

Personal Paragraphs.

AUCKLAND PROVINCE.

Mrs. G. T. Murray (New Plymouth) is visiting relations in Parnell, Auckland.

Mr and Mrs T. Todd have returned from Sydney to their home in Gisborne.

Aroldeacon Calder returned by the Ngapuhi last week from a visit to Whangarei.

Mr. Lucas, of the Nelson "Evening Mail," has been on a short visit to Auckland.

Mr Walter Jackman, who has been visiting relatives at Whakapirau, returned to Gisborne last Saturday.

Miss Maggie McMurdo, Whakapirau, Kaipara, is visiting Mrs J. C. Colbeck, Portland-road, Remuera.

Miss Wright, of "Loloma," Cambridge, is at present staying with her sister, Mrs Arthur Herrold, of Parnell.

Miss Willis, of Papakura, has been visiting Mrs Hammond, of the Bank of New Zealand, Cambridge.

Mrs Wells, of "Oakleigh," Cambridge, is at present visiting friends in Auckland.

Mrs H. Hawkins (Auckland) is at present in Gisborne, and is staying with her sister, Mrs A. Rees.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Wilby returned from a visit to the United States, Canada, and Australia, by the Maheno on Sunday.

Judge O. E. MacCormick, of the Native Land-Court, left for New Plymouth last week, to attend a sitting of the Native Appellate Court.

Miss Gudgeon, daughter of Colonel Gudgeon, Commissioner of the Cook Group, was a passenger for Wellington by the Te Anau on Monday.

Mr H. Nolan, of Christchurch, who has been on a holiday trip to Auckland, returned South last week via the West Coast.

Mr. W. G. T. Goodman, electrical engineer, who is advising the City Council regarding the proposed electrical lighting scheme, arrived by the Maheno on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ward Baker left for a holiday trip to Australia on Monday by the Mokoia. They were accompanied by Miss Land, and expect to be absent from Auckland for about two months.

Mr. and Mrs. Buckland, of Cambridge, and Mrs. J. Phillips are at present guests at the Central Hotel. In about a week's time they intend leaving on a visit to the Straits Settlements.

Miss Kyall returned to Auckland via Wellington after an extended visit to Australia, which included some months at Newcastle with her sister Mrs J. R. Hooper.

Mr. E. F. Black has now taken up the management of the affairs of the Australian Widows' Fund Life Association for Auckland province. Prior to coming here he managed the business of the Society in Dunedin for six years.

Mr. Hill, second in command at Dunedin, is to take charge of the Auckland telegraphic office during the absence of Mr. Scagar, who is going away on a month's holiday leave.

Mrs. Leonard, who has filled the position of secretary to St. Patrick's annual ball committee for the last 14 years, was presented last week with a gold chain bangle and Maltese cross, subscribed to by the bishop, clergy, and committee.

Among the Mokoia's passengers for Sydney on Monday were Messrs. G. B. Omond, J. Bouskill, Gardner, and J. Court, Auckland members of the New Zealand bowling team to Australia. Mrs. Omond and Miss Court are accompanying the team.

Mrs. McArthur, wife of Dr. A. McArthur, S.M., is at present lying ill at a private hospital in Wellington. On Thursday week she underwent an operation similar to one she had to have performed upon her fifteen years ago for a serious ailment.

Colonel and Mrs. Roberts and the Misses Roberts returned on Sunday by the Maheno from their visit to Australia. Before proceeding home to Tauranga they are spending a week in Auckland, and all staying at the Central Hotel.

The many friends of Miss Ruby Skeet, of Cambridge, will be pleased to hear that she is now on a fair way to recovery from her accident from which she has been laid aside for the last six weeks.

Mr. Fred Earl (president of the Auckland Law Society) has received a reply from the Native Minister, expressing the gratification of the Government and himself at the Society's approval of Mr. C. E. MacCormick's appointment as a judge of the Native Land Court.

A presentation took place at Messrs. Bennett and Slaton's water-works contract, Waitakerei, on the occasion of the departure from the contract of the foreman of works, Mr. George Sims, the men on the works presenting him with a case of very handsome silver-mounted pipes and gold-mounted cigar and cigarette holders. The presentation was made by Mr. Ellerby.

During the progress of the No. 1 Company's Native Rifles' Ball at the Iberian Hall last week Major Bartlett, on behalf of the company, presented Captain Coutts with a handsomely-framed photographic shield of the company, the presentation being in recognition of Captain Coutts' services in the interests of their corps.

Mr. C. MacGregor, formerly of Auckland, and now of Rhodesia, has arrived here on a four month's holiday visit. As a member of the Transvaal Mounted Rifles, he recently assisted in quieting the Zulu rebellion in Natal. Mr. MacGregor is well-known in football circles in Auckland, having represented the province in 1898 and '99.

