

oversee of the Government Printing and Stationery Department, received a handsome gift from the employees of the Department on his retirement after thirty-seven years of service. The presentation, which took the form of a silver tray and tea and coffee service, was made by Mr. Mackay, Government Printer, who made a speech, praising Mr. Burns' earnest and long-continued work in the service.

Captain Dunk, of the Manawatu Mounted Rifles, Palmerston North, has been presented with a gold watch by the members of his corps, to mark his appointment to the command of the Second Wellington Battalion.

Mr. B. H. Gowen, who is leaving Wellington, has been presented with a handsome travelling clock, in recognition of his work as honorary secretary and librarian of St. Peter's Sunday-school. The presentation was made by the Rev. W. C. Waters, vicar of the parish, on behalf of the teaching staff.

At the Parliamentary Library, Wellington, recently, Mr. Charles Wilson, chief librarian, was the recipient of a handsome ebony and silver walking stick, as a token of esteem from the permanent staff.

Lieutenant Guy Powles, of Wellington, who went to South Africa with the Rough Riders, and has been on furlough in England, is a passenger by the Mokoia from Sydney.

Professor MacLaurin, Victoria College, Wellington, has gone to Sydney for the vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Buchanan, who have been residing in Mr. Warren's house in Hobson-street, during the latter's absence from Wellington, have taken Mr. J. P. Maxwell's house in the same street, while Mr. Maxwell takes a trip to England.

Mrs. Abbot and her daughters, who have been paying a visit to Wellington, have returned to Balgownie, Wanganui, for Christmas.

Captain and Mrs. Humphrey (England) are staying at the Royal Oak Hotel, Wellington.

Mrs. Lomar, of Wanganui, has been in Wellington for a visit, and Miss Moore, of the same town, has been staying with Mrs. Fitzherbert at the Hutt.

Mr. and Mrs. Travers (Lower Hutt) have been on a trip to the Hot Lakes District.

His Excellency the Governor and Lady Ranfurly, attended by Captain Alexander and Hon. H. C. Butler, have left for a cruise in the Tutaneaki. The party also includes Ladies Constance and Eileen Knox, Mrs. Matheson and Miss Douglas. A complete circuit of the South Island is contemplated, including many little-known places out of the usual route of steamers, and the trip will probably be extended to some of the islands farther south.

Miss Morgan (England), whose exquisite miniature painting has been so much admired, is back in Wellington again after a stay of some months in the South Island, where she has been extremely busy with commissions.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Johnston (junr.) have left Wellington for "Highden," the Hon. W. Johnston's place at Awahuri, near Feilding, where they will remain for Miss Ella Johnston's wedding on January 6 before returning to Wanganui.

John, and the Garrison Band was in attendance, and played a number of selections. Mrs. Littlejohn wore a handsome blouse of pale blue silk, with lace trimmings, black skirt, Legnora hat, trimmed with black silk and tips; Mrs. Chatterton, grey China silk, large black chignon hat; Mrs. Mules, black costume, heliotrope bonnet; Miss Mules, flowered muslin blouse, black skirt, large black hat; Mrs. James Marsden, black and white costume, toque to match; Miss Marsden, heliotrope mercerised lawn, black hat turned off the face; Mrs. Heaps, black serge coat and skirt, bonnet en suite; Miss Heaps, grey costume and hat; Mrs. Mackay, black, with full vest of heliotrope chignon, heliotrope bonnet; Miss Mackay, cream serge, braided with gold, becoming cream hat with red roses; Mrs. Dr. Roberts, black grenadine over white, white chignon hat finished with black velvet; Mrs. Tomlinson, black; Miss Tomlinson, pink muslin, sailor hat; Mrs. Kingdon, smart tailor-made coat and skirt of black cloth, pink hat; Mrs. Jack Sharp, black and white costume, becoming hat to match; Mrs. Fell, mourning costume; Mrs. A. Atkinson; Miss M. Atkinson, blue silk blouse, black hat and skirt; Mrs. Sclanders, black costume and bonnet; Mrs. Tonkin, navy foulard, black hat; Mrs. Allan; Mrs. Morrison, grey and black costume; Mrs. W. Rout, wedgwood blue costume with lace trimmings, toque to match; Mrs. B. Lewis; Mrs. Barr wore a becoming costume of black, pretty, heliotrope toque; her sister, Miss Boyd (Auckland), looked well in grey and black, black hat; Miss Richmond, pink muslin; Miss Huddleston, grey bolero and skirt trimmed with white braid, chip hat with navy silk; Miss M. Harris, white cambric with blue spots, sailor hat; Miss A. Trolove, light muslin; Miss M. Glasgow, smart costume of light grey voile, chip hat; Miss E. Ledger, white; Miss Gibson, grey cashmere, made with numbers of small tucks, straw hat with pink roses; Miss Rawson (Christchurch), grass lawn costume, black hat; Miss

Leggatt, pretty pink floral muslin and becoming black hat; Miss Blackett, heliotrope muslin, black hat; Miss Seely, white, black hat; Miss P. Sealy, light silk blouse, black skirt, sailor hat; Miss Armstrong, vieux rose costume, black hat; Miss Robinson, floral muslin and lace, sailor hat; Miss Johnson (Motueka), white muslin; Miss Forbes, white muslin and lace; Miss Fillet, light blue; Misses Preshaw (2), Douglas (2), Edwards (2), D. Roberts, pretty black and white muslin; Miss Ellis, white, with white chignon hat; Miss Buchanan, dark blue voile, large hat; Miss P. Fell, white; Miss Clifford, black and white; Miss Baine, white.

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