

- 29 This interesting event in Tawhiao's life can only be touched upon, although Kerry-Nicholls was involved. Tawhiao and other chiefs, before their departure for England on an unofficial mission in March 1883, were prevailed upon to take this step. An important deputation was appointed on 17 March to discuss the matter with the King and the following day the chiefs went over to Kawau to see Grey, in company with Nicholls and C. O. Davis who took a leading part in the affair. Grey persuaded the men to sign the pledge for a year, he first appending his own signature. As mentioned above Nicholls kept Grey informed from London re the party's strict adherence to the declaration. See *New Zealand Herald* 18 March-2 April for steps leading up to the Maori King's departure, and Grey MS K10(10-12) for Nicholls's reports. A. H. McLintock's *Liquor and the King Country* (AJHR, H-25, 1953), surprisingly, begins the story with the signing of the pledge by Wahanui and others in 1884, omitting Tawhiao's step the year before.
- 30 Minute 19.9.84 on file I.A. 86/1255. Tawhiao's portraits in the Prospectus with those in the book, the author states in the Preface, were printed by the Meisenbach process. Ms Penny Griffith reminds me that Georg Meisenbach's London company to establish the introduction of the half-tone block was formed in 1884. *The King Country* must therefore be one of the first English printed books to use the process.
- 31 NZPD, *op cit*.
- 32 Kerry-Nicholls to Grey, 11 Aug. and 10 Sep. 1884, Grey MS. K10(11 & 12).
- 33 Bell to Col. Sec., 25 Feb. 1885, on I.A.86/1255.
- 34 Note on cover-sheet 85/1093, on 86/1255.
- 35 Bell to Col. Sec., 23 April 1885, on 86/1255.
- 36 'Memo for Mr. Kerry-Nicholls' Feb. 11/86, *ibid*.
- 37 Minutes 8 & 13 April 1886 on coversheet 86/918 (I.A.86/1255).
- 38 Some of the frustrations of the central North Island search for gold are outlined in 'The Elusive Goldfields' fascicle of *Tongariro*, cited above.
- 39 'The Volcanic Eruption in New Zealand', *Journal of the Society of Arts*, Jan. 28, 1887, p. 174-192.
- Mr N. A. Morris, New Zealand House, confirms that No. 5 Suffolk Place, now housing the American Express Co., is, outwardly, as erected in 1826.
- 40 Mrs June Starke kindly obtained a copy of the poem from the only surviving file of the paper in the Public Library of New South Wales. In fairness to the author it is not reprinted.
- 41 *Proceedings*, as in note 3 above. Until his elusive death certificate is found, uncertainty will remain about the correct form of surname. Contemporaries used both Nicholls (more frequently) and Kerry Nicholls which is hyphenated only in his last years, such as in his third map, although the hyphen is used on the title-page of all three editions. One of the more unrewarding exercises in the pursuit of information was a search through ten feet of English telephone directories for any subscribers calling themselves Kerry-Nicholls. There were none.