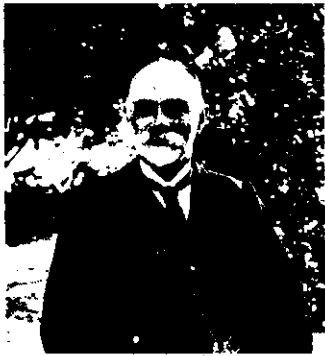




Barton, photo.

A SERIOUS FIRE AT HATAITAI—FIVE HOUSES DESTROYED.

Residents along the Arawa-Hataitai road, Wellington, had an anxious couple of hours one night last week, when a fire broke out which soon reached serious dimensions. The locality, shown in the photo, is situated on one of the highest points of Hataitai, and the fire, fanned by a gale of almost hurricane force, burned so fiercely that in a couple of hours five houses were completely razed to the ground.



THE LATE MR. F. R. FLATMAN.

The late Mr. F. R. Flatman, who died last week, was formerly M.P. for Geraldine. See Wellington letter.



A STATUE FOR WANGANUI.

The photo shows a model executed in Mount Somers stone by Mr. W. H. Feldon, of Auckland, of Major Kemp, as a guide in carving a full-sized figure in marble, which is to be placed in the public park at Wanganui.



THE NEW CHINESE CONSUL.

Mr. Chow S. Lanchu, the new Chinese Consul for New Zealand, arrived in Wellington last week with his wife and two daughters from Peking, via Australia.



Huddle Stone, photo.
A JAPANESE PEACE EMBASSY.

Mr. Kyo Su Inui, a Japanese orator, who intends to visit New Zealand early next year as an emissary of peace. He will be the delegate of the Japanese Peace Society and the Great League of Nations and Arbitration Society.



MR. J. M. JOHNSTON.

Mr. J. M. Johnston, of Palmerston North, who has been appointed to the directorate of the Bank of New Zealand, succeeds the late Mr. Quick, of Wellington.