

Mr. Byron Brown, of Otaki, intends to leave shortly on an extended tour of the East.

Mr. H. Urquhart, who for the past ten years has represented Messrs. Bing, Harris and Co., of Wellington, in the Taranaki district, is shortly moving to Wellington, having accepted an appointment as manager of one of the firm's departments.

A pleasing ceremony took place on the Makura, when a number of master mariners in the Union Steam Ship Company's service assembled to make a presentation to Mr. A. B. J. Irvine, manager of the Auckland branch of the Union Company, who is retiring from that position. Captain R. Crawford, who is in command of the Makura, paid a high tribute to the work of Mr. Irvine during the long period he had been associated with the Union Company. They all sincerely regretted that he was leaving the company, and hoped he would be spared many years to enjoy his well-earned rest. Captain Crawford then handed to Mr. Irvine, on behalf of the masters trading to Auckland, a handsome smoker's cabinet, suitably inscribed, containing a number of silver-mounted pipes, cigar-holders, and a silver matchbox. Mr. Irvine briefly responded. He stated that he would probably be leaving Auckland about the first week in February.

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