

# THE TOURIST and TRAVELLER

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Mr. Arthur Fell, M.P., who is a native of New Zealand, received a knighthood at the New Year.

Captain Rex Brewster, of New Plymouth, who is a nephew of the Hon. Oliver Samuel, has been awarded the Military Cross. He is serving with the forces in Palestine.

Mr. Arthur Nevill, son of Bishop Nevill's nephew, Mr. Guy Nevill, has for the second time been placed first in the examination of New Zealand cadets at Duntroon Medical College, and third for Australasia.

Lieutenant A. F. Watchlin, R.N.R., formerly master of the Union Company's tug Terawhiti, who has been on service with the Navy for three years, is returning to New Zealand on four months' leave. He served at the landing at Gallipoli, and was in the Mediterranean for a considerable time.

Mr. J. H. Edgar, of the China Inland Mission, who has been engaged in mission work in and around Tibet for the past twenty years, is spending a holiday in New Zealand.

Cabinet selected for appointment as Resident Commissioner at Niue Island Mr. Guy Morris, an officer of the Expeditionary Forces, who returned wounded to New Zealand, and now holds a position as clerk of the court in the South Island.

Dr. E. Boxer, of Hastings, has been appointed acting president of the New Zealand Returned Soldiers' Association in succession to Mr. James D. Harper, who has accepted a seat on the War Pensions Board.

Captain G. S. Cheeseman, Auckland Mounted Rifles, has been promoted to Major. Major Cheeseman, who is in his twenty-fifth year, is an old King's College boy. He left New Zealand as lieutenant early in 1915, and fought at Gallipoli, receiving a shot through the leg during the "push" in the following August. He was invalided to England, and rejoined his regiment in Egypt in January, 1916.

Lieutenant W. B. Fitchett, son of Dr. Fitchett, C.M.G., formerly Public Trustee, is among the New Zealand officers mentioned in Sir Douglas Haig's despatch for conspicuously good work during the period 26th February, 1917, to 21st September.

Mrs. Oswald, of Christchurch, has just received word of an honour conferred upon her nephew, Commander Gerald Bernard, of the British Navy. Commander Bernard had received decorations from Britain and France, and was latterly recalled from the North Sea. The reason of this recall was that he was to be made A.D.C. to His Majesty King George.

Private Hector Markwick, whose portrait appears in this issue, left New Zealand with the 22nd Reinforcements, and was wounded in action in France on July 27, 1917. He was shot through both legs and shoulder, and was picked up by German nurses. He is now in hospital in Germany, being a prisoner of war. Private Markwick is the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Markwick, of the Wynyard Arms Hotel, Auckland, and late of the Carlton Club Hotel, Newmarket, and Queen's Ferry Hotel, Vulcan Lane, Auckland.

One hundred and twenty members of the Masterton A. and P. Association have enlisted for service abroad or for home service. Twelve members have made the supreme sacrifice.

The Y.M.C.A., the Red Cross, and the Salvation Army will share equally a bequest of £900, made under the will of William D. Sutherland, sheep-farmer, of Ngaipu Station, Hinakura, Martinborough, who was killed in the fighting at Bellvue Spur in October last. The sum mentioned was bequeathed to such fund or funds for relief of wounded soldiers as the trustees of the will deemed fit.

Mr. C. N. Cotterill, who has been manager of the Bank of New South Wales in Timaru for the past five years, has been transferred on promotion to the Napier branch of the bank. Prior to leaving Timaru Mr. Cotterill was presented with a liqueur stand and a purse of 50 sovereigns.

Mr. A. S. McShane, of Wellington, who went Home on a health recruiting trip, has returned to New Zealand.

Mr. E. M. Chettle, who has for some years been attached to the inspectorial office, has been appointed manager of the Dunedin branch of the Bank of Australasia.

