

PERSONAL NOTES.

Mr. John Daniell O'Connor, of Te Awamutu, died last week, aged 63.

Mr. R. Williams, magistrate at Savail, Fiji, arrived by the Tofua last week on a two months' holiday visit to the Dominion.

Mrs. Ayson, wife of Mr. L. F. Ayson, Chief Inspector of Fisheries, died in Wellington on Monday evening, aged Wellington last week, aged fifty-two years.

Mr. G. Moss, late of the Kittawa, has joined the Mararoa as third officer, vice Mr. H. Claydon, who has gone to Dunedin for orders.

Mr. Ambrose Millar, Consul for the Netherlands, returned by the Tofua yesterday afternoon from a visit to last week from a visit to Tonga and Samoa.

Mrs. Charles J. Holworthy, formerly wife of the late Sir Patrick Buckley, and only daughter of the late Sir William Fitzherbert, died at Wellington on Tuesday week.

Mr. A. J. Cox, commercial representative of the Tasmanian Government, arrived in Wellington last week by the Arawa from Hobart. He left by the Corinthic last week for South America, in connection with the Tasmanian export apple trade.

Mr. G. H. F. Rolleston, British Trade Commissioner, will visit Great Britain on duty in January next. He will be absent from the Dominion about five months. During Mr. Rolleston's absence the routine of his office will be carried on as usual, Mr. O. S. Watkins, of Wellington, acting in an advisory capacity.

It is understood that Mr. Priestley's appointment as one of the geologists of the Antarctic expedition is due to the recommendation of Professor David, of Sydney (says a Christchurch Press Association telegram). He takes the place of Allan Thompson. When Mr. Thompson asked to be released, Captain Scott communicated by cable with Prof. David, and also consulted Sir Joseph Ward, who offered no objection to an Australian taking the place of the New Zealander. Mr. Priestley has been working with Professor David since the return of Shackleton's expedition, preparing geological results for publication.

Last Thursday was the 94th anniversary of the birthday of Auckland's "Grand Old Man," Sir John Logan Campbell, and although the weight of twelve more months have added their quota to Sir John's gravity of years, and have bowed a little further his once erect form, he still remains comparatively hale and cheerful. Scarcely a day that he cannot be found sitting in the little Shortland-street office, receiving callers, having the news of the day read to him, and putting his signature to such business transactions as require his seal. On Thursday the Father of Auckland was the recipient of shoals of telegraphic and other messages of congratulation and good wishes, reminding the old man who sits with his memories in the dingy little office of associations fast dimming into the remoteness of history, that the busy and assertive young present has ever grateful homage for one to whom so much is owing by the people of the city he helped to found.

The funeral of the late Mr. J. H. Fox, locomotive engineer, New Zealand Government Railways Department, Auckland district, took place last week, the service at the grave-side being performed by the Rev. Canon McMurray. In the cortege, from the residence of his parents, St. Stephen's-avenue, Parnell, to Purewa Cemetery, were over one hundred representatives from all departments of the railway service, including Mr. G. E. Richardson, locomotive engineer and representing Mr. A. L. Beattie, chief mechanical engineer, N.Z.R.; Messrs D. T. McIntosh and W. Bowles, maintenance and traffic branches, respectively. Among the numerous wreaths were some from Wellington and the South Island, and from the Locomotive Engineer's office, offices and work-shops, Newmarket, the loco. running and car and wagon staff, from the branches of the Auckland district, including Thames, Paeroa, Rotorua, and Frankton branches. The late Mr. Fox was a native of Auckland, being 45 years of age at the time of his death, and served first in the Addington work-shops, subsequently being district manager at Pictou, engineer-in-charge of the Westinghouse brake gear of the Dominion, and for the past two years locomotive engineer at Auckland. Deceased was a general favourite in the service, and the news of his death came as a great shock to his many friends.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Headley, of Remuera, with their two daughters and Mr. Lionel Headley, left on Monday by the Wimmera for Sydney.

Mr. H. P. Barry, manager of the Waikoi Co.'s plant and mines, who has been on a visit to the Old Country, returned by the R.M.S. Arawa, which arrived at Wellington last week.

Mr. W. J. Kirk, chief of the Postage Stamp Printing Department at the Government Printing Works, has retired on superannuation after forty years' service. On Monday he was met by a number of his fellow employees, who made him a presentation as a token of their esteem.

