

Personal Paragraphs

AUCKLAND PROVINCE.

Mrs. Harold Thomson (Inglewood) is on a visit to her mother, Mrs. Dargaville, Remuera, Auckland.

Miss Steeb, Farnell, Auckland, is at present on a visit to friends in Cambridge and Kowhai.

Mr. George Henning leaves for America and Europe by the steamer Sonoma this week with a view to keeping his firm abreast of the times with the latest development in motors.

Oversea callers at the Auckland Tourist Office this week include Miss F. Wigmore, of Sydney, and Mr. F. Pretty, England.

Mr. Charles Verser, the well-known Irish-American comedian, who comes to New Zealand under special engagement to the Messrs. Macmahon, arrived from Sydney on Sunday by the s.s. Victoria.

Mr. and Mrs. B. T. Hawkins, of Birkenhead, returned to Auckland by the s.s. Tavitiu (which connected at Fiji with the Maheno), after having spent some months in the United Kingdom and the United States.

Mr. A. Richards leaves Cambridge on Tuesday for Gisborne. A farewell social is being given him on Monday evening. He will be very much missed as he is very popular with every one who knows him.

The Council of the Auckland Railways League has decided to ask Mr. Gerald Pascoe to represent the Auckland League at Wellington in respect to the representation to Government concerning the construction of the East Coast railroad.

Mr. Oliver Nicholson, who was last week returned unopposed as the first Mayor of the Borough of Mt. Eden, was for seven years a member of the Mt. Eden Road Board, of which he was also three years the chairman.

Mr. H. M. Garrick, late second officer of the s.s. Maruka, has resigned from the Union Company's service in order to take up a shore position in Sydney, and Mr. D. Ritchie, second officer of the s.s. Mararua, has taken his place.

The Rev. John Wilkins, of Beresford-street Congregational Church, who has been away on a five weeks' holiday visit to Australia, returned on Sunday by the s.s. Victoria. He will be welcomed home on Thursday evening at a social evening in the Beresford-street Hall.

Maggie Papakura, the well-known guide of Rotorua, was a caller at the Auckland Tourist Office, last week. Maggie will visit Auckland again shortly in connection with the public opening of the Maori runanga at the Auckland Museum.

Mr. W. Tutts, an old and respected resident of Mount Roskill, is at present seriously ill. At last week's meeting of the Mount Roskill Road Board it was resolved to forward a letter of sympathy to Mr. Tutts, and also to grant him three months' leave of absence from the work of the Board, of which he is a member.

Mr. J. H. O'Neill, chairman of the Waitanuta County Council, returned from Wellington on Sunday. Whilst in Wellington he interviewed the Minister of Public Works and obtained a promise of a grant of £500 for the Henderson Main-north-road.

Mr. Hermann Brown, one of Auckland's oldest merchants, and pioneer of the firm of Brown, Barrett and Co., returned to Auckland by the Victoria on Sunday, after an absence of some 16 years, the greater part of which time he has spent in Germany. Mr. Brown will remain in Auckland between two or three months before returning to Europe, via South Africa.

Mr. Harry Norman, who has been connected with Bland Koll's organisation for the past 16 years, arrived here yesterday for the past 16 years, is now stage manager for the MacMahon Dramatic Company.

Mr. Lawrence Birks has been gazetted to the charge of the Tourist Department, Rotorua; Mr. Albert George Holland as registrar of the Auckland Land Board; and Annie Eleanor Arnitage as official visitor to the Avondale Mental hospital.

A presentation was made last week at the Albert Hotel to Mr. W. T. Young, Secretary to the Wellington branch of the Federated Seamen's Union. It was made by the seamen of Auckland and other friends in recognition of Mr. Young's marriage. The articles donated were a silver snifter, silver tea pot, and biscuit barrel, which were each suitably inscribed.

On September 5th, at the Paeroa Hotel, Mr. A. F. Brown, stationmaster at Paeroa, who is leaving Paeroa to take charge of the Thames station, was presented by his friends with a purse of sovereigns. Mr. Nicholas made the presentation and spoke in high terms of Mr. Brown's obliging and courteous manner, which had made him many friends in Paeroa during his stay among them.