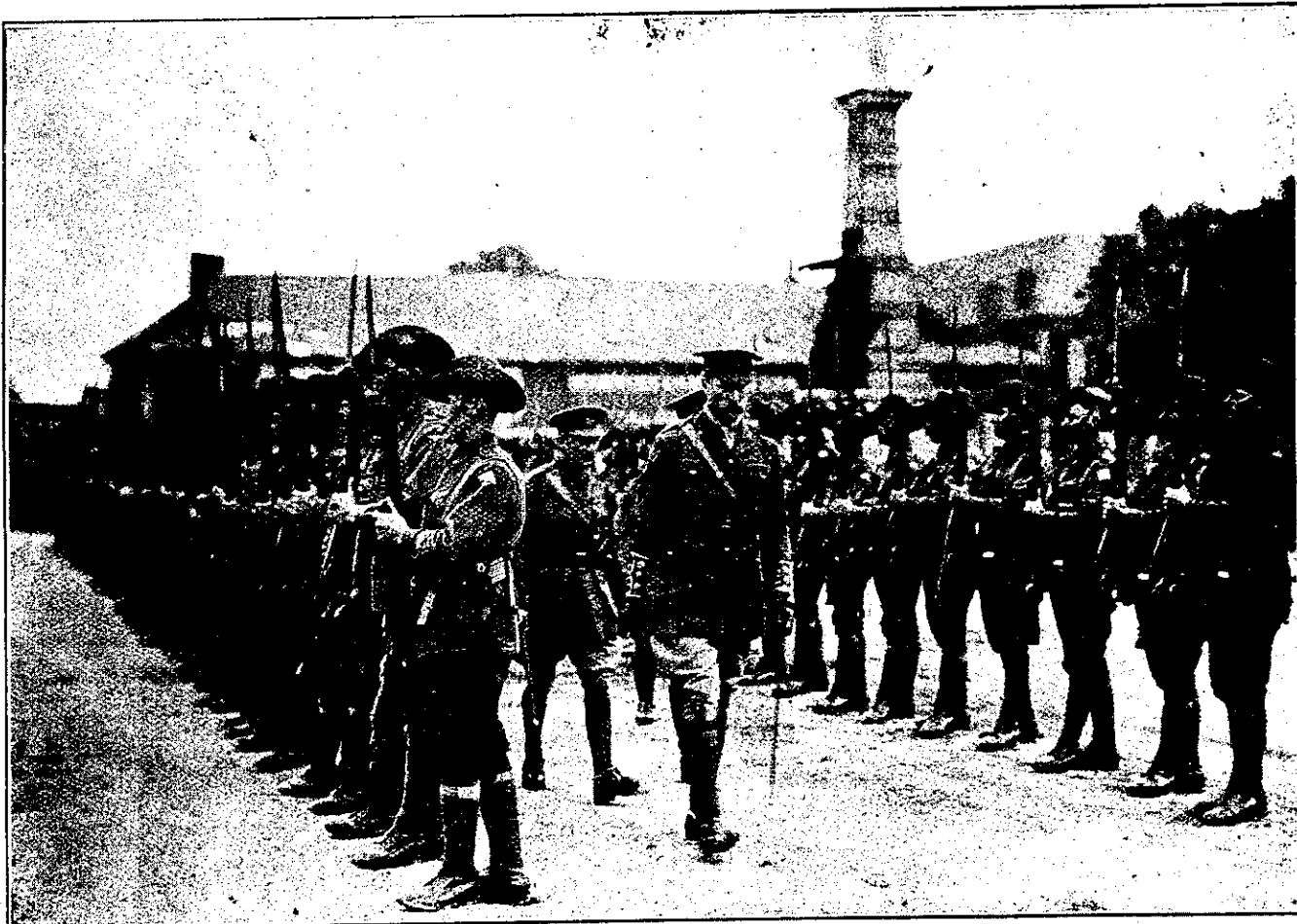
The appointment of Sir Francis Bell, K.C.M.G., K.C., as Attorney-General, in succession to Hon. A. L. Herdman, now Judge of the Supreme Court, is gazetted.

While in England, Mr. John Mackay, who has recently returned to Wellington, visited several of the hospitals in which New Zealand sick and wounded soldiers are cared for, and he regarded them as being really well conducted. He also made a visit to the depot in Russell Square for our soldiers on leave. It is in charge of Mr. Burnett, formerly of the New Zealand Railway Department, his wife and daughter, and he was delighted with the arrangements. When the men on leave arrive at the railway station they are met by officers connected with the establishment, to which they are conducted. There they can leave their belongings, or engage board or residence, and in every respect their interests are considered.

