, where she will take up duties as a nurse in Miss Palmer's hospital.

Mr J. H. Clayton, late proprietor of the "Daily News," New Plymouth, has left for Tauranga to take over the "Bay of Plenty Times."

Mr and Mrs Wilfred Rennell, of Auckland, made a short visit to New Plymouth during the week to be present at the marriage of their son, Mr Allan Rennell, of Hawera.

Dr. and Mrs. Leatham, with their two daughters, left New Plymouth last Thursday for the Old Country on a prolonged tour. He was entertained by Tennis Club and the members of the Taranaki Club previous to his departure.

Mr T. V. Mackay, of the Survey Office, New Plymouth, has been transferred to Napier for the benefit of his health.

Mrs D. Cumming, who has been visiting her mother, Mrs Theo. White, of New Plymouth, has now returned to her home in Auckland.

WELLINGTON PROVINCE.

Miss Lord (Sydney) is the guest of Mrs Fuller, Palmerston North.

Mr A. Nixon, of Wanganui, has returned from his visit to Wellington.

Mr and Mrs C. Bull, of Wanganui, have gone to Auckland for a visit.

Miss Swainson is back in Wellington after a round of visits.

Mr and Mrs Michie (Dunedin) are in Wellington for a month or two.

Miss Aird, of England, is the guest of Mr and Mrs Innes, in Wanganui.

Mrs Innes, of Hawke's Bay, is staying in Wanganui with Mrs C. B. Innes.

The Misses Davies, of Auckland, are staying in Wanganui.

Mr Jordan, of Tauranga, has been spending a short holiday in Wanganui.

Dr. and Mrs Anson, of Wellington, have been on a short visit to Wanganui.

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