Another pioneer of the Auckland province has passed away in the person of Mrs. Jane Sutcliffe, who has died at the age of 90 years, of which interval nearly 60 years were lived in and around Auckland, where she arrived with her husband by the Clifton on New Year's Day, 1845. For many years she and her husband lived first at Whitford Park, Turanga, and then at East Tamaki, and before being widowed, about 29 years ago, Mrs. Sutcliffe went to the Thames. Of late years she had resided with her daughter, Mrs. Ahier, of Carlton Gore-road, and enjoyed good health to within a few months ago. Seven of her nine children survive her, while she also leaves 41 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

The death of Mrs. Robert Hazard, sister of Mr. H. D. Morpeth, Town Clerk of Waikoi, occurred last week, at her residence, Hazard-street, after a lingering illness. The deceased lady was a pioneer of the province of Auckland, having with her husband arrived fifty-one years ago in the ship Prince Edward, from Prince Edward Island, Canada, the vessel being principally owned by her father and husband, and she experienced many of the vicissitudes incidental to early colonisation. She is survived by her husband, four sons, and two daughters. The sons are Messrs. H. D. M. Hazard (chief draughtsman of Survey Office, Christchurch), Norman Hazard (Government surveyor, Malay States), Fen Hazard (surveyor, Waikoi), and Reginald Hazard (engaged in mining in Chili). The daughters are Mrs. Patten and Miss Hazard, and there are also numerous grandchildren. Deceased was greatly esteemed for her many virtues and kindly disposition (wires our Waikoi correspondent).

Mr. Alfred Millar, who served his time with Messrs. Massey Bros., of Auckland, has just been granted his second-class engineer's certificate by the London Board of Trade.

Among the passengers who left Wellington for London last week by the Corinthic were the Rev. W. S. Lucas, Dr. S. A. Lucas, Mrs. Lucas and family, of Nelson; Mrs. M. and Miss M. Waldegrave, of Wellington; and Mr. J. H. Glyn, of Auckland.

At a concert given by pupils of Hamilton East School last week, Mr. Stevens (headmaster) was presented with an address signed by the chairman, committee, teachers and representatives of the children, and a gold watch, in recognition of his 28 years' administration of the school.

Mr. Alfred Hill, who has been acting as deputy-conductor of the Grand Opera Company, which is to disband shortly, has decided to take up his residence in Sydney, and follow the practice of his profession. The Dulwich Hill Operatic and Musical Society has arranged to produce Mr. Hill's opera "The Moorish Maid" in December, and the rehearsals are to be under his personal supervision.

Pastor R. H. Farland, of the Baptist Church, Cambridge, was tendered a valedictory social the other evening. He shortly leaves for Lincoln, to which place he has received a unanimous call. The following resolution was unanimously agreed to: "That this meeting places on record the high appreciation of Pastor Farland's services during his short stay here, and wishes him God-speed and success in his new sphere of labour."

On November 2nd a very pleasant family gathering took place at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Sansom, Waterview, Avondale, it being the occasion of the celebration of their golden wedding. The worthy couple can justly claim to be numbered among the pioneers of Auckland. Mr. Sansom left England with his parents when quite a child, and sailed for Sydney on the ship Queen Victoria, arriving there after a six months' passage, in 1840. After a short stay there, they came on to Auckland in 1841. After leaving school he was apprenticed to the printing trade with Mr. J. Williams, of

NEW ZEALANDERS ABROAD.

LONDON, September 30.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Ballantyne, of Christchurch, and their daughters, are in London just now. Mr. Ballantyne is combining business with pleasure, and the sight-seeing of the party has included Edinburgh and the Trossachs, Mrs. Ballantyne and family motoring from there down the coast to London, and afterwards visiting the Midlands and Southern counties. They have also visited Holland, Germany, and the Brussels Exhibition, returning to London via Paris. They are leaving shortly for New York, and will spend a month in America, sailing for New Zealand from Vancouver by the Makura.

Mr. H. G. Cayley Robinson, late of Invercargill, is over here from Dutch Guiana on a business mission. He went out to Dutch Guiana for the second time nearly two years ago, to manage a gold development company for a British syndicate. Latterly, however, he has been exploiting some gold concessions of his own about 100 miles from Paramaribo, in Dutch Guiana, and a week or two ago he arrived in England with the object of trying to secure the mining plant and concessions held by a Dutch company, and now lying idle, on behalf of himself and two friends. Mr. Robinson is also representing some Trinidad friends who own an oil-bearing land in Trinidad, and who wish to sell them to an English oil group. He expects to proceed to the Hague in the middle of October, and return to London in November via Amsterdam, Brussels and Paris. He will leave England for Trinidad in the first week of December, proceeding to Dutch Guiana via British Guiana early in January.

