

# Personal Notes

**M**R. T. M. WILFORD, M.P., returned to Wellington last week from the Hot Lakes district, where he spent a week at Rotorua and about a fortnight at Lake Taupo, trout fishing. During that time his party caught 168 fish on the fly, weighing 1,210 pounds. Mr. Wilford, who for many years has taken a deep interest in the sport, is not too favourably impressed with the fishing outlook at Rotorua and Taupo—there are too many fish and no feed, he says, in effect. The fish, in his opinion, have greatly deteriorated, and unless the Government does something very quickly the fish in five years' time will not be worth having. During his stay in Rotorua Mr. Wilford introduced a deputation of tourist fly-fishers to the Hon. R. Heaton Rhodes on the subject.

Mr. J. A. Inkster, sub-editor of the Wanganui "Chronicle," left by the P. and O. Maloja, from Auckland, en route for England and the Continent. Mr. Inkster was accompanied by his sister, Miss A. Inkster, M.A., B.Sc. Prior to leaving Wanganui he was the recipient of farewell souvenirs from the staff and the proprietors.

Mr. J. C. Campbell, manager of the Bank of New South Wales in Napier, has received notice of transfer to the Dunedin office, where he will succeed Mr. Salmon, who has been appointed inspector for the southern district of New South Wales.

Dr. Randall Woodhouse, senior resident surgeon at Wellington Hospital, will act as medical superintendent during the absence of Dr. Hardwick Smith in England, with Dr. Ewart as consulting medical superintendent.

Mr. John Hughes, chief officer of the "Athene," who has been in ill-health, left by the Zealandia for London last week.

Mr. A. J. H. Bengé, B.A., of the Education Department, has been appointed to the position of secretary to the Public Service Commissioners.

Mr. A. Hobson has been appointed president of the Pharmacy Board of New Zealand for the ensuing twelve months.

At last week's meeting of the Auckland Presbytery the Rev. R. L. Walker, of St. James' Church, was granted eight months' leave of absence, in order that he might visit the Old Country. The Rev. Hugh Beggs is to fill the pulpit in the meantime.

Mr. A. J. H. Bengé, who has been appointed secretary of the Education Department, is the eldest son of Mr. Alfred H. Bengé, headmaster of the Waihi District High School, and was educated there. He also attended the Auckland Grammar School.

Mr. A. W. Mann, postmaster at Waihi, has been transferred to Westport, and will be succeeded at Waihi by Mr. G. S. Smallbone, of Marton. Since Mr. Mann's arrival at Waihi eleven years ago the office has made great strides. The staff then numbered only eight. The present staff is twenty, and the general business has increased threefold.

The Hon. C. E. Frazer, Commonwealth Postmaster-General, and Mrs. Frazer were entertained at luncheon in

Bellamy's on Friday by the Hon. R. H. Rhodes, Postmaster-General. The function was attended by all the Cabinet Ministers in Wellington. The guests numbered about forty-five.

On the eve of severing his connection with St. Patrick's choir, after a connection extending over twenty-seven years, during the greater part of which he acted as conductor, Mr. Hiscocks was presented with an address from the choir, and Bishop Cleary presented him, on behalf of the subscribers, with handsome pieces of silverware of exquisite design. His Lordship said he had learned with pleasure that Father Holbrook had made arrangements to retain Mr. Hiscocks' services for at least a time. To replace him was no easy task. Others spoke eulogising the work of Mr. Hiscocks, who duly expressed his acknowledgments.

The Very Rev. Dean Mahoney, of Orehungu, returned last week by the Maloja, after an eleven months' trip to Europe, via the Far East and Siberia.

The Rev. Father Holbrook, administrator of St. Patrick's Cathedral, left by the Maloja last week on a visit to the Holy Land, Southern Europe, France, the United Kingdom, and America. He will attend the Eucharistic Congress at Malta in April.

The Rev. E. D. Rice, who has just returned from a two-years' visit to England, has gone to Tauranga, to take office as vicar of Holy Trinity Parish, in succession to the late Canon Jordan.

The Hon. W. D. Johnson, Minister for Public Works in West Australia, who is now on a holiday visit to New Zealand, is an old Eltham resident. Mr. Johnson intends to meet representatives of the Labour organisations at Wellington, and to attend the Labour Conference on January 31st.