Mr. N. Muir-Douglas has been staying in Cambridge for the races with Mr. and Mrs. Richardson of "Carilee," and received a hearty welcome and congratulations from his numerous friends upon his marvellous recovery from his bad hunting accident last season; his son, Mr. N. M. Douglas, leaves Cambridge today for North Canterbury, to go on a run of Mr. Rutherford's.

The following have been staying at Okoroire during the past month:—Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Bloomfield, Miss F. Bloomfield, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Wilkie, Master Wilkie, Miss Campbell, Miss F. G. Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. Sandford, Mr. and Mrs. Biggs, Master Biggs, Mr. A. Ross, Mr. and Mrs. Vickers, Mr. Jackson, Miss McLachlan, Auckland; Mr. and Mrs. Hetherington, Master Hetherington, Thames; Mr. and Mrs. Hirst, Te Aroha; Mr. Panton, Hamilton; Mr. McManara, Cambridge; Mr. Baddeley, Wanganui; Mr. Brightwell, Shannon; Dr. and Mrs. Seville, Miss Fleming, Morrissville; Mr. Saxe, Hamilton.

Mr. T. Ward has resigned his seat on the Surveyors' Board. He is succeeded by Mr. P. E. Cheal, of Auckland. This is the first occasion on which the Auckland district has been represented on the Board, and is probably the outcome of the recent resolution of the district committee asking for a representative from each of the four large centres to the Board and Council of the Institute. Mr. Cheal will leave for Wellington about the 23rd inst., to attend a meeting of the Board of Examiners respecting the coming examinations for surveyors' certificates.

HAWKE'S BAY PROVINCE.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bright (Gisborne) left last week for a trip to Otago.

Major and Mrs. Pitt (Auckland) have been staying a few days in Gisborne.

Mr. H. Lusk (Napier) is staying in Gisborne for a few days.

Miss Smyth (Dunedin) is at present staying in Gisborne, and is the guest of Mrs. R. Sherratto.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Barker have returned to their home in Gisborne, after a year's travelling on the Continent.

WELLINGTON PROVINCE.

Miss Moore, of Wanganui, has gone for a visit to Wellington.

Mr. C. Fitzroy (Hawke's Bay) has been staying in Wellington lately.

Mr. and Mrs. Hislop (Wellington) have gone to Rotorua for some weeks.

Mrs. Holmes, Palmerston North, is at present in Wellington.

Mrs. McKnight, Palmerston North, has gone on a visit to friends in Wanganui.

The Misses Stanford of Wanganui have returned from their visit to Palmerston North.

Miss Cave, of Wanganui, has returned from the golf meeting championship in Christchurch.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Lewis (Grafton) have been spending a few days in Wellington.

Miss McKellar has gone to Taranaki to visit a number of her friends and relatives in that district.

The Hon. Kathleen Plunket has gone to Bulls, where she is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Wilson for a few days.

Professor and Mrs. Von Zedlitz have taken a house at Miratui for some weeks.

Miss Marchant (Dunedin) is in Wellington for a few weeks staying with Mr. and Mrs. Marchant, Tinakori-road.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilmer (Wellington) have gone to Sydney for a holiday trip.

Mr. R. Cowper (Wellington) and Miss A. Cowper (Wanganui) have gone to Melbourne for some weeks.

Dr. and Mrs. Andrew have returned to Nelson after a stay in Wellington with Colonel and Mrs. Wood.

Mr. E. Oppenheim (San Francisco) has been spending two or three weeks in Wellington.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman (Gorton), who have been in Sydney for the last month or so, have now returned to Feilding.

Miss Campbell, Hunterville, is spending a fortnight's holiday in Palmerston North.

Mrs. Sarjeant (Wanganui) was the guest of Mrs. McLennan, Palmerston North, during the golf tournament.

Mrs. Stewart, (Wanganui) spent a week with Mrs. Hannah, Palmerston North.

Mrs. Satchell, Nelson, was the guest of Miss Wilson, Rangitikei-street, Palmerston North, for a day or two during the week.

Mrs. F. Reynolds has returned to Dunedin after a stay in Wellington with her parents, the Hon. E. and Mrs. Richardson.

