

the vessel. He remained a short time with Peter and proceeded to Nelson where he was very successful, and returned to Wellington where he had brass enough to open a large baking business three doors from his late employer, and canvas for numbers of Peter's customers, - . . ."<sup>19</sup>

"The people of Wellington are extremely sociable and obliging in their manners especially to new comers. They seem to vie with each other who can render a new settler most assistance. - The people dress generally very plainly, and even the aristocracy, would excite the amazement of our Melbourne friends by the manner they dress. Here is Robert Park, Surveyor General, *who smokes a pipe in the street*, dressed in a blue shirt, or a silk crimson jacket, and a 'triangular' head piece or sort of nightcap with a tassel hanging down to his elbows<sup>20</sup> - And our Chief Commissioner of crown lands [William Fox] drives into town every morning in a Donkey Cart. The Members of the Provincial Council are not over particular either in the streets, for Mr. Sutherland and I assisted that huge 'three decker' Mr. Macmannaway<sup>21</sup> M.P.C. home one evening in a state of great rejoicing - Land is cheap enough here, ten shillings per acre, and plenty at five. A few miles from town a hundred acres could easily be purchased for £25 with advantage. The Town of Wellington, the scenery in its vicinity, and all over the Province is picturesque in the extreme. Every variety of scenery is met with. The rich alpine scenery, and snow capped mountains of the Wairarapa is indeed sublime - The police are all Maoris or natives - and no great favourites with the white man. The principal exports from Wellington are potatoes, Butter, cheese, pork, timber etc etc. The harbour and rivers abound with fish . . ."

"Immigrants land at Wellington, where they are told immediate employment can be had. They are sent to work on the roads at from four to six shillings per day, one third of which sum the Government retain to pay their passage money . . . They are provided with lodging wood water etc. The Barracks at Mackara, Wairarapa and other places may be seen to bear the following signs - The Victims Boarding shop, The Martyr's Hall, The Dupes Club and starving Society. The fact is the men think they are ill used and are not satisfied with their pay although they only work eight hours per day receiving ninepence for every additional hour they choose to work . . ."

"One Sunday morning I was enjoying a pipe after breakfast in the garden at the back of Mr. Sutherland's house, and saw a sail coming round Port Halsewell. I watched it with the glass and made her out to be a barque, (The Anne Wilson chartered by the Black Ball line to convey Government Emigrants to Wellington) this vessel had been long expected - I was rather surprised to see how crowded her decks were, and good [sic] not help remarking how eagerly the passengers