

by, was a colonist of 56 years' standing, and one of the fast-thinning army of diggers who made golden history in the "litter." His life was an adventurous one. At various times he held or was interested in many rich claims, and made and lost several fortunes. Eight years were spent on the New Zealand fields, and while there he took a hand, under Von Tempeky, against the Maori. Mr Webster's last gold-holding venture was the disappointing Mount Brown rush. This ended disastrously. He and a companion narrowly escaped death from thirst, being rescued in the last extremity.

Advice has been received in Sydney that the Very Rev. Patrick Murray, Provincial of the Order in Ireland, Australia and New Zealand, has been elected Superior-General of the Redemptorists throughout the world.

The Hon. W. W. McCordle, M.L.C., Wellington, has been on a week's visit to Auckland.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Macklow, of Parnell, returned from a visit to Christchurch last week by the Monowai.

Mr. Franklyn Bradley, a settler of long standing in the Waikato district, died last week at the age of 75 years.

Mr. Andrew Thompson, who has been manager of the Mount Somers Coal Company's mine for the past three years, has received an appointment at Huntly.

Mr. T. W. Downes, town clerk of Bulls, died suddenly last week from heart disease. Deceased was formerly a surveyor and civil engineer at Wellington.

Private Storkey, of the Napier Rifles, who shot so well at the recent Trenton meeting, has been awarded the Government's gold medal for the best shot in the East Coast Battalion.

Mr. Clement Wragge was a passenger for Gisborne by the Monowai on Saturday.

Monsignor O'Reilly went over to Sydney on Monday by the Mokoia.

Mr. Grigsby, manager in Auckland for Messrs. Collins Bros., was a passenger for Sydney on Monday by the Mokoia.

The Rev. H. Reeve, vicar of St. Sepulchre's Church, was a passenger for London by the Ruapehu from Wellington on Thursday.

Mr. J. Kirker, general manager of the South British Insurance Company, left Auckland on a visit to Australia by the Mokoia on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Mitchellson of Dargaville, left on a visit to Australia and the South Sea Islands by the Sydney boat on Monday.

Captain Cromerty, of the Union Company has been spending furlough in New Zealand, returned to Sydney by the Mokoia on Monday to resume duty.

Among the visitors to New Zealand at present is Mr. J. M. Kneeshaw, manager of the Government electric tramways in Sydney. Mr. Kneeshaw was formerly connected with the New Zealand Railway Department, and was in charge of the Department's exhibit at the Dunedin and South Sea Exhibitions.

Mr. Adam McCracken, the inventor of mortite, a new explosive, has left New Zealand for Melbourne, en route to England, to give practical trials of the explosive at the request of the British Admiralty. He has letters from the New Zealand Government and the Commonwealth Government asking their representatives in London to give him every assistance in his mission.

It is not given to every local preacher to spend forty-nine years of his life in this work, but this proud record is held by Father Laws, of the Napier Circuit. At the last quarterly meeting of the Hawke's Bay metropolis, special reference was made to his retirement from active work on account of growing physical disabilities. The following resolution was unanimously passed:—"That we deeply regret the retirement of Father T. Laws from the active work of a local preacher through growing physical infirmity, and that this meeting places on record an expression of the affectionate regard and high esteem which Mr. Laws has earned throughout a long and honourable career as a local preacher for forty-nine years in the Old Country and this Dominion."

Mr. A. G. Macfarlane, of the New Zealand Press Association staff in Wellington, was married at Felding last week to Miss B. Waddington, daughter of Mrs. M. Waddington, of that town. In about a week's time Mr. Macfarlane will go to Cable Bay, Nelson, to act as agent for the Press Association there for some months.

At St. Luke's Schoolroom, Wadestown, Wellington, last week, presentations were made to the Rev. T. G. Kay and Mrs.

