

Personal Notes

ADVICE from Rotorua states that there has been a great improvement in the Hon. J. A. Mihar's condition. The blood pressure has gone down a good deal, and his sight is slowly returning over the whole of the affected eye. There is every chance of his making a complete recovery with care.

The Jewish community of Dunedin has given a call to the Rev. M. Diamond, of Newcastle, New South Wales.

Mr Walter Bishop, of the Napier Deeds Office, has been promoted to Assistant Land Registrar and Deputy-Registrar of Deeds in the same office, to succeed Mr. J. A. Fraser, promoted to Gisborne.

Mr. W. H. Field, ex-M.P. for Otaki, will be entertained by the residents of Waikanae and district at Mahara House, Waikanae on 1st July. Sir Joseph Ward has accepted an invitation to be present.

Mr John Murray, one of the early and sturdy pioneers of the West Coast, died at the Grey River Hospital last week, aged 90 years. Deceased was a native of Waterford, Ireland, and was well-known on the Coast.

Mr Walter King, of the Public Works Department, and a nephew of the Hon. C. H. Mills, died at the Auckland Hospital last week. He had been engaged in Departmental work at Te Puke, where he contracted a severe cold, which settled on his lungs, death supervening.

Mr. W. W. de Castro, who has been District Land Registrar, Registrar of Deeds, and Examiner of Titles, at Nelson for the past twenty years, has received notice of his transfer on promotion to Dunedin. During his residence in Nelson Mr de Castro has taken a very keen interest in Freemasonry, and besides being a P.M. of Lodge Victory, he attained the distinction of being a P.P.G.M. of the Nelson and Marlborough districts. He was also a prominent bowler and was last year secretary of the Nelson Bowling Club.

Mr. Michael Mullooly, who died at Poverty Bay last week, came from County Athlone, Ireland. He served in the Hawke's Bay volunteers (infantry) under Captain Tuke in 1865, and took part in the engagements with the other forces of Waipapa and other engagements that culminated in the fight at Waerenga-a-hika. In 1866 he captured and surrendered rebels were deported to the Chathams, together with a guard under Captain Tuke (brother of the officer previously mentioned). Mullooly was a member of the garrison. Two years later the rebels, under Te Kooti, overpowered the guard and seized the Rifleman. Mullooly resisted strenuously but was made prisoner, and was left tied up in the trenches. Mullooly was very near being shot, and would have been so but for his rather friendly relations with some of the natives. Subsequently Mr Mullooly settled at Tolaga Bay, where he at one time held considerable property.

The old soldier-soldiers of New Zealand are gradually passing away. The last to go was Mr. J. W. Thurston, who died, aged sixty-six, at Waverley. He was a native of Hobart, but came to New Zealand with his parents as a child. When the war broke out Mr Thurston joined General Cameron's forces and he was present at the engagement with the Maoris at Nukumarua, when a large number of pakeha soldiers fell. Forty years ago Mr Thurston took up land at Waverley, and was afterwards appointed Crown Lands Ranger for the district. In 1906 he was appointed clerk to the Waverley Town Board, which post he relinquished through ill health in 1910. When the Wairoa troop of light horse was formed in 1872 the late Mr Thurston joined as sergeant and served continuously in the corps for thirty years, being lieutenant of the troop when he resigned. In his day he was a noted shot and used to attend regularly the meetings of the National Rifle Association.

The death occurred at Wellington last week of Mr. S. C. Barrand, who was appointed manager of the Bank of New Zealand at Lower Hut in 1879, and he died a few years ago.

The Anglican Bishop of Auckland (Dr. Crossley) has been asked to preach the sermon at the consecration of the Bishop-elect of Nelson (Rev. W. C. Sadler).

The conferring of the Imperial Service Order, among the King's Birthday honours, upon Mr. Donald Robertson,

Secretary of the New Zealand Post and Telegraph Department, and Mr. John Strachan, Under-Secretary of Lands, is a recognition of long and faithful service rendered by both officials to the Crown. Mr. Robertson joined the Postal Department as a cadet in Dunedin in 1878, rising by his own diligence and ability to the high position he now occupies. Mr. Strachan entered the Provincial Engineer's Department in 1862, and three years later joined the Survey Department, going through the various grades until reaching the important office of Under-Secretary. His predecessor, Mr. W. C. Kensington, also earned his I.S.O.

