

Personal Paragraphs

AUCKLAND PROVINCE.

Miss Thompson (Christchurch), who is visiting Gisborne, is the guest of Mrs. A. F. Kennedy.

Major J. E. Hume, of the Royal New Zealand Artillery, arrived from Wellington by the Takapuna on Sunday.

Miss Skerrett, of Wellington, who has spent some weeks visiting her Auckland friends, returned to the South last week.

Mr. Justice Denniston has gone to Wellington to attend the sittings of the Appeal Court.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Parr, of Ponsonby, Auckland, left by the Mokoia on Monday for Australia. They intend to spend some time in Queensland.

Miss Marie Hain, who has been the guest of Mrs. T. Cotter, "Oaklands," Rongotea, returned to Sydney by the Mokoia on Monday.

Mr. Simnell, of Kaipara, left by the Ngapuhi last Sunday to attend the meeting of the Local Bodies' Conference, held at Wellington.

Mr. O'Neill, Waitemata County Council, left via the East Coast last Saturday to attend the Local Bodies' Conference at Wellington.

Mr. Frank Dargaville, chairman of the Huhon County Council, is at present in Wellington representing his county at the Local Bodies' Conference.

Mr. J. O'Brien, of Canterbury, who has been spending a holiday in Auckland, left by the Mokoia for Sydney on Monday.

Miss Grey, a former resident of Gisborne, arrived from Wellington last week, and, after staying a short time here, she finds going on to Auckland, writes our Gisborne correspondent.

Mr. J. Kirker, general manager of the South British Insurance Company, returned to Auckland on Sunday, after a six months' business trip abroad.

Miss Ada Preece, Palmerston North, who has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Nathan, "Wickford," Princes-street, for a few weeks, left on her return trip by the s.s. Ngapuhi on Sunday last.

The Rev. Fr. Smiers, parish priest at Whangarei, who has been spending a holiday in the Old Country, returned to Auckland on Sunday after a twelve months' absence from the diocese.

Miss Shailer left by the Mokoia for Sydney on Monday to join her brother, Mr. P. Shailer, who has recently perfected several patents in connection with railway matters.

Major Lusk, chairman of the Waitomo County Council, was a passenger to Wellington by the Ngapuhi last Sunday. Major Lusk is representing Waitomo County at the Local Bodies' Conference at Wellington.

Miss Zadie Nathan, of Wellington, left last Sunday, via the West Coast, on her return to the Empire city. Miss Nathan has spent the last three or four months visiting friends and relatives in Auckland.

Mr. F. C. Endeau, a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Endeau, of Auckland, has passed his second examination at Guy's Hospital, London, as M.R.C.S. Mr. Endeau remains in London for the next two years to complete his studies.

Among recent visitors to Auckland the following are staying at the Star Hotel:—Messrs. A. S. Laird, Taumarunui; S. W. D. Hume, H. H. Cramp, Wellington; R. Lawrence, Sydney; Mr. and Mrs. Fanning, Wellington.

Mr. W. R. Forster has severed his connection with the literary staff of the "New Zealand Herald," to take up a similar appointment on the Hobart "Mercury." Last week his colleagues presented him with a handsome gold-mounted fountain pen and a case of pipes, as a token of their regard.

Included amongst recent guests at the Grand Hotel are Messrs. G. D. Ballantyne, Andrew Black, London; R. N. Beuthwell, Sydney; Leop. Premyslaw, Paris; W. F. A. Phillips, Wellington; L. Cooper, Montauit, London; Miss Rosina Buckmann, Miss Besse Beattie, Sydney.

Last week our American cousins celebrated their "Glorious Fourth," the anniversary of the declaration of the independence of the United States. The American Consul in Auckland (Mr. Prickett) received calls from the various Consuls resident in the city, the Mayor, and other prominent officials, and flags were displayed at all the consulates and several business places.

On July 5th, at the workshop of Messrs. W. A. Ryan and Company, Limited, Mr. R. B. Spinks—who is proceeding this week on a business visit to the States—was presented by Mr. James, the foreman, on behalf of himself and fellow-employees, with a very handsome travelling bag, as a mark of their esteem.

Mr. Fred Prime, ironmonger, of Karangahape-road, leaves for Europe, via Vancouver, this week. Last week Mr. Prime was entertained to dinner at the Royal Mail Hotel by a number of friends, 43 sitting down. Mr. W. J. Rees presided, and, on behalf of those present, handed to Mr. Prime a handsome travelling rug and straps.

HAWKES' BAY PROVINCE.

Mr. E. J. Watt, of Napier, is in Sydney, on his way to London.

Miss Hitchings, of Levin, is on a holiday visit to Napier.

Mr. and Mrs. Kettle, of Napier, are in Wellington for a few days.

Mr. Tristram has returned to Napier from a holiday spent in the South.

The Misses Nairn, from Pouter, have been on a visit to Napier.

Miss Nation, of Hastings, is spending some weeks at Blackhead.

Miss Thompson, of Christchurch, has been in Napier, the guest of Mrs. Paisley.

The Misses Palmer, of Napier, have been spending some weeks in Wellington.

Miss Simecox, of Porongahau, is visiting Napier.

Mr. Dudley Kettle has left Napier for Wellington, en route to England.

Mr. James McKay, Chief Inspector of Factories, has been spending a few days in Napier.

Mr. and Mrs. P. Hankins have left Napier for London, where they intend to spend some months.

Mr. Barton Hobbs, son of the Rev. John Hobbs, of Hastings, is leaving Johannesburg for a trip home to New Zealand. Mr. Hobbs has been five years in South Africa.