Mr. Alexander Crow, of Wellington, who has been on a holiday trip to the Old Country, intends returning home by the Mongolia, leaving London on October 7th. After his arrival here on April 1st Mr. Crow spent five weeks in London, and then visited France, Ireland and Scotland, making many pilgrimages to scenes of historical interest in those countries.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Kaye, of Christchurch, intend leaving England on October 5th, via New York and Canada, on their return journey to New Zealand, where they expect to arrive early in December. Mrs. Kaye, since her arrival in the Old Country last April, via Suez, has attended the World's Y.M.C.A. Conference in Berlin and the World's Missionary Conference in Edinburgh.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Haynes, of Dunedin, their daughter (Mrs. Mill) and her son, are visiting London at present. They came to England by the Morea, via Suez, arriving in June, and spent some time in Scotland. Mr. Haynes remaining in London on business. Mrs. Mill had a delightful motoring tour through the Southern and Midland Counties with her sister (Mrs. J. Ballantyne, of Christchurch) and party. They leave shortly for New York, and will spend a month crossing America, via Canada, taking steamer at Vancouver for New Zealand.

Miss Florence M. L. Jones is returning to Wellington, via Suez, by the Otway. She has been in England and Wales for the last two years. During part of the time Miss Jones has been studying music under Dr. Rowland M. Winn, of Birmingham, and has been successful in gaining the L.R.A.M. degree at the recent Metropolitan examination.

Mr. H. A. Neilsen, of Auckland, has recently returned to London from a trip to Denmark, where he has been visiting the scenes of his youth after an absence of 26 years. In his younger days Mr.

Neilsen was a steward in the Danish Navy, and saw active service nearly 60 years ago in the sea fight against a fleet of German and Austrian warships off Heliogoland. The Danish fleet was successful in that fight, but the death-roll was heavy; and Mr. Neilsen saw many of his comrades laid to rest in the graveyard at Christiansund. Before he left for New Zealand he received at the hands of Prince Valdemar of Denmark a photograph of the cemetery where his comrades killed in the battle were buried. On his return to Copenhagen recently Mr. Neilsen paid a call on Prince Valdemar, and, although at first the Prince could not recall him, mention of the photograph was sufficient to bring back all the circumstances to his memory, and he welcomed the New Zealander very heartily, and had a long chat with him at the Palace over old times.

Among the many New Zealanders who have expressed pleasure in the New Zealand exhibit at the White City is Mr. Justice Denniston, who on Tuesday evening last inspected it. Mr. Justice Denniston said that he considered the exhibit did great credit to New Zealand and the exhibitors.

Mr. S. Hetherington and Mrs. Hetherington, of the Thames, has just returned to London from a trip through Ireland and Scotland. They intend to spend some time in London, where Mr. Hetherington is attending to business matters, and they purpose wintering further South, possibly in the South of France, though this is not yet decided.

Mr. Charles A. Purnell, M.B., elder son of Mr. Charles W. Purnell, Barrister-at-Law, New Zealand, was married on September 19 at St. Martin-in-the-Fields, London, to Miss Nora Kathleen Bee, daughter of Mr. James Bee, of Normanhurst, Lee, Kent.

Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Maxwell, of Northcote, Auckland, are on a visit to London. They left New Zealand early in June, coming via Vancouver, through Canada, and on to New York. Mrs. Maxwell found the heat too great in New York, and came on to Liverpool a month ago, but her husband had business to look after, so he stayed behind, afterwards rejoining Mrs. Maxwell in London. They are at present spending their time between London and Buckinghamshire, where they have relations. They will probably join a steamer at Genoa early in November, and get back to New Zealand about Christmas.

Recent callers at the High Commissioner's Office: Miss F. M. Jones (Wellington), F. S. Dubarnes (Gisborne), Mr. Robert Grainger (Auckland), Dr. and Mrs. Charles H. Gregory (Apti), Miss M. B. Richmond (Wanganui), Mr. and Mrs. Maxwell (Auckland), Miss Evelyn Isitt (Wellington), Claude B. Welby (Wellington), J. H. Aitken (Wanganui), H. G. Cayley Robinson (late Invercargill), Mr. John Withen (Timaru), Mr. Edwin A. Tanner (Wellington), Mr. and Mrs. D. Haynes (Dunedin), Mrs. Mills and son (Dunedin), Mr. and Mrs. J. Ballantyne and the Misses Ballantyne (Christchurch), Mrs. Pudney and Mr. F. Addison Pudney (Christchurch), Mr. Geo. Shalfoon (Auckland).

Mr. George Shalfoon, of Auckland, had recently been revisiting his birth-place at Mt. Lebanon, in Palestine, after an absence of twelve years, and is now in London. He spent a month in Palestine and a week in Paris, arriving in London on September 17. He leaves again on October 6 for Canada, and is due in New Zealand, via Vancouver and Fiji, on December 5.

Let me say that in no part of the Empire is so keen an interest felt in the work of the expedition as in New Zealand. That is proved by the generosity of the Government in giving the magnificent sum of £1000—an amount which I feel sure I am safe in saying will be doubled by private donations.—*Captain Scott.*

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