A large gathering of Auckland business men assembled in the Chamber of Commerce last week to make a presentation to Mr. J. D. Greig, who has been local manager for the Bank of Australasia for the past seven years, and is now retiring on superannuation. The presentation took the form of a cheque for £100, subscribed for by clients of the bank, and a framed address signed by the representatives of over thirty business firms. Mr. J. D. Hall, who presided, spoke in very high terms of Mr. Greig, who, he said, was esteemed equally as a business man and a friend. He wished Mr. Greig many happy years of retirement after his labours, and expressed the hope of the gathering that he would continue to live in Auckland. Mr. A. D. Stewart (Sargold, Son, and Ewen) read a letter from his principal, Mr. T. Finlayson, who is away from Auckland, expressing a high opinion of Mr. Greig's services to the business community. Mr. Greig suitably returned thanks. Mr. Greig intimated that after a trip to the Islands and Sydney he would settle permanently in Auckland. On Monday afternoon Mr. Greig received a presentation from the Auckland staff of the bank and the managers of the Hamilton and Whangarei branches, in the form of a suit case and travelling rug.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Bray, late of Devonport, with their family, left for the Island and Sydney by the Tofua last week.

The deaths are announced of three old Southland residents. Mr. Robert Cleave (nurseryman), Mr. Robert Wesley (an active temperance worker), and Mr. Duncan K. MacRae (a well-known farmer of Mukoreta), who died in Edinburgh yesterday.

Mr. T. K. Honan, an old and much-respected resident of Onehunga, died somewhat suddenly last week. He had been for many years headmaster of the Roman Catholic Collegiate School at Onehunga. The deceased, who was nearly 70 years of age, leaves a widow and grown-up family.

Mr. John Smith, who has been a member of the Wellington City Council since 1885, and was acting-Mayor during the absence of Mr. T. M. Wilford, M.P., was last week presented by the Wellington citizens with a purse of sovereigns, in recognition of his services to the city. The presentation was made by the Mayor, Mr. D. McLaren.

Mr. H. D. Heather, who is about to take a trip to Australia, has been granted leave of absence by the Auckland Harbour Board, of which he is a member, and it was decided to give him a letter of introduction to the Sydney harbour authorities, as he intends to study harbour methods while across the Tasman Sea.

The Rev. Wilfrid Gore Browne, M.A., son of late Colonel Sir Thomas Gore Browne, K.C.M.G., Governor of New Zealand, 1855-61, is to be consecrated Bishop of Kimberley, South Africa, on St. Peter's Day, June 29. The Standing Committee of the Auckland diocese has arranged to send him a congratulatory cable from the diocese in which he was born. The Bishop-elect left England for South Africa in 1902, to become Rector of Pretoria. He was made Dean of Pretoria in 1909.

Rev. W. J. L. Cross, B.A., minister of Trinity Congregational Church, Christchurch, has accepted a call to Brighton Church, Melbourne, and will leave at the end of August.

Mr E. Dockrill has been appointed chairman of the New Plymouth High School Board, in place of Mr N. K. MacDiarmid, who has resigned.

Mr Wm. Swadling, J.P., died suddenly at his residence at Kaponga last week. Death was due to heart disease. Deceased had large interests in Kaponga.

He was chairman of directors of the Kaponga Dairy Co., a director of the Mouturoa freezing works, a councillor of the Eltham County Council, a former chairman of the Kaponga Town Board, a member of the Hawera Charitable Aid Board, and a member of the New Plymouth Harbour Board. He was about 55 years of age, a widower, and leaves one child.

A Press Association cable announces that Mr. Ernest Hume, selector of the New South Wales Cricket Association, died in London of pneumonia. He accompanied the Australian eleven home.

Captain Chambers has been appointed commander of H.M.S. Encounter. A London cablegram announces that Mr. E. T. Cook, late editor of the "Garden," has been knighted.

Mr. G. F. C. Campbell, Commissioner of Taxes, who is a cousin of the late Sir John Logan Campbell, arrived from Wellington by the express yesterday to attend the funeral to-morrow.

Major Harris, M.L.C., leaves for Wellington by the Main Trunk express this evening. Mr. John Ballard, M.P., also leaves by this evening's train.

Dr. Cleary, Roman Catholic Bishop of Auckland, was a passenger by the Main Trunk train, Sunday evening, on his way to Christchurch, to attend the jubilee of the foundation of the Christchurch diocese, and, incidentally, the jubilee of Bishop Grimes.

Mr. Percy Hallenstein, managing director of the D.I.C., Christchurch, arrived by the Main Trunk train on Sunday, accompanied by Mrs. Hallenstein, Mrs. E. Hallenstein, of Dunedin, and Mr. K. Hallenstein, of England. The party is staying at the Grand Hotel.

Cable information has been received from Philadelphia, notifying that J. C. Finlay, son of Mr. Thomas Finlay, Mount Albert, has successfully passed his final examination in dentistry at the University of Pennsylvania, taking the degree of

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