Miss Ivy Clayton, who it will be remembered was severely injured some three months ago by her horse rearing and falling upon her at Stratford, has made a wonderful recovery, and is now on a visit to Auckland. Her father, Mr. J. H. Clayton, came up from Tauranga on Sunday to meet her.

At the Mayor's room in the Auckland City Council Chambers last week, Miss Coleta Lorrigan, who is leaving Auckland, was presented with a purse of sovereigns by her many musical friends in the city and province. The presentation was made by his Worship the Mayor (Mr A. M. Myers).

Mr A. H. Nicoll has left Cambridge to reside in Auckland, where he has received a good appointment. He will be much missed, as during his stay here he became most popular, being an enthusiast at golf and tennis, and a member of the Savage Club, who gave him a send off before leaving.

Messrs. E. J. Fitzgibbon and H. O'Leary have been selected to represent Victoria College in the University debating tournament at Auckland next Easter. Mr. Fitzgibbon was a member of the team which won the Joynst Shield for debating at the last Easter Tournament, and last year he won the Plunket medal for oratory. Mr. O'Leary was the winner of the Plunket medal at the recent competition.

The statement that Madame Melba, the famous singer, is suffering from ill-health, is contradicted by her uncle, Mr J. W. Walker, of Auckland, who returned to New Zealand by the Tongariro. Mr. Walker says that he saw a good deal of his niece when he was at Home, and found her looking particularly well. She is working as hard as ever and making plenty of money, but talks of retiring from the operatic world at no distant date.

The Wellington staff of Messrs. Sargood Son and Ewan gathered at the Hotel Arcadia one day last week for the purpose of farewelling Mr. A. D. Stewart, who has been promoted to a joint managership in the Auckland branch. The chair was occupied by the local manager, Mr. H. C. Tewsley, to whom fell the lot of presenting to Mr. Stewart, on behalf of the Wellington employees of the firm a gold repeater suitably inscribed, and a gold cable bangle for Mrs. Stewart.

Mrs. Morris Wood left Auckland last week for Napier, where Mr. Wood recently secured an important appointment in the service of the New Zealand Loan and Mercantile Agency

Company. Mrs. Wood will prove a welcome addition to musical circles in Napier. She is a gold medalist for piano playing, and was selected as accompanist to Dolores and Amy Sherwin in their Sydney seasons. Mr. Wood was also hon. accompanist to the Sydney Philharmonic Society.

The following visitors were staying at the Waitera Hot Springs Hotel during the past week: Mr. and Mrs. E. Russell and family, Mrs. Robertson, nurse, and family, Mr. and Mrs. Wilkie, Auckland; Mr. and Mrs. Wigg, Mr. and Mrs. McIndoe and family, Te Aroha; Mrs. Cronbie, Mrs. Streater, Misses Campbell and Ewing, Rev. McWilliams, Messrs. Moore, Hamer, Buchelder, W. Brown, W. R. Mowbray, Auckland.

The Rev. Father Cahill, who has been transferred to Ngaruawahia, was entertained by his late parishioners at St. Patrick's Convent School last week. The Rev. Father Holbrook, on behalf of the parishioners, presented the reverend guest with a beautiful gold chalice, while an illuminated address from the H.A.B.C. Society, of which he was chaplain, was presented by the secretary, Mr. William Kane. A musical programme was contributed by Messrs. G. Lorrigan, F. Hunter, M. Hunter, M. Sheahan, and L. Larri, and Messrs. J. Lonergan and H. Hiscocks.

TARANAKI PROVINCE.

Miss E. Bayley, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Christie, of Wanganui, has returned to New Plymouth.

Mr. H. J. Thomson, of Inglewood, was admitted as a barrister of the Supreme Court by Mr. Justice Cooper.

Mrs. Burton, Dunedin, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. R. C. Hughes, of New Plymouth.

On the motion of Mr. O. Samuel, Mr. W. Wilkes was admitted as a solicitor of the Supreme Court, New Plymouth.

Mr. Fraser, who has been on a visit to the South Sea Islands, has returned to his home in New Plymouth, looking much better for his trip.

Mr. A. Waters, of the Survey Office, New Plymouth, left last week for the King Country, where he joins Mr. H. M. Skeet's field party.

Mr. C. E. Manning, manager of the Union Bank of Australia, New Plymouth, has been transferred to Timaru.

Mr. A. H. Glasgow, manager of the Waikato (Canterbury) branch bank, succeeds him.

Mr. F. W. Carter, accountant of the Bank of New Zealand, New Plymouth, has been promoted to the Auckland branch, Mr. Jim Taylor filling the vacancy here.