Mr. Robert Rowe, of Gladstone, Wairarapa, celebrated his hundredth birthday on February 19.

Captain P. Baldwin, military representative, told the Third Wellington Military Service Board the other day that at least one bank in Palmerston North is carrying on its operations with women, with the exception of a manager and one teller.

Among those who recently received the decoration of D.S.O. was Major R. D. Hardie, of Palmerston, who forwards to Southern friends an interesting account of his visit to Buckingham Palace to have this war honour conferred upon him. "While I was on leave," he states, "I received a command to attend at Buckingham Palace, to be invested by H.M. the King. I left the hotel at which I was staying, and motored to the palace. Before, when I had been there, I had only been a spectator outside the gates. To-day I was amongst those to enter, and before I realised what was happening, I was driving past the crowd at the gates, through the palace yard, and drew up at the foot of the steps leading to the main re-



KING ALBERT OF BELGIUM INSPECTING AUSTRALIAN TROOPS IN FRANCE. This popular King and leader of the Belgians was greatly impressed with the fine physique of the Commonwealth soldiers, and complimented them upon their many gallant exploits since landing in France.

Mr. W. A. Stead, of Timaru, who has been studying at the Military Training College at Cambridge, has passed his examination at the top of the list, and was given a commission as second-lieutenant. Second-Lieutenant Stead has seen over two years' active service.

Major James Stafford, N.Z. Mounted Brigade, has been awarded the D.S.O. for gallantry on the field of action. Before leaving New Zealand Major Stafford was one of the Government veterinary surgeons in Christchurch, having come out from England to take up that position six years ago.

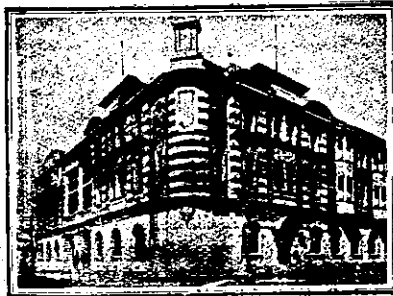
A tribute to the men who had laid the foundations of education in New Zealand was paid by the Hon. G. W. Russell, at the Christchurch Technical College prize-distribution. In Canterbury particularly, said Mr. Russell, magnificent educational endowments, which were now the pride of the Dominion, had been set aside. In those days, however, there had been no thought of technical training, and Governmental primary education was in its infancy. Consequently the endowments were almost entirely for higher education. With a full sense of responsibility he undertook to predict that there would come a time when those endowments would be overhauled by Parliament, and some of the revenues set aside for the purposes of primary and secondary education.

The Colonial Auxiliary Forces Officers' Decoration has been awarded to Captain (Quartermaster) George Daniel Hollis Hefford, 2nd (South Canterbury) Regiment, who has a total rank and commissioned service of 23 years.

Mr. J. B. Gattenby, B.A., of Wellington, who is now at Jesus College, Oxford, has been elected to a senior demyship at Magdalen College for four years, to carry on research work on embryological problems.

ception halls, where two footmen ushered me into the royal palace. I was then ushered through an entrance hall into a large reception hall, where I was met by military officers of the King's Bodyguard, who checked my name and took me into a smaller room, where I met more officers to be presented. Shortly after an officer announced that the King had arrived. I then went with the other officers to the audience hall, a small kind of throne room, where I could see the King standing at the far end, before a raised dais. He was standing on the floor talking to an officer who had just been presented. Before I knew where I was, I was on the threshold of the audience chamber, and my full rank and name was being called out by another officer standing behind the King. I automatically advanced into the centre of the room, bowed, and advanced to the King, who smiled, and shook hands, and said: 'New Zealand has done very well in this war. I am very glad to present you with the D.S.O.' He then decorated me, shook hands, and I retired. Other officers followed and received their decorations. The ceremony was a very simple one. The King was in uniform, and looked extremely well, and was very pleasant. He looked at everyone thoroughly as they advanced towards him, and placed them at their ease at once.

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