

At North-East Valley, Green (retiring Mayor) was elected by a majority of 208 votes.

At Mornington, Le Cren (retiring Mayor) was returned by a majority of 158.

Brown, the retiring Mayor of Maori Hill, defeated Butterfield by 147 votes.

The St. Kilda contest resulted in the election of McFarlane by a majority of 160 votes.

CHRISTCHURCH.

The Mayoral election resulted as follows.—Allison, 1,389 votes; Geo. Payling (present Mayor), 1,248.

WAIHI.

The Mayoral election resulted in John Newth (838) being returned, defeating the sitting Mayor (Thos. Gilmour) by 100 votes.

WHANGAREI.

Mr. Thomas McClintock was returned as Mayor of Whangarei by a majority of 65 over Mr. Donald W. Jack, the respective votes polled being 347 and 282.

HAMILTON.

Bond, 376 votes; Barton 267.

TAURANGA.

There were two candidates, the Rev. C. Jordan (the retiring Mayor), and Mr. J. Bull. The latter was returned by a majority of 42.

GISBORNE.

W. D. Lysnar, 1,136 votes; Dr. Williams, 808.

NELSON.

J. Piper (retiring Mayor), 1,024 votes; W. S. Hampson, 597. For a vacancy in the City Council W. K. Turner was elected, defeating G. Stewart.

WESTPORT.

J. H. Greenwood, 894 votes; A. C. Hansen, 564.

MASTERTON.

P. Hollings, 717 votes; J. M. Coradine (present Mayor), 706. (A by-election to fill a vacancy in the Council resulted in J. Hunter, 933 votes, being returned; E. E. McEwan, 471.)

NEW PLYMOUTH.

Tisch, 709 votes; F. Bellinger, 533; W. A. Collis, 141.

PALMERSTON NORTH.

Nash, 1,518 votes; Essex 1,232; Haydon, 102.

TIMARU.

Craigie (present Mayor), 715 votes; Hawkey, 285. A record poll.

INVERCARGILL.

Scandrett polled 1,049 votes; Macfarlane, 857.

HAWERA.

H. W. Sutton, 329 votes; J. Foy, 146.

EKETAHUNA.

Herbert (former Mayor), 141 votes; Haswell, 133 votes.

STRATFORD.

George Sangster, 381 votes; W. P. Kirkwood, 352.

KUMARA.

J. A. Murdoch, 174 votes; R. Rouse, 103.

ROSS.

T. W. Bruce, 134 votes; J. Gummond, 80.

EASTBROOK.

John Jones (the present Mayor), 281 votes; Robert Neilson, 195.

HASTINGS.

J. Thompson (retiring Mayor), 503 votes; L. W. Fowler, 302; A. A. George, 154; W. Lane, 91.

BLenheim.

A. McCallum (re-elected), 500 votes; E. H. Penny, 336.

GREYTOWN.

D. P. Loashy, 223 votes; J. D. Hegarty, 122.

GORE.

A. A. MacGibbon, 306 votes; James Epeden, 335.

MATAURA.

J. Galt, 205 votes; Thos. McGibbon, 107.

ELTHAM.

The mayoral election resulted in the defeat of Mr. Taylor, who had been mayor since the borough was formed six and a-half years ago. The figures were: L. C. Stanners, 306; G. W. Taylor, 211.

MOTUEKA.

Mr. F. W. Thorpe was re-elected, defeating Mr. L. D. Easton by 170 to 154.

Personal Items.

His Excellency the Governor went to Lake Rangiriri for the opening of the shooting season on May 1st.

Sir Joseph Ward has been slightly indisposed for several days, but has now recovered.

Hon. J. McGowan, Minister for Mines and Justice, is visiting Auckland, Mercury Bay, Tairua and various places on the Coromandel Peninsula.

Mr. J. T. G. Cox, head teacher of Taupiri School, has been chosen, out of forty applicants, for the position of inspector by the Auckland Board of Education.

A movement is on foot in the lower end of the Wakatipu electorate in favour of Mr. Thos. Mackenzie contesting the seat in the Labour interest.

Mr. G. M. Thomson, formerly science master in the High School, now consulting analytical chemist, contests Dunedin North seat in the Opposition interest.

Mr. Cyril Ward, son of the Prime Minister, who was for some time at Home in the service of the Manchester Ship Canal Company, has been appointed New Zealand representative of that company.

Mr. Jas. Sim Evans, solicitor, Invercargill, has been raised to the magistracy bench, and at to fill the vacancy caused by the retirement of Mr. Bush, late S.M. at Thames.

A special meeting of St. Andrew's Church, Cambridge, was held on Tuesday afternoon, at which the Rev. Mr. Heron, of the Hutt, Wellington, was appointed curate for St. Andrew's parish.

It is authoritatively announced that Mr. J. Bennet, M.P., will not contest the Tuapeka seat at next election, his state of health making his participation in active politics again extremely improbable.