Miss Ashcroft has returned to Wellington after a round of visits in Dunedin where she has been spending the last two or three months.

The Rev. J. C. Andrew and Mrs. Andrew have returned to the Waitarapa after a sojourn in Wellington. They have been spending the winter in Nelson.

Mr. K. Morpeth has left Wellington on a tour to Canada, England, and the United States, travelling by way of Fiji and Vancouver.

Mrs. F. Waldegrave, Wellington, and her daughter, Mrs. H. Atkinson, Hawera, spent a few days last week with Mrs. C. E. Waldegrave, Palmerston North.

Mr. and Mrs. Laing Meason have taken Mrs. F. O'B. Loughnan's house in Hobson-street (Wellington) for a term, and are now occupying it. Mr. and Mrs. Loughnan are at present in Palmerston.

Dr. and Mrs. McArthur (Wellington) have gone to Christchurch for some weeks as Dr. McArthur is sitting on the Royal Commission in connection with fires on board ships.

Mr. H. D. Bell (Wellington) has been re-elected President of the Star Boxing Club, an office which he has held for several consecutive years. The captain, Mr. A. S. Biss, was also re-elected, and the new deputy captain is Mr. A. B. Barnett.

Dr. H. H. Pigeon, who has just settled in Wellington and begun to practise his profession, was for some time surgeon on the cable steamer Iris. After his marriage (to Miss Parker of Wellington) he went to the Chatham Islands, where he fulfilled the position of Chief Magistrate and other important roles. Dr. and Mrs. Pigeon returned from the Chathams some months ago.

Mr. A. D. Stewart, accountant for Messrs. Sargood, Son, and Ewen, in Wellington, who has been promoted to succeed Mr. H. C. Tewles as joint manager of the firm's Auckland house, has been connected with the firm for twenty-seven years, the last seventeen of which have been spent in Wellington. Mr. Montagu Laing, for some years joint manager of the Wellington branch, left on Saturday for Sydney, en route for his new appointment in London. On Tuesday week Mr. Laing was entertained by the Wellington staff at the Hotel Arcadia, when a presentation was made him of a valuable silver casket, inlaid with greenstone, and having pendant from each of the four corners a greenstone "tikī," the whole being surmounted with a solid silver rim. The presentation was made by Mr. P. Sargood, on behalf of the staff.

SOUTH ISLAND.

Mrs. Henry Wood (Aronside) is on a visit to Dunedin.

Miss Syme (Christchurch) is visiting friends in Timaru.

Miss Dorothy Moore has left Christchurch on a visit to the North Island.

Miss Woodhouse (Dunedin) is the guest of Mrs. John Anderson, Armagh street, Christchurch.

Miss Guthrie has left Christchurch for a short visit in the country. She is the guest of Mrs. Lewis (Melburn).

Miss Denniston (Otago) is in Christchurch staying with Mrs. Denniston, Armagh-street.

Mrs. Andrew Anderson and family have left Christchurch for a long visit to the North Island.

Mrs. Henry Costerill has returned to Christchurch from her visit to the North Island.

Miss Zoe Wilkin (Christchurch) is on a visit to Auckland, where she is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Goring Thomas.

Mr. and Mrs. George Condit, who have been spending several weeks in Sydney, have returned to Christchurch.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Williams (Palmerston), have taken a house on Park Terrace, Christchurch, for the exhibition season.

Miss Wilkin has returned to Christchurch after a lengthened stay in the North Island.

Mrs. Fergus (Dunedin), who has been staying with Mrs. E. C. J. Stevens, "Kingsdown," Christchurch, returned home on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robin Campbell (Otago) are at present entertaining a house party. Amongst their guests are Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Campbell and the Misses Sanders (Christchurch).

Miss Scott (Dunedin) and Miss Howley (Timaru), who have been the guests of Mrs. Michael Campbell (Aronside), for the Golf Tournament, have returned home.

The Rev. H. G. Blackburne and Mrs. Blackburne arrived from England by the Hinatuka. They spent a few days in Wellington before going on to Christchurch, where they intend to settle. Mr. Blackburne is a brother of Captain Blackburne, (military adviser to the Government). He has previously visited New Zealand, but Mrs. Blackburne has not been out here before.

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