Kay, who are leaving on a trip to England. The gifts to Mr. Kay comprised a framed and illuminated address from the parishioners, six volumes and a silver pencil from the Sunday School teachers, and a silver-mounted pocket knife from the choir boys. Mrs. Kay was the recipient of a beautiful silver inkstand and pen. St. Anne's Church, Northland, also made presentations to Mr. and Mrs. Kay.

LONDON, April 2.

Mr. D. Robertson, secretary of the New Zealand Post and Telegraph Department, is on a visit to the Old Country, accompanied by Mrs. Robertson. They arrived at Vancouver from New Zealand on January 5, and since then have been visiting many of the chief centres in Canada, the United States, Germany, and France, reaching London last week. In Germany they were joined by their son, who is a New Zealand Rhodes scholar, and who is now taking a post-graduate course at Leipsic University. He has accompanied his parents to London for the Easter vacation, after which he will return to Leipsic. This week Mr. Robertson paid a visit to Fleetstreet to see how the great provincial papers are fed with telegraphic news by their London agencies, and next week he will have an opportunity of observing the methods of the Press gallery in the House of Commons, as affecting the collection and distribution of news.

Recent callers at the High Commissioner's office—Miss Constance Macbeth (Christchurch), Mr. J. Stuart White (late of Dunedin), Mr. Geo. Mellor (Alexandra South), Mr. P. E. Dwyer (Dunedin), Mr. W. Vernon Rout (Nelson), Mr. Truby King (New Plymouth), Mr. Newton King (New Plymouth), Mr. J. B. Connell (New Plymouth), Mr. N. B. Durham (Auckland), Mr. and Mrs. W. R. May (Nelson).

The Earl of Ranfurly is to be presented with the honorary freedom of the Worshipful Company of Pattern-makers at the Guildhall on April 20th, "in token of the appreciation of the services rendered by him as Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Dominion of New Zealand during the years 1897 to 1904, and as a mark of the esteem in which he is held by the citizens of London."

The Rev. H. S. Woolcombe, M.A., who finishes at Easter his work as head of Oxford House, Bethnal-green, in order to go on a preaching tour throughout the Empire, is receiving many souvenirs of esteem from the many organizations in which he has taken an active interest. He has been a very popular school manager, and the local teachers and children have already presented a travelling trunk and clock for his voyage to Australia and New Zealand, where he goes as a delegate of the Church of England Men's Society, while the Oxford House Ladies' West End Association have presented a camera, a gold watch-chain, and a fishing rod, and the Church of England Guild of Service a dispatch box and crucifix. Other presents are to follow from the Men's Meeting, and the Men's Club, who welcomed Mr. Woolcombe with a "sheep's-head supper," will give him a farewell in the same hearty fashion.

Mr. Connett, the chairman, and Mr. Newton King, the treasurer, of the New Plymouth Harbour Board, have arrived in London, on a business trip in connection with the flotation of a £300,000 loan for the Harbour Board. Of the sum to be raised, £200,000 is to pay off the existing loan, which falls due on May 1st, and the balance of the money is to be used for completing the harbour at New Plymouth. Mr. King is accompanied by his wife and Mr. Truby King, and Mr. Connett by Miss Connett. The party travelled to Vancouver by the Makura, and thence through Canada, visiting Niagara and Montreal en route. They arrived at Plymouth last Sunday and came on to London. Before leaving for New Zealand via Suez in six weeks' time, Mr. King hopes to see something of the produce trade in London and the provinces, and Mr. Connett will visit friends in Devonshire.

The R.M.S. Tainui left London to-day with the following saloon passengers for New Zealand ports:—Miss A. M. Phillips (Wellington), Mr. E. S. Pink (Wellington), Mr. C. E. Hart (Auckland), Mr. D. Hodgkinson (Napier), Mrs. D. Jacobs, Miss B. Jacobs (Wellington), Mr. J. Macfarlane (Wellington), Mr. B. Miller (Napier), Mr. W. Nash, Mrs. Nash (Wellington), Mr. A. W. Pottinger (Lyttelton), Miss I. Richards (Wellington), and 273 third-class passengers.

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