

## ANGLO-COLONIAL NOTES.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

The King returned to London last Monday from Brighton, to preside at a meeting of the Privy Council at Buckingham Palace. His Majesty's health has greatly improved during his stay at the famous Sussex resort, and he will, as usual, spend his Christmas with the Queen and the Royal Family at Sandringham, whither he went on Wednesday.

An amusing anecdote relating to the King's stay at Brighton is vouched for by the Rev. Cecil Mannell, Rector of Thorpe Malver. His Majesty was taking a walk along the esplanade unattended, and was thus accosted by a pert youngster:

"Governor, kin you tell us the time?"

"Yes," replied his Majesty, referring to his watch, "it is a quarter to one."

"Thanks," said the youth, adding "I've bin 'ere two bloomin' hours awaitin' ter see the bloomin' King, an' I ain't goin' ter wait no longer."

"Neither shall I," replied his Majesty, resuming his walk.

It is rather hard to believe that any British youth should be so unfamiliar with the King's lineaments in these days as not to be able to recognise him when actually on the look-out for him, as the Brighton youth was. But one remembers that at Newmarket many years ago, a young Colonial visitor chatted affably with the then Prince of Wales for quite five minutes without becoming aware of the identity of his casual paddock acquaintance, and was very much surprised to learn who his amiable gossip was. "I thought there was something familiar in his face, but I had not the ghost of an idea who he was, though I knew I'd seen him before," was the young fellow's reply when chaffed about the incident.

Miss Hilda Nathan, daughter of Mr. David Nathan, of Wellington, who was married at the West London Synagogue a few days ago to Mr. A. Salinger, of London, was given away by her grand-

father, Mr. J. E. Nathan, at whose house at 23, Pembroke Gardens, W., a reception was afterwards held. Quite a number of New Zealanders were present. The bride's dress was of soft white satin, made Empire fashion, and trimmed with old Duchesse lace, the lace being the pre-ent of her aunt, Miss Nathan. The veil of plain white tulle was supported by a wreath of real orange blossoms, and the bride wore two clusters of orange blossoms on her dress.

Her going away dress was of natter blue cloth, with large black hat trimmed with feathers to match the costume. She also wore a very handsome set of black fox furs, a present from her father. Four little girls were bridesmaids—Miss Margy Salinger and Miss Hilda Drucker, nieces of the bridegroom, and Miss Queenie Nathan and Miss Rae Resenfeld, cousins of the bride. They wore dainty frocks of white muslin and lace, with big hats of the same, and carried small baskets of pink carnations, white heather, and lily of the valley. Miss Nathan, the bride's aunt, wore a gown of blue chambruse satin. The presents were very handsome and numbered about 200.

The Hon. W. P. Reeves has been appointed a member of the Royal Commission which is to examine schemes for securing a more fully representative character for popularly elected legislative bodies. The chairman of the Commission is Lord Richard Cavendish, younger brother of the Duke of Devonshire, and the other members are Lord Loches of Gowrie, formerly Mr. Edmund Robertson, ex-Secretary to the Admiralty; the Hon. Edwin Montague, M.P., who is under 30 years of age, has been a Liberal member of Parliament since 1906, and is part author of a book on Canada and the Empire; Sir Francis Hopwood, permanent Under-Secretary for the Colonies, and a member of the Royal Commission on Shipping Rings, London Traffic, and Canal; Sir Courtenay Albert, who has been Clerk of the House of Commons since 1892; Sir Charles Eliot, ex-Governor of Eastern Nigeria; and Mr. John Walker Hills, M.P. for Durham City.

Professor Ernest Rutherford, the distinguished New Zealander, who was recently awarded the Nobel prize for chemistry of £7500 for his discoveries and works on radio-activity, visited Stockholm last week, accompanied by his wife, and was entertained for six days. He also made an excursion from Stockholm to Upsala University, where great attention was paid him. He inspected the chemical and physical laboratories before returning by way of Berlin to Manchester, where he occupies the Chair of Chemistry at the University.

Mr. P. A. Vaile is to meet Lord Milner early in January, and put before him the Imperial scholarship scheme lately mooted by the New Zealand writer in an article in the "Manchester Guardian," under the title of "The Rhodes Scheme Revised." Mr. Vaile is highly pleased with the manner in which his new idea has been received.

Mr. L. F. Ayson, Chief Inspector of New Zealand Fisheries, is over in Ireland this week collecting salmon ova for shipment to New Zealand. He will bring a consignment of 1,000,000 back with him to London, and these, together with 350,000 collected from the Tay, the Wye, and elsewhere, will be dispatched to New Zealand by the Turakina next week, under the care of the chief engineer. Mr. Ayson follows later in charge of a second shipment of ova, for the collection of which the High Commissioner's Department is now arranging.

Recent callers at the High Commissioner's office: Mr. W. S. Cederholm (Wellington), Miss Doris Roskrige (Wellington), Mr. D. R. Caldwell (Auckland), Mr. L. S. Humphries (Wellington), Mr. and Mrs. Overton Smith and family and Mr. C. Overton Smith (Auckland), Mr. Collie (Wellington), Mr. L. Rhythe, Mr. F. M. Binkley (Christchurch), Mr. L. F. Ayson (Wellington), Mr. E. Tuke (Auckland), Miss Florence Naden (Auckland), Mr. Addison John Newbould (Napier), Mrs. C. W. Sinclair, Miss E. Sinclair and Mr. R. W. Sinclair (Wellington), Mr. W. H. Bird (Wanganui), Mr. Douglas A. McGill (Auckland), Mr. James G. Henderson (Milburn, Otago), Mr. J. H. Coates (New Brighton, near Christchurch), Mr. L. S. Flyger, Mr. J. W. Kendall (Auckland).

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