

gone to settle in Scotland, which he left some 37 years ago in the Union Company's steamer Wauwaka, which, with the Taupo and Hawea, made an 18-day cruise from Dunedin to Auckland and back, via ports. The Wauwaka was a vessel about the same size as the Penguin.

Mr McGill, in the course of an interview with the "Post," described how the Wauwaka came out by way of St. Vincent and the Cape of Good Hope, picking up a cargo of timber at Hobart for New Zealand. The vessel was built on the Clyde, and her engines were what are known by engineers as a "compound job." She made the first Sounds excursion that the Union Company ever ran.

"Those who came out in the Wauwaka," said Mr McGill, "are all dead but the cook and myself. We had no trouble with firemen in those days. They were recruited from the seamen, and were clean, handy, steady men, and worth the £12 a month they got then. Ah, man! there's lots I could tell you if I could remember it." Mr McGill went on, "but it does not pour out of a man, so to speak, now. Did you know that my grandfather was the first man to build an iron ship? Well, that is so. He call her the Vulcan, and his name was Thomas Wilson. My! didn't the old women of the place make a to-do about it. They couldn't for the life of them understand how iron would float, and my grandfather was thought to be a madman, if a harmless one. He said, 'You doubt if the boat will float, women. Very well, bring down your men's tea flasks, and try them.' So they brought to the water all their pots and pans, and proved my grandfather was right for themselves. It must have been a funny sight to see those old women paddling about in the water with pots and pans afloat, but they did that.

"But between ourselves, my grandfather was a bit uncertain himself, for he would not float the vessel with the angle irons and frames in. He just laughed the more shell of her first. She was really a beautiful model, and if you mind the June Douglas, then the Vulcan was like her. She was used on the Forth and Clyde Canal, and was towed by horses. Well, if you want more ships, it was my father who built the first wooden brig to trade between Scotland and Canada, and she took out a large number of emigrants. Fancy that, now, some 200 people stowed away below in a small brig. Also, she carried out a cargo of eight-day clocks. Now, as for New Zealand, well, I have had some bad, very bad, weather on this coast, but the years went by quickly enough. As for the company, it treated me very well, I think. I received a cheque for £100 as a mark of appreciation of long service. I thought that the time had come when I should leave the sea, so I sent in my papers."

This is the plain tale of a plain man, a typical chief engineer of the old school, "the compound job."

NEW ZEALANDERS ABROAD.

LONDON, April 11.

Mr and Mrs D. C. Tennent and their daughter, of Marton, arrived here by the Dryad a few days ago after over forty years' residence in New Zealand, and they now intend to stay some time, remaining in London till the spring is well advanced, and then visiting the North of England and Scotland.

Among the gentlemen entertained by the Treasurer and the Masters of the Bench of Lincoln Inn at dinner last Monday night being Grand Day in Easter Term, was Mr J. W. Salmon, LL.B., Solicitor-General for New Zealand.

Among the mourners present at the memorial service to Lady Darley, widow of the late Rt. Hon. Sir Frederick Darley, at St. Barnabas Church, Pimlico, last Wednesday, was Sir Joseph Ward, ex-Prime Minister of New Zealand.

Mrs T. C. Faville, of Wellington, and her daughters, Miss Hazel and Miss Roma Faville, are here on a visit of pleasure and to see their relations. They intend to stay twelve months, perhaps longer, visiting most of the principal cities, and spending several weeks in London and Scotland with relatives.

Mr Fred J. Livingstone, of Christchurch, has his headquarters at present at the College of All Hallows, Barking, in Fitzroy Square. He intends to stay in London some little time, and then to study in England for a few years, as he hopes eventually to take Holy Orders.

Mr Thomas Buxton, M.P., who with his wife arrived in London late in March by the Orient liner Oriosto, came home

partly for pleasure, but principally to "inquire within" in the matter of the handling and distribution here of New Zealand's chief exports to the Old Country. Mr Buxton has spent a busy fortnight in London in pursuit of his main object, and expects to remain in the metropolis about a month in all.