Mr. Ropata te Ao, a leading Maori, is dead, and a great "tangi" over his body took place last week at Otaki, when about a thousand natives from all parts of the country assembled to join in the obsequies.

Mr. W. F. Massey, Leader of the Opposition, and Mr. W. H. Herries, a prominent member of the party, are now on a visit to Gisborne, where they purpose giving political addresses.

According to the "Otago Daily Times," Mr. R. M. Houston, who has represented the Bay of Islands in several successive Parliaments, has definitely broken from the Government, as the result of last year's land legislation, and will not be a candidate at the forthcoming election.

The death is announced of Mr Robert Fowlds, an elder brother of the Hon. George Fowlds, Minister for Education and Public Health. The deceased was a farmer at Minnesota, United States, where he took a prominent part in public movements.

John Rainsley Jones, verger in St. Mary's Church, for many years, and captain of the Timaru Fire Brigade for some years, died suddenly on April 30. He was engaged in his duties in the church when attacked by a fit. He rallied, but died while walking home.

Mr. Jas. Mackenzie, who has occupied the position of Commissioner of Crown Lands in Auckland for the past four years, has left to take up his new duties in a similar capacity at Wellington.

Information has reached the Mines Department that Captain Richards, assistant inspector of mines, who is well-known in Auckland mining circles, is lying seriously ill at Kumara suffering from congestion of the lungs. His condition is giving rise to great anxiety on the part of his friends.

Mr. John Hansson, a Swedish writer, who is visiting New Zealand and Australia with the object of studying social and economic questions for the information of the Gottenburg University, is at present in Auckland.

Mr. C. W. Earle, editor of the "Dominion," is suing the "New Zealand Times" Company for £501 damages for alleged libel. Mr. E. D. Hoben, editor of the "Manawatu Times," is being similarly sued by a resident of Palmerston North. In both cases the trouble arose over hotly-contested Mayoral elections.

Mr. J. M. Johnston, of Pahorau N., whose health was recently unsatisfactory, was sent to represent the Manawatu Agricultural and Pastoral Society

at Sydney. As the result of a spontaneous movement, the sum of £450 was raised in a few days, chiefly in the Manawatu, Rangitikei, and Parakaretu districts, and presented to Mr. Johnston in recognition of his valued services as treasurer of the society.

Mr. Ivor Evans, general manager in the North Island for Messrs. Briscoe and Co., Ltd., has been appointed managing director of the company, and leaves Auckland on the 11th inst. for Melbourne. Regret at his departure was expressed yesterday by the members of the Chamber of Commerce, of which body Mr. Evans has been a prominent member.

Mr. Thomas Taylor Masfield, a well-known citizen of Auckland, died on May 1st, at his residence, Ponsoby. He had been suffering for some time past, but declined to entirely lay up, and was, even as late as last Saturday, down at business. Mr. Masfield was born at Ellerton Hall, Newport, Shropshire, in 1842, and served an apprenticeship with Messrs. E. T. Wright and Son, as an engineer at the Gascoyne Ironworks, near Walsall, in Staffordshire. In 1862 he came to New Zealand in the ship "Avalanche," and landed at Auckland. He has ever since been prominently identified with the growth of the City, and has taken a very active part in public affairs.

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Minister for Public Works, arrived in Rotorua by the express on Saturday evening. He left Wellington on Thursday, and made an inspection of the North Island Main Trunk line. The object of the inspection is that he may be able to make a personal report to Parliament. The Minister left again by the express on Tuesday, en route for Wellington.

Mr. W. H. Hamer, Auckland Harbour Board Engineer, left on April 28th, on a visit to Canada, the United States, and Great Britain. Whilst in the British Isles, Mr. Hamer will purchase on behalf of the Auckland Harbour Board machinery and appliances necessary for the continuation of the scheme for harbour improvements.

The death occurred on April 28th, at the Wellington Hospital, of Mr. Orlando Wells, a well-known resident of Auckland. Mr. Wells, who was in the employ of Messrs. McLean Bros., went to Wellington three months ago to supervise certain works there. He suffered from an attack of influenza, followed by typhoid fever, and took a turn for the worse on Sunday morning. Mr. Wells was a well-known athlete, and represented Auckland in the football field in 1886, and between 1888-90, being also a member of the team which played against Great Britain in 1888.

An esteemed resident of Raglan, Mr. W. Baker, died on Friday morning last. Mr. Baker came to the district to take over the Harbour View Hotel, which he held for some time, retiring to enter into business as a general provider, which business he was connected with up to the time of his death. He also had the Te Aka Ferry Service for some time, and carried on a launch service with different parts of the harbour. He was also some years back proprietor of the Waile Hotel.