At the annual meeting of the Auckland Fire Underwriters' Association, Mr. H. P. Kissling, manager of the New Zealand Insurance Company, was elected chairman, and Mr. C. E. Palmer, manager of the Ocean Accident Corporation, vice-chairman for the ensuing year.

Miss Jessie M. Orr, who arrived from England and took up her duties as Lady Superintendent of the Auckland Hospital on 3rd January, was personally welcomed by the members of the Hospital Board last week, the occasion being the first meeting of the members since Miss Orr's arrival in Auckland.

The Rev. G. Mann, who was the New Zealand delegate to the English Conference of Primitive Methodists, is returning, accompanied by Mrs. Mann, by the Remuera, due at Wellington about the 3rd of next month. This will enable him to be present at the Methodist Union Conference to be held at Wellington on 6th February.

Captain Northcroft, ex-Stipendiary Magistrate, has been appointed Resident Commissioner at Rarotonga. A wire of acceptance was received by the Prime Minister while on tour, and he made the announcement at a Paparua gathering. Mr. Massey said that he was very pleased at Capt. Northcroft's acceptance, as con-

siderable difficulty had been experienced in finding a suitable officer for the position.

Mr. Grey Thorne George was a passenger by the Maloja last week. He will spend some months in England and on the Continent.

Mr. George Paradise, a resident of Wellington for over thirty years, died suddenly at his home in Brougham Avenue last Friday morning, aged 57. The deceased gentleman served an apprenticeship to a leading firm of book-sellers in London, and entered the service of Messrs. Lyon and Blair, on Lambton Quay, soon after he arrived in Wellington from the Old Country. When that firm sold its business to Messrs. Whitcombe and Tombs he retained his position—that of manager of the book department in the establishment. Subsequently he was associated with Osear Hewitt and Co. He has left a widow, but no children. For over twenty years Mr. Paradise was connected with the Wharf Open-air Mission, besides being actively associated with the Kent Terrace Presbyterian Church and the Y.M.C.A. He was also secretary for the Ceylon and Indian General Mission.

Mr. Leslie H. Reynolds has been appointed consulting engineer to the Nelson Harbour Board in carrying out a scheme of improvements now in progress.

Mr. T. G. Lowe, a prominent figure in labour circles in Wanganui, died last week.

Several staff changes have been made in the Public Works Department consequent upon the recent appointment of Mr. C. E. Bennet to the position of accountant, vacated by Mr. G. J. Clapham. It is not proposed to maintain the office of assistant accountant, vacated by Mr. Bennet, but Mr. C. E. Crawford will take up the work formerly done by Mr. Bennet. Mr. F. P. Manson, of the Wellington district engineer's office, will become chief bookkeeper in the head office. Mr. W. T. Wiggs, of the Nelson office, takes Mr. Manson's place in Wellington, and Mr. F. H. S. Ibbotson, from Blenheim, succeeds Mr. Wiggs. Mr. W. Southeran, of the Wellington office, goes to Blenheim.

His Excellency the Governor has consented to preside at the public meeting in the Wellington Town Hall on February 6, when the union of the Australasian and Primitive Methodist Churches of New Zealand will be consummated and the deed signed.

To celebrate the 25th anniversary of his marriage, the Rev. J. E. McFarland, vicar of St. Barnabas' Church, Mount Eden, was presented by his congregation with a cheque, and at Sunday morning's service Mr. McFarland expressed his appreciation of this act of kindness.

Mr. J. A. Smith, an inspector in the service of the Hawke's Bay Education Board, intends resigning from his position shortly. He will then leave for England, where he will reside in future. Mr. Smith has been connected with educational matters in Hawke's Bay since 1880, when he joined the service of the

department as first assistant master in the Napier Boys' High School. He was subsequently headmaster of the Port Ahuriri and Hastings schools. For some years he has acted as assistant inspector to the board. Mr. and Mrs. Smith will leave Napier in May.

The Chancellor of the University of New Zealand (Sir Robert Stout) reported in his annual address to the Senate that since last meeting the following Fellows who had retired by

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