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Personal Paragraphs.

His Excellency the Governor and the Countess of Ranfurly will be entertained by the citizens of Auckland at a grand ball at the Drill Shed on Tuesday next. The affair promises to be the largest and most brilliant social function ever held in the colonies. Applications for invitations should be made at once to Messrs. Upton & Co., Wildman, Lyell and Arey, or the secretary, Mr. W. Holmes. The guarantee is already very large, and is daily being augmented. No invitations will be issued till application has been made as stated. The gentlemen's tickets are a guinea, and the ladies half-a-guinea.

Lady Ward is back in Wellington.
Miss Moore (Masterton) is the guest of Mrs Wilford, St. John Hill, Wanganui.
Mr. King Adams, of the Indian civil service, is in Wellington at present.
Mrs and Miss Roy, of New Plymouth, are making a short stay in Auckland.
Mrs and Miss Pearl Grace (Wellington) have gone for a visit to Wanganui.
Bishop Neligan intends visiting Waikato very shortly.
Miss Gibbes has returned to Wellington from Wanganui.
Mr. Houghton, of Parnell, Auckland, has gone to New Plymouth.
Miss Adams (Melbourne) is the guest of her aunt, Mrs Adams, in Wellington.
Miss G. Krull is spending a few weeks at Wanganui.

On Saturday last Lord Ranfurly was at the meeting of the Savage Club.
Mrs. Pollen (Wellington) has returned from a visit to Nelson.
Mrs. White (Gisborne) is paying a visit to her relatives in Auckland.
The Hamilton Golf Links were opened on the Prince of Wales' Birthday.
Mr Sydney Williamson is still staying in Auckland.
Miss Brabant has returned to Wanganui from her visit to Auckland.
Bishop Neligan accompanied Lord Ranfurly on his trip up North last week.
Miss Amy Williams (Cambridge) is staying in Auckland on a short visit.
The Bishop of Waiapu has returned to his diocese from a visit to Auckland.
Sir Robert and Lady Stout have lately been spending a few days at Wanganui.
Colonel Webb was in Napier last week inspecting the local volunteers.

Dr. Lindsay, of Auckland, is at present making a short stay in Wellington.
Captain Colbeck, Auckland, is paying a business visit to the Kaipara.
Major Holgate arrived from Whangarei on June 6th.
Mr H. Pullan Barry (Auckland) left for the South by the Rototiti on June 6th.
Captain Bloomfield is doing his utmost to put new life into the Seddon Horse.

Mrs and Miss Hacon (Wellington) have gone to pay a visit to their relations in Auckland.

Mrs Louis Pharazyn has returned to Wellington after a short stay in the country.

Mr. W. G. Hutchison, of Johannesburg, who is revisiting New Zealand, is going back to South Africa shortly.

Lieut.-Commander Minnett, of the American warship Wheeling, is at present on a visit to Rotorua.

The Rev. R. M. Beattie, M.A., has been elected Moderator of the Auckland Presbytery.

Mrs Kekwick and Miss Ivy Buddle (Remuera, Auckland) were staying at Te Aroha last week.

Mrs. Grace and Mrs. Ian Duncan (Wellington) have gone to Wanganui for some weeks.

Mrs W. Moss, who has been staying in Auckland for some months, is shortly leaving for West Australia.

Mr. and Mrs. Skelton and Miss Skelton, Maungaturoto, are in Auckland this week.

Mrs Herbert Jackson and three children are visiting Mrs F. R. Jackson at Castlecliffs, Wanganui.

Mr Clemence Lawford, of Auckland, left for South Africa, via Sydney, last Monday.

Mrs Von Dadelzen is staying with Mrs Bernard Chambers, Havelock, Hawke's Bay.

Miss Allen, who has been spending a week with her people, in Pieton, has returned to Nelson.

Mrs D. Aldworth (Silverhope) is staying with Mrs Fairfax-Cholmeley, Tayforth, Wanganui.