After a recital of sacred music given in Christ Church, Ellerslie, the Rev. F. W. Walker, on behalf of the choir and congregation, presented the organist and choir-master, Mr. Bruce Lewis, with a handsome travelling rug, carriage clock, and chased silver fountain pen. Mr. Lewis expressed his great regret at having to sever his connection with the Church, and suitably thanked the choir and congregation for their gifts. Mr. Lewis has left for New Plymouth.

Prior to leaving Wellington for Auckland, Mr. J. Strachan, Commissioner of Crown Lands, was presented with a valuable tea and coffee service by the officers of the Land Office. Mr. Llewellyn Smith, chief draughtsman, made the presentation. Mr. Strachan was also presented with another token of esteem on behalf of the members. Mr. Reese, as senior member, presented the departing Commissioner with a travelling bag.

A pioneer settler of South Canterbury died recently in Cumberland, England, in the person of Mr. Wm. Postlethwaite. He came to New Zealand in 1847, purchased an estate at Geraldine, and took an active part with the late Mr. John Grigg and Mr. Thos. Brydone in establishing the frozen meat trade, and sent one of the first consignments of mutton from South Canterbury. He was one of the original directors of the Canterbury Frozen Meat Company, and a promoter and director of the Canterbury Farmers' Co-operative Association at Timara, and of the Geraldine dairy factory. The deceased left New Zealand in 1891, and soon after purchased the old family seat in Cumberland, where he died.

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Mr. J. Bennet, M.P. for Tuapeka, died on Sunday last, aged 78. Deceased, who was a native of Forfarshire, Scotland, emigrated to Victoria in 1854, and nine years later came to New Zealand and took up a farm in Otago, which he has held ever since. He was prominent in public affairs, having been a member of the Tuapeka County Council since its inception in the seventies. He first entered the House in 1899, when he defeated Messrs. Rawlings and Fraser. In 1902 he defeated Mr. R. Gilkison by 81 votes, and was successful again over the same opponent at last election by close on 100 votes. His demise will necessitate a by-election for Tuapeka.

Mr. G. L. Greenwood, official assignee in bankruptcy at Christchurch, who has just retired on superannuation, is a very old colonist, having arrived at Nelson in 1842. He was for several years in the service of the Nelson Provincial Government. Afterwards he was appointed assistant clerk of the Magistrate's Court at Oamaru, and later on he became clerk of the Court at Gisborne, and thence was transferred to the District Court. His appointment to the offices of sheriff and registrar of the Supreme Court followed, together with others of a minor character. He remained in Gisborne for 16 years, and in September, 1891, he was transferred to Christchurch, where he has since resided.

Colonel John M. Denny, of the well-known Dunbarton shipbuilding firm, is now on a visit to New Zealand. He was entertained at Wellington on Thursday last by the local branch of the Australasian Institute of Marine Engineers, and was presented with a gold badge of honorary membership. Among the speakers on the occasion were the Hon. J. A. Millar, Minister of Marine and Labour, Mr. Geo. Fowlds, Minister of Education, and Mr. W. F. Massey, Leader of the Opposition. On Friday morning Colonel Denny and Miss Denny left Wellington, accompanied by Mr. W. Kennedy, on a fortnight's tour of the North Island, as the guests of the Union Steamship Company. Colonel Denny will probably return to Wellington and leave for the Old Country via Vancouver.

There was a very large attendance at the Auckland Municipal Chambers on May 1, when an official farewell was given to Mr. S. Ziman, the young Auckland student who was successful in carrying off the Rhodes scholarship, and leaves shortly for England. The Mayor, Mr. A. M. Myers, presided, and there were also present members of the professional staff, and a large number of students from the University and Grammar School. The Mayor commenced by saying that the status of Auckland certainly seemed to be in the ascendant just now. He had lately been taken to task for saying that we had won all the championship shields that have been offered for competition throughout New Zealand, as it appeared that there was one that we somehow missed. Among these successes the winning of this year's Rhodes Scholarship by an Aucklander was in some respects peculiarly gratifying. After describing the life and aim of the Rhodes Scholarships, congratulated Mr. Ziman on his distinction he had won. If his past achievements be any criterion, they might anticipate with confidence that New Zealand would have reason to be proud of her representative; and he was sure all would join heartily with him in wishing Mr. Ziman a useful, honourable and successful career. Mr. Ziman, who was received with the warmest applause, said he keenly appreciated the honour which was being done. He realised that his attainment to the scholarship carried with it great responsibilities, but he would be always actuated with a desire to do credit to New Zealand, and to Auckland in particular. (Applause.)

Accidents, Suicides, etc.

A Sava exchange reports that the chief steward of Messrs. Lever Bros.' steamer Eupho, Mr. Hugh Hill, committed suicide by hanging while the ship was in port there on Easter Sunday.

A child two years of age, named Dorothy Jackson, fell into a waterhole near her parents' residence at Maunaru and was drowned.