Mr. W. Wilkes, of the firm of Messrs. Malone, McVeagh and Anderson, was presented by Mr. Brewer, on behalf of his fellow employees, with a handsome travelling bag, suitably inscribed, prior to his approaching marriage.

At St. Mary's Vicarage, last Monday evening, the members of St. Mary's choir took the opportunity of presenting Miss Chong, in view of her approaching marriage, with a silver-mounted bread board and knife, Mr. Hume making the presentation; the Rev. F. G. Evans and Mr. Fletcher (organist) making suitable and appropriate speeches.

HAWKE'S BAY PROVINCE.

Mrs. C. Williams, of Waipawa, is spending some weeks in Rotorua.

The Misses White, of Kaituma, are spending a few days in Napier.

Mrs. F. Williams, Napier, is spending some weeks in Wellington.

Mr. and Mrs. Walsh are spending some weeks in Taupo.

Dr. and Mrs. Gregory, of Marton, are spending a holiday in Napier.

Dr. and Mrs. Reid, of Waipawa, are in Napier for a few days.

Mrs. Kemp, of Gisborne, is on a visit to Napier, and is the guest of Mrs. Wilson.

Lady Whitmore and Mrs. Dixon, of Napier, are spending two or three weeks in Masterton.

Mrs. Loder left Napier this week, and intends spending some months in Rotorua.

Miss Hitchings (formerly of Napier), of London, is spending a few weeks in Napier, and is the guest of Mrs. Dr. Edgar.

WELLINGTON PROVINCE.

Mrs. Rhind is back in Wellington after her stay in the South.

Mr. and Mrs. Grigg (Longbeach) are making a stay in Wellington.

Mr. Justice Haselden and Mrs. Haselden are in Wellington at present.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Warrall (Wellington) have gone to Australia for a trip.

Miss Denniston (Christchurch) has gone to Sydney.

Miss Boyle (Christchurch) has gone to Sydney for a visit.

Mr. A. Munro (Wellington) has been visiting New Plymouth.

Mr. Rankine (Dunedin) has been making a stay in Wellington.

Mrs. Early has returned to Wanganui after a visit to Wellington.

Mrs. and Miss Barnicot have returned to Wanganui after a stay in Wellington.

Mrs. Robertson, Dannevirke, is the guest of Mrs Mellish, Palmerston North.

Mr and Mrs Ian Riddiford, Marton, were visitors to Palmerston during the week.

Mrs. Shivas, of Wellington, is visiting her sister, Mrs McMill, of Palmerston North.

Miss Cameron, Wellington, is staying with her sister, Mrs. Rendall, Palmerston North.

Mrs McKnight has returned to Palmerston after spending a fortnight in Wanganui.

Miss Finch, Wellington, is staying with her sister, Mrs Putnam, Palmerston North.

Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Hislop are back in Wellington after a trip extending some weeks to Auckland and Rotorua.

Miss Chaytor (Pictou) is in Wellington, visiting her relations, Colonel and Mrs. Chaytor.

Mr. and Mrs. Coburn Hood (Wairarapa) have gone home after a week or two in Wellington.

Mrs. and Miss Munro have returned to Marlborough after a stay in Wellington.

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

Dr. and Mrs. McEachern are back in Wellington, after two or three weeks in the South Island.

Mr. and Mrs. Denniston are back in Wellington after a short visit to Christchurch.

Mrs. and the Misses R. S. Abraham are back in Palmerston, after their trip to Christchurch.

Mrs. Wilford (Wellington) has gone to Australia for some weeks. The Misses Maclean (Dunedin) are travelling with her.

Mrs. C. Cooper, who has been in Wellington for some weeks, staying with Mrs. Hislop, returned to Christchurch last week.

Miss Izard (Wellington) has been paying visits in the Rangitikei, where she has been staying with Mr. and Mrs. Levin.

Mr. Stewart Monteith and Miss Monteith, from the South, are staying at the Royal Oak in Wellington for a few weeks.

Mrs. Reed, Sydney, who has been for several weeks visiting friends in Palmerston North, went on to Hawke's Bay on Wednesday last.

Mr. B. Watson, who has just been admitted as a solicitor to the Supreme Court, is a son of Mr. William Watson, (Wellington), who was formerly of the Bank of New Zealand.

Mr. E. C. E. Mills, who has just been elected a life member of the Port Nicholson Yacht Club, is a very well-known resident of Wellington, and has for many years been an enthusiastic yachtsman.

Major-General Babington and his staff officer, Captain Campbell, left for Sydney on route for England, on Saturday. General Babington has made many warm friends during his five years in the colony, and his departure was the cause of much regret on both sides. In Sydney he will join Mrs. Babington, who has been spending

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