

Mr. Richard Mitchelson, one of the oldest settlers of the Northern Wairoa district, died on February 17 at his residence at Aoroa, near Dargaville. He was a director of several mining companies and took a keen interest in all matters relating to the welfare of the Northern Wairoa district. Mr. Mitchelson, who was a brother of the Hon. E. Mitchelson, leaves a widow and a daughter, the latter being Mrs. John Mackenzie, of Hamilton.

King-fishing enthusiasts from Auckland and the south are reported to be having excellent sport at the Bay of Islands.

A Reuter message from Paris, dated December 17, stated that at a general meeting of the General Union of Hotelkeepers it was unanimously decided that for 10 years no person of enemy origin should be admitted either as employee or as guest. The decision will be forwarded to all hotelkeepers' unions in Allied countries.

Cabinet's proposals for peace celebrations will be sent to all local governing bodies throughout the Dominion, states the Hon. G. W. Russell, Minister for Internal Affairs. The medal that is to be presented will be on the same lines as a medal issued in commemoration of the part taken by New Zealand in the Boer War. Approximately, there are 225,100 children attending the schools of the Dominion—namely, public schools, 190,000; registered private schools, 18,500; secondary, including technical and day schools, 11,000; Native schools, 5000; industrial schools, 600. It is intended to give the medal to all these children, and in addition to the 225,100 there will be another 15,000 medals for children who have not yet attained school age, so that they may retain a memento of the great event. A design for the medal will be prepared immediately.

To show their appreciation of the sacrifices made by the merchant seamen and sailors in the great war, Mr. Edward Holt, of Cape Runaway, one of the owners of the Blue Funnel Line of steamships trading out of Liverpool, and Mr. W. Kinross White, of Napier, have jointly presented a motor car to the Wellington Commercial Travellers' and Warehousemen's Association, to be raffled in aid of the funds for the widows and orphans of seamen who have lost their breadwinners as a result of war circumstances. The car, which arrived in Wellington from Napier by the s.s. Ripple at the beginning of this week, is one of the very latest models and was especially built to the order of the great actress Pauline Chase, the chassis and engine being by the White Co., of America, and the body by Cann, the leading bodymakers of London. The art union promises to be a great success, and the travellers are working hard with a view to collecting a huge sum in aid of the funds.

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