Mr. M. Dillingham, of Auckland, has been spending a short holiday at Te Aroha.

Mr D. Robertson, Waitohi Valley, is spending a week or two with Mr Cullen, Mahakipawa, Marlborough.

Mr W. P. Reeves, Agent-General for New Zealand, was staying in Spain at the beginning of last month.

Mr R. Whitson, who went Home on a business trip some months ago, returned to Auckland by the Sonoma.

Mr Channing Buckland (Waikato) was staying in Auckland for a few days last week.

Mr and Mrs John Duncan, of the Grove, Queen Charlotte Sound, are in Pieton for a few days.

Miss Graham, who has been visiting friends in Wellington, has gone on to the Rangitikei district.

Mrs Murdoch McLean, of Mt. Albert, who has been on a visit to Wellington, returned to Auckland on Saturday.

Miss Devenish has returned to New Plymouth after a pleasant trip to Sydney.

Mrs. Harry Stocker, who has been on a visit to Wellington, has returned to New Plymouth.

Mr and Mrs Andrew Rutherford, jun., of North Canterbury, have returned from their wedding trip to Australia.

Signor Bragato will visit Birkenhead early in August for the purpose of lecturing on viticulture.

Mr Leatham, a member of Lord Hawke's cricket team, is returning to England by way of Japan and America.

Mr. F. E. Baume left Auckland for New Plymouth on Monday last by the Ngapuhi.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Gibson, Whakapirau, Kaipara, are paying a flying visit to Auckland.

Mrs G. F. Sutherland, who is on a visit to Auckland, returns to Fiji by the Moura on June 17.

Among the numerous New Zealanders visiting the great exhibition in Japan is Mr Vincent C. Ranson, of Rongotea (Manawatu).

Rev. F. G. Bennett, who was on a visit to Auckland in connection with the opening of the Maori Girls' School, has returned to New Plymouth.

Mrs. de Labrosse and her daughter, Mrs. Shakespeare, Kaipara, have come to Auckland for the winter. They are staying at North Shore for the present.

Miss Carrie Bayly, New Plymouth, has come to Auckland on a visit. She is staying with her sister, Mrs. Noble, in Havelock street.

Mr. and Mrs. Clement Govett and their daughter, of New Plymouth, are

leaving for a trip to Rotorua shortly for the benefit of the latter's health.

Mrs Russell Duncan, who has been on a visit to the North of Auckland and the city, returned to Napier by the Talune last week.

Mrs Lodder, who was for many years resident in Auckland, and is now living at Wellington, is at present on a visit to her daughters in Auckland.

Mr. F. H. Latham was the winner of the Victoria Cup (men's singles) at the Wellington Golf Club's grounds on the Prince of Wales' birthday.

Mr Vincent Ransom (Manawatu) passed through Wellington recently on his way to Japan, where he will spend some months.

Miss M. E. Mandeno, who is leaving Rangitikei School to take charge at Te Tahiti, was presented with an address, hand-bag and clock by the children.

Mrs Tribe, whose boardinghouse at Cambridge has been so deserving popular, has given it up, and is building a smaller house to reside in.

Mr and Mrs Heaton Rhodes (Christchurch) left London for New Zealand last month by the new P. and O. steamer Orita.

Lord Northland attended the meet of the Pakuranga Hounds at Otahuhu on June 4th. They had a good run towards Mangere, where there was a kill.

Mr R. W. Muir, of Dunedin, will relieve the Hon. W. Burton at the Bank of New Zealand, Suva, during the latter's twelve months' leave of absence.

Mr and Mrs Frank Challis, late of Auckland, who went over to South Africa some months ago, are at present in Durban.

The Rev. J. S. Smalley, ex-president of the Wesleyan Conference, who has retired from active work, left by the Sonoma for Sydney on June 3.

Mr R. Jay, late of Dunedin, the new manager of the New Zealand Express Company at New Plymouth, has taken up his duties.