Mr and Mrs H. R. Jenkins, of Eltham, left the Olway at Naples and came on via Paris to London last week. They intend touring Great Britain by motor car, and are going to the Argentine about August; from there by rail to Chili, and by boat to California, calling at Panama and Los Angeles, and traveling through the United States and Canada by rail before returning to England for a motor tour through Europe. On their return journey they will possibly visit Egypt. Mr Jenkins is chairman of directors of the Game Milking Machine Co., Ltd., and is putting this machine on the English, European, and American markets. He also intends to compete in milking machine trials at Durham, and to show at the Royal Agricultural Show in Bristol.

Dr W. E. Redman, J.P. (Mayor of Picton), and Mrs Redman arrived by the s.s. Kumara, and intend remaining in England some six or seven months. Dr Redman will be principally engaged in post-graduate work at the London hospitals.

Mr and Mrs C. G. Hume, of Wellington, and their family left New Zealand last June and travelled to the United States via the South Sea Islands. They spent about eight months travelling in Canada and the States, visiting all the principal cities in those countries for pleasure and to study the business methods there. To the wool, butter and meat market in the United States Mr Hume gave great attention, for there he can see a great market for New Zealand meat and wool, also butter, "if only an alteration in the duty on those goods could be effected." He believes that a change will be made by the present Government of the United States in the year future. "I also noticed," Mr Hume says, "the splendid system the Canadian Government has of advertising their country, by which they attract thousands of well-to-do farmers from the United States to go to Canada to take up land."

Mr and Mrs T. C. Duncley and their daughter, of Morrinsville (Waikato), and Miss M. Duncley, of Manawatu, visited Cairo before coming on to England, the trip there (from the boat) being especially arranged by wireless through Cook's, the first of its kind undertaken. The New Zealanders are here on a pleasure trip, and expect to remain in London until early in May, then contemplating working their way leisurely through England, Wales, Scotland and Ireland, just as the weather and local arrangements permit.

Mr T. Buxton, M.P., of Temuka, and Mrs Buxton leave for a trip through the provinces in a day or two.

Mr Gow, late Commercial Agent for New Zealand in Canada, leaves for New Zealand in the course of a few weeks.

Sir Joseph and Lady Ward are giving a dinner party to-morrow evening at the Grosvenor, and then taking a party of people on as the guests of Mr Urban, proprietor of the Kinema-colour process at the Scala Theatre, to witness a special production of New Zealand pictures in colour, the first of its kind to be shown.

Colonel A. W. Robin, of the New Zealand Staff Corps, was among the guests at the officers' mess dinner of King Edward's Horse (the King's overseas Dominion regiment), held at the Criterion restaurant last Thursday evening. The Hon. Jas. Allen, New Zealand's Defence Minister, and Brigadier-General R. H. Davies, of the New Zealand Staff Corps, who is now commanding the 6th Infantry Brigade at Aldershot, also received invitations for the function, but were unable to be present.

Callers at the High Commissioner's Office this week include: Mr W. J. White, Hawke's Bay; Mr A. G. Talbot, Christchurch; Miss B. E. Sibbald, Dunedin; Mr C. P. Ridge, Wellington; Mr Mrs, and the Misses Parfitt, Wellington; Miss Thomson, Stewart Island; Mr Hoani Ranken, Stewart Island; Miss Chisham, Stewart Island; Mr Mrs, and Miss Duncley, Waikato; Miss M. Duncley, Manawatu; Mr J. Laing Meason, Christchurch; Mr Mrs, Miss, and Mr J. Pilcher, Wellington; Miss A. Stewart, Dunedin; Mr Mrs, and Master Kilroy, Dunedin; Mr Hugh Lewis Nelson; Mr F. Livingstone, Christchurch; Mr T. Lamport, Auckland; Mr F. Woodward, Christchurch; Mr J. Brodie, Wellington; Mr H. Jenkins, Eltham; Mr Langley Shaw, Auckland; Mr and Mrs Goss, Wangarui; Mr and Mrs Hay, Dun-

edin; Mr and Mrs Douglas, Hawke's Bay; Mr Mrs and Miss Erson, Auckland; Dr and Mrs Redman, Picton; Dr and Mrs R. Cameron, Wellington; Mr W. Rose, Wellington; and Captain Rose, Wellington.