TARANAKI PROVINCE.

Mr. Noel Beamish, of Christchurch, is the guest of Mrs. Capel, New Plymouth.

Mr. S. Weston, Wellington, is visiting his parents in New Plymouth.

Mr. J. Hamerton, of Patea, is on a visit to New Plymouth.

Mr. E. D. C. Barton has returned to Hawera, after his visit to New Plymouth.

Dr. Anderson, Chief Inspector of Schools, is at present in New Plymouth.

Mr. P. Heyes, Commissioner of Taxes, Wellington, is on a short visit to New Plymouth.

Mr. C. Hickson, Commissioner of Stamps, Wellington, is on a business visit to New Plymouth.

Mr. Turton, of Omata, who has been on a visit to the Old Country, has returned to New Plymouth.

The Hon. O. Samuel, M.L.C., and Mrs. Samuel, who have been on a visit to Japan, are expected to reach Wellington this week.

Mr. W. Guerin, sub-editor of the "Taranaki Herald," has been appointed to the sub-editorial staff of the "Wellington Post."

Mr. J. S. Fleming, of the New Plymouth Agricultural Department, has been transferred to Wellington. Prior to his departure he was presented by the staff with a pair of gold sleeve links and a tie-pin. Mr. J. Johnston, dairy produce grader, made the presentation.

WELLINGTON PROVINCE.

Miss Simecox, Otaki, is visiting Miss Keeling, Palmerston North.

Mrs. Lees, of Wellington, is the guest of Mrs. Cleghorn, in Wanganui.

Miss Armstrong, Palmerston, has returned from her visit to Gisborne.

Miss Bremner, of Wellington, is the guest of Mrs. Barnard Brown, Wanganui.

Mrs. Palmer is back in Wellington after a trip to Wanganui.

Mrs. Sidey (Dunedin) is in Wellington for the winter months.

Mr. Chaffey is back in Wellington after a trip to Dunedin.

Mrs. Bean (Christchurch) has been the guest of Mrs. Seddon for a few weeks.

Miss H. McDonnell is back in Auckland after a short visit to Wellington.

Mrs. Roper-Cox (Sydney) is making a short stay in Wellington.

Mr. E. Bell, Palmerston, is visiting Auckland for a week.

Miss Maling, of Christchurch, who has been staying in Wanganui, has returned to her home.

Miss Slack, of Palmerston North, has been staying in Wanganui with her sister, Mrs. R. Hewitt.

Mrs. Morice (Greymouth) is in Wellington staying with her mother, Mrs. Seddon.

The Rev. Coleridge Harper (Palmerston) is visiting Wellington for the annual meeting of the Diocesan Synod.

Mr. and Mrs. Picard-Hawkins (Napier) were in Wellington lately on their way to England.

Sir Robert and Lady Stout are back in Wellington after a trip to Auckland and the North.

Mr. and Mrs. Latham (Lowry Bay) have come in to Wellington for a few weeks' stay.

Miss Ivy Allen (Port Chalmers) has come to Wellington with her father to spend the session months.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Hewitt, of Wanganui, have gone to reside in Palmerston North.

Miss Whitson has returned to Dunedin after a stay in Wellington with Mrs. Ross.

The Hon. J. Feldwick, Mrs. and Miss Feldwick (Dunedin) have come to Wellington for the session.

Mrs. Boyes (Napier) came to Wellington to meet Sir Joseph and Lady Ward, and is still a guest at Awarua House.

Mrs. Laing Meason and her daughter are away from Wellington on a visit to Sydney.

Mrs. Morice (Greymouth) and Mrs. Bean (Christchurch), who came to Wellington for the marriage of their sister, are staying with Mrs. Seddon.

Mr. and Mrs. Holworthy are back in Wellington after a trip to Auckland and Rotorua. They have let their house at the Hutt and intend to live at Muritai for some time.

Mrs. and Miss Logan, who have been away on a round-the-world trip, came back to Wellington a few days ago. They travelled from Cape Town by the Tongariro.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Wilson (Rangitikei) are spending a week or two in Wellington. Mr. Wilson has just been re-elected President of the New Zealand Farmers' Union, a position which he has held for several years, in fact since its inception.

Mr. H. F. Gibbons, late manager of the Bank of New Zealand, Palmerston, was entertained at an banquet last week. During the evening a gold watch and chain, suitably inscribed, was presented to him from the leading citizens of the town. Mr. Gibbons has gone to Wellington to take up his new position as inspector of the bank in that city.

Sir David Masson, Lady Masson, and Miss Masson have arrived in Wellington, and are spending a few days in that city. They have just finished a tour of the South Island, coming overland from the Southern Lakes to Nelson, via the Buller and Otira Gorges. They leave in a day or so for Auckland, via Wanganui and the Hot Lakes. After Auckland they continue their journey homewards to India, where they live in the Punjab district.

SOUTH ISLAND.

Miss Hawdon (Peel Forest), who is in Christchurch, is the guest of Mrs. P. Campbell (Ilam).

Miss Tennant (Timaru) is staying with Mrs. Henry Wood at (Avonohé), Christchurch.

Miss Nancarrow, who has been visiting friends in Wellington, has returned to Christchurch.

Dr. Henry Pitts and Dr. Edith Pitts have left Christchurch for Waimate, where they intend to reside.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald McLean (Mount Hutt) are spending a few weeks in Christchurch.

Mrs. Cuthbert Gresson (Timaru) is spending a few weeks in Christchurch. She is staying at the Deanery, Armagh-street.

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