Miss Blanche Davis left Auckland by the Sonoma for Sydney last week. She is going to stay with her sister, Mrs Moss.

The Rev. James Kyall, who some eight years ago was Maori missionary at Gore, intends visiting Auckland with his wife and daughter.

Mr J. L. Stocker, accountant at the New Plymouth branch of the Bank of Australasia, has retired from the bank's service after a twelve years' connection.

Miss Rose Laird (Auckland) is shortly leaving for South Africa, where she is to be married to Mr W. Thomas. They are going to live in Johannesburg.

Mr. C. A. Cawkwell has been elected secretary and treasurer of the Waitamata County Council out of 80 applicants.

Mr Harry Vogel, son of the late Sir Julius Vogel, was summoned at Windsor lately for driving his motor-car at a furious rate.

Mrs and the Misses Chaytor (2), "Marshlands," Spring Creek, Marlborough, have gone to Christchurch for a trip.

Miss Ethel Greensill (Pieton) has gone to Wellington to nurse her sister, who was seriously ill, but is fortunately recovering.

A presentation of a handsome marble clock was made to Mr James McKenzie, of Weber, Dannevirke, prior to his leaving the district.

Mr E. C. E. Mills, of Wellington, who at present is staying in London, is shortly going to the States, and from there back to Wellington.

Miss Edith Take, who left Napier for England last year, has been visiting Paris. She is at present in London, and will not return to New Zealand this year.

Mrs Butler, senr., and Mr and Miss Cleveland have left Wellington to make their home in Auckland. They are going to live in Parnell.

Dr. Arthur Hall, the newly-appointed House-Surgeon at Dunedin Hospital, arrived at Wellington by the Maori from England.

Miss Medley, of Wellington, who has been staying for some weeks with Mrs Bowen, Upper Riccarton, has now returned home.

Mrs W. A. Moore, of Dunedin, recently spent a week in Christchurch with her mother, Mrs J. J. Kinsey, at "Warimoo," Papanui-road.

Miss Dennistoun (Christchurch) has gone to Sydney on a visit, and Miss H. Dennistoun to Wellington for a few weeks.

Captain Todd and Mr Tysen, jun. (Tysen line), have been in Christchurch on a business visit, and were the guests of Mr and Mrs J. J. Kinsey for a few days before leaving for the North.

Mr Leslie Reynolds, C.E., is back in Nelson after a trip to Hawera on business. Mr Reynolds is directing the scheme for the improvement of Nelson Harbour.

Mr Harman, Private Secretary to the Native Minister, who made a voyage round the North Island for the benefit of his health, returned to Wellington feeling much better for his trip.

Mr. H. B. Kirk, having accepted the position of professor of biology at Victoria College, Wellington, the vacant appointment of inspector of native schools has been filled by Mr. W. W. Bird, M.A.

Mr F. Maunsell, who for four years has been associated with the legal firm of Emulay, Dalziel & Co., has severed his connection in order to take up a practice on his own account.

Mrs Robert Browning, who with her two daughters went Home some time ago, is shortly going to Italy. Mrs Browning thinks of returning to New Zealand some time after Christmas.

At the Te Arai Church, Gisborne, on Sunday week, Mr. W. T. Fraser was admitted to deacon's orders by His Lordship the Bishop of Waiapu. He is to be stationed at Rotorua.

The banquet proposed to be given to Mr W. F. Massey, M.H.L., by his Pukekohe constituents has been postponed till after the session, on account of the bad state of the roads.

Mr Lea, the manager of the Bank of New South Wales, returned to Cambridge on Tuesday week after a month's holiday, and Mr Powell (relieving manager) has returned to Auckland (writes our Cambridge correspondent).

Admiral Faushave cables that, if possible, the Wallaroo and Phoebé will be in Auckland by the 16th of this month, so that the officers will be able to attend the Citizens' Ball—the farewell to Lady Ranfurly.

An active canvass is being made in the Ponsonby district for contributions to the memorial to the late

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