A Nefarious and Abominable Trade.

Lord Curzon, whose worst enemy could not accuse him of sentimentality, is among the latest to recognise that nothing short of police force can regulate the conduct of women or persuade them into any deference to public welfare. So he asks for a law to prohibit the importation into England of humming birds, birds of paradise, and egrets. In 1911 the sales were 41,000 humming-birds, 20,700 birds of paradise and 129,000 egrets, described by Lord Curzon as the most beautiful and innocent things in the created world which was "ransacked and ravaged in order to gratify this nefarious and abominable trade."

Of course, remonstrances are not of the slightest value. The average fashionable woman would murder a baby with the same unconcern that she would murder an egret if she thought that she could in the least enhance her attractiveness by doing so. There is no such foolish rent as the talk about woman's humanity.

Why Do They Do It?

The New York Times is responsible for the statement that the baggage of women is regularly searched at the leading metropolitan hotels in order to recover the towels and linen that the guests have stolen from their rooms. The trunks on their way down are carried on, as though by accident, to the basement, and there they are opened by the house detective, who carefully removes the pillooned property, repacks and relocks the trunks and returns them to their owner. Nothing is said to the guest, who is allowed to go upon her way and presumably to wonder what has become of the loot when she unpacks her baggage. The hotel people assume that the woman guest may steal if she gets a chance, just as a magpie will steal. They do not resent the theft, but they will quietly recover the property.

The stealing of silverware is treated differently. The duty of detection is laid upon the waiter, who knows exactly how much silverware has been placed at each plate and who notices instantly when a piece disappears and reports the loss to the office. The value is then added to the bill, the entry being made without evasion or concealment. The lady's escort can challenge the bill if he likes, but as a matter of fact he never does. He pays up as though he had not observed the meriting entry. Possibly he talks to the lady afterwards, but that would naturally depend somewhat on their relationships. And these little occurrences are by no means rare. They happen on an average once a day in every large hotel in New York and with almost astounding frequency in Boston, Philadelphia, and Chicago.

What makes a woman steal? No one seems to know, except that "it is their nature to," as the hymn says. A house detective of a big Broadway hotel says:

The trunks we have to rifle to rescue the house linen belong to women that in nine cases out of ten could buy up our whole supply with one day's pin money. They don't take things because they need them. They will steal a five-cent towel from a hotel to cover the skirt of a Paquin gown. They just seem to lose sight of property rights in the matter of hotel linen.

COMPETITIONS FOR BOYS AND GIRLS.

At the Auckland Poultry Show to be held on July 15th, competitions will be held for girls under 15 and under 12 for the best dressed doll. In each case the prize will be a gold bracelet valued at £2/2/0. Special prizes are also being given for boys and girls under 14 years of age for the best specimen of brush work.



Office of the Public Service Commission, Wellington, 13th May, 1913.

APPLICATIONS are invited from young men under twenty-five years of age who passed Civil Service Junior or Civil Service Senior Examinations prior to the Examinations of November, 1912, and January, 1913, and are now desirous of admission to membership in the Public Service. Forms of application may be obtained from the Secretary.

A. J. H. BENGE,
Secretary.

LAND TRANSFER ACT NOTICE

LEASE No. 4521, from EMILY ALLINGHAM to ALBERT EDWARD BLACKMAN and STANLEY BLACKMAN, of Lot 5 of Section 3, Ahoiti, 29c, Section 5, Suburbs of Auckland.

THE LESSOR, having re-entered and re-occupied possession of the above land for non-payment of rent, it is my intention to notify such re-entry upon the Register at the expiration of one month from the 22nd day of